

9th World Congress of Developmental Origins of Health and Disease



Please read these terms and conditions carefully. These terms and conditions are subjected to change from time to time without prior notice.

1. **Congress Materials.** You will receive the congress documentation/materials, your personal name badge and all relevant vouchers at the registration desk at *Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)*.
2. **Registration Desk Opening Hours.** The registration desk will be opened on the following days and timings.

8 November 2015, Sunday	:	0700hrs – 1900hrs
9 November 2015, Monday	:	0700hrs – 1900hrs
10 November 2015, Tuesday	:	0700hrs – 1900hrs
11 November 2015, Wednesday	:	0700hrs – 1900hrs

3. **Travel and Transportation.** All delegates are responsible for arranging their own travel and transportation.

Entry Visa Requirement. Delegates are advised to always check with the Consulate/Embassy of South Africa in their country on the visa requirements. Please bear in mind that it can take anytime from 4 days to 6 weeks for Embassies to process visa applications. We recommend you to apply as early as possible before the congress. The congress secretariat will not be held liable for any failed visa applications. For more details on entry visa requirement, please visit South African Home Affairs website- <http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/applying-for-sa-visa>

4. **Registration Policy.** The congress registration policy is as follow and applies to all individual and group registrations.
 - *Cancellations and Refunds.* All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing by email to the Conference Secretariat, UCT Conference Management Centre janet.sirmongpong@uct.ac.za or cmc@uct.ac.za .
 - For all cancellation requests received by **8 August 2015**, a cancellation fee of 50% of the total registration fees will be applicable. No refunds will be permitted for cancellations received after this date. All refunds will be made within 3 months after the congress.
 - **Modification and Substitution.** All modification and substitution requests must be submitted in writing by email to the Conference Secretariat, UCT Conference Management Centre janet.sirmongpong@uct.ac.za or cmc@uct.ac.za. For replacement of delegate under individual registration, written permission from the original registered delegate will be required, along with full contact details of the substitution. For replacement of delegate under group registration, the substitution must be from the same organisation.
 - **Developing Country Scientist, Category A & B.** Included in the 9th World Congress registration for all developing country scientists (from countries A and B) is the membership to the International Society for Developmental Origins of Health and Disease for one year. Details are available on the website: <http://www.mrc-leu.soton.ac.uk/dohad/index.asp>

- Student Registration. All students are required to present a proof/certificate of fulltime enrolment at a recognised university or college at the time of registration to the congress via fax, letter or email to writing by email to the Conference Secretariat, UCT Conference Management Centre janet.sirmongpong@uct.ac.za or cmc@uct.ac.za, by **16 September 2015**. The letter must be accompanied with an official letterhead and official stamp of the Institution or University and signed by the Head of Department. If the congress secretariat does not receive a valid proof/certificate of fulltime enrolment by **16 September 2015**, we reserve the right to reject any registration or entry to the congress, or revert the student registration to the non-member rate based on the date of original online/offline registration and the delegate would be required to pay the remaining balance prior to the congress.
 - Member Registration. All DOHaD members are required to enter a valid DOHaD membership number at the point of registration in order to enjoy the member rates. In the event that an invalid or expired DOHaD membership number is provided, the congress secretariat reserves the right to reject any registration or entry to the congress, or, revert the member registration to the non-member rate based on the date of original online/offline registration and the delegate would be required to pay the remaining balance prior to the congress.
 - Outstanding Balance. All delegates are advised to arrange for full payment prior to the congress to avoid any delays in collecting their badges and congress materials on-site. No badges and congress materials will be issued to delegates with outstanding payment.
5. **Social Events and Excursions.** The social events and excursion policies are as follows:

Congress Dinner. All individual/group cancellation requests must be submitted in writing by email to the Conference Secretariat, UCT Conference Management Centre janet.sirmongpong@uct.ac.za or cmc@uct.ac.za. For all cancellation requests received by **31 July 2015**, a cancellation fee of 50% of the Congress Dinner price will be applicable. No refunds will be permitted for cancellations received after this date. All refunds will be made within 3 months after the congress.

6. **Delegate Badge/Security.** For security reasons, all delegates will be issued a badge onsite that is required to be worn at all times during the congress and at any organised functions. Badge swapping is strictly prohibited. In the event of a lost or forgotten badge verification of identification (passport, driving license or other recognise identification paper) will be required to issue a new badge.
7. **Insurance and Liability.** In the case of Government intervention or regulation, military activity, strikes or any other circumstances that make it impossible or inadvisable for the *9th World Congress on Developmental Origins of Health and Disease* to take place at the time and place provided, the delegate shall waive any claim for damages or compensation except the amount paid for registration after deduction of actual expenses incurred in connection with the congress and there shall be no future liability on the part of either party. All delegates are encouraged to obtain adequate cover for travel, health and accidental insurance before they depart from their countries. The organisers, their suppliers or agents will not be held liable for any personal injuries, or loss of, or damage to, private property belonging to the congress delegates.

The organising committee reserves the right to amend, delete and add to the terms and conditions at any time without prior notice.