

Official Program

Symposium On

“Combating Malaria in Post-Conflict Liberia: A Lesson for the Rest of Africa”



Mosquito: Malaria Conduit

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Date & Time

July 29, 2005 from 8:00 A.M. until 5:30 P.M.

July 30, 2005 from 8:00 A.M. until 5:30 P.M.

Moderator

Mr. Marvin Dickerson

Chairman of the Board of Directors

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Theme

Exploring Cutting-Edge Technologies for Malaria Treatment in Liberia

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Symposium 2005

on

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Day I (Friday, July 29, 2005)

Part I

(Breakfast)

7:00 - 7:45 —Participants and Guests (Student Union Stalling Ball Room)

Part II

(Registration and Official Opening)

7: 45 -8:00 —Registration of Participants and Guests (Union Stalling Ball Room)

**8:05 —Official Opening of Symposium—Mr. Marvin Dickerson
Chairman of the Board, LIHEDE & Masters of Ceremony**

8:06-8:10 —Invocation—Rev. Wheigar J. Bright, Jr., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, NC

8:12:8:36—Special Welcome Remarks

8:12 —Dr. Carolyn Myers, Provost, NC A&T State University

8:19 —Ms. Claudette Burroughs-White

for Mayor Keith Holiday, Mayor of the City of Greensboro, NC

8:26 —Dr. Claudette Williams, Executive Vice President, Bennett College

8:33 —NC Representative Earl Jones

8:40 —Mr. Sam DeShield, President, The Association of United Liberians In the Triad, Inc,

8:47— Dr. David Dillon, Chair, Department of Occupational Safety & Health, NC A&T Univ.

8:55-9:05—Introduction & Overview of Symposium/Themes & Rules

---Mr. Nat Galarea Gbessagee, Secretary General, LIHEDE

9:07-9:17— Introduction of Keynote Speaker -----Mr. Siahyonkron Nyanseor, Treasurer, LIHEDE

**9:19-9:49— Keynote Address — Mr. Joseph M.N. Gbadyu, Former Superintendent (County
Executive) of Grand Bassa County, Republic of Liberia**

Topic: Urgent Need for A Coherent National Health Policy in Liberia

9:51-10:01—Musical Selection: Ms. Twaleh Geply, Liberian Gospel Recording Artist

10:03-10:13— Brief Overview of Goals of LIHEDE & Recognition of Symposium Participants

---Dr. Syrulwa Somah, Executive Director, LIHEDE

10:15-10:42 —Photo-Shoots for Documentary (Mr. William Caranda)

Part III

(Presentation & Discussion of Symposium Topics -- Presenters, Moderator & Audience)

10:45 -1:00— Session I—Understanding and Coping with Malaria

10:45 —Presenter1: *Dr. Delvin Walker, Fmr. Chairman, Dept. of Science,
Cuttington University College, Liberia*

Topic: *Environmental Risks of Mosquitoes Prevalence in Liberia*

11:17—Presenter2: *Dr. Thomas Jaye, Research Fellow, Birmingham University, United Kingdom*
Topic: *Understanding Malaria as a National Security Issue*

11:49—Presenter3: *Mr. Peter Burgess, Founder and New York Representative,
Transparency and Accountability Network (Tr-Ac-Net), USA*

Topic: *The Tragical Economic Impact of Malaria*

12:21—Presenter4: *Sam Gbutue Vorkpor, MD, MSPH
Chief Resident, Meharry Medical College, Division. of Preventive Medicine,
Dept. of Family and Community Medicine, USA*

Topic: *Epidemiological Evidence and Policy Implications of HIV/AIDS and Malaria
Interactions in Adults*

12:51—Discussion/Question & Answer Period— Facilitator: *Mr. James Hunder, Sr., Southern
Regional Vice President, Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas (ULAA).*
Panelists: *Dr. Delvin Walker; Dr. Thomas Jaye; Mr. Peter Burgess*

1:05—Lunch Break (Union Hall Break Room)

2:10-5:00 —Session II – Malaria Control & Treatment Options

2:10—Presenter1: *Robert S. Desowitz, PhD, DSc. Emeritus Professor of Tropical Medicine
and Medical Microbiology, University of Hawaii & Adjunct Professor of
Epidemiology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA*

Topic: *Malaria Control-Research and Reality*

2:42—Presenter2: *Mr. Cyril Boynes, Jr., Director of International Affairs, Congress of Racial Equality*
Topic: *East African Experience in Malaria Prevention and Control: Lessons for Africans*

3:14—Presenter3: *Mr. Ken Carter, MPH, Director, Guilford County Environmental Health, USA*
Topic: *Prevention and Control in Endemic Areas*

3:46— Presenter4: *Ms. Nicole Williams, Howe Enterprise CT, USA*
Topic: *Malaria Control Is Now an Affordable Reality*

**4:18 Presenter5—Dr. Michael Berry, Investment Analyst and former Professor of Investments, Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Virginia
Topic: The Third Way: A New Approach Developing And Delivering Economical Drugs**

4:50—Discussion/Question & Answer Period— Facilitator, Ms. Marica Urey; Panelists: Robert S. Desowitz, PhD; Mr. Cyril Boynes, Mr. Ken Carter, MPH, Ms. Nicole Williams

6:00-8:45p.m. —Banquet (Stalling Ball Room)

6:05— Invocation—Rev. Nelson Johnson, Pastor, Faith Community Church, Greensboro, NC

6:10-6:25—Musical Selection: Ms. Twaleh Geply, Liberian Gospel Recording Artist

6:30— 7:30—Banquet Service (Participants and Guests)

7:45— 7:55 Introduction of Keynote Speaker -----Nat Galarea Gbessagee

**8:00-8:30— Keynote Address — C. William Allen, PhD., Minister of Information, Culture & Tourism, Republic of Liberia
Topic: Forward March: Health & General Updates on Liberia**

8:35-8:40—Vote of Thanks—Mrs. Mary Somah, wife of the LIHEDE Executive Director

8:45 —End of Day 1

Day II (Saturday, July 30, 2005)

Part I

(Breakfast)

7:00 - 7:45 — Participants and Guests (Student Union Exhibit Hall)

Part II

(Registration and Official Opening)

7: 45 - 8:00 —Registration of Participants and Guests (Union Exhibit Hall)

Part III

(Presentation & Discussion of Symposium Topics -- Presenters, Moderator & Audience)

8:00—Overview of Symposium/Theme and Rules

—Mr. Marvin Dickerson, Symposium, Moderator and Chairman, LIHEDE

8:15-12:00—Session I—Typhoid Fever & Clinical Manifestations of Malaria

**8:16— 8:20— Introduction of Keynote Speaker ----- Ms. Hyla Bendu Weeks
Member, Women Healthcare International**

**8:21: — Keynote Address —Emmet A. Dennis, PhD., Professor and Dean, Rutgers University
College, Founder and Former Director, The Liberian Institute for Biomedical Research
Topic: "Malaria Endemicity in Liberia, A Research Agenda and Prospect for Control"**

**9:00—Presenter1: Lawrence A. Zumo, MD, Neurologist with sub-specialization in Autonomic
Nervous System Disorders, Syncope and HIV Neurology, USA
Topic: Cerebral Malaria, Clinical Manifestations, Neurologic and Neuropsychiatric**

**9:47—Presenter2: Francis N. Kateh, MD, MHA, Public Health Director, Anson County, USA
Topic: The Role of Typhoid Fever and Its Impact on the Diagnosis and Effective Treatment
of Malaria in Liberia**

**10:19—Presenter3: Abu Massalley, MD, Medical Services Coordinator, Step-by-Step, Inc., PA, USA
Topic: Collective Impact of Malaria on Society**

**10:51—Presenter4: Mr. Roger Bate, Director, Africa Fighting Malaria and Resident Fellow,
American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC
Topic: Fighting Malaria in Africa: New Initiatives, Old Battles**

**11:25—Discussion/Question & Answer Period—Facilitator: Ms. Marcia Urey, Women Healthcare
International. Panelists: Sam Gbutue Vorkpor, MD; Lawrence A. Zumo, MD, and
Francis N. Kateh, MD**

12:10—Lunch Break (Union Exhibit Hall)

1:15-3:00— Session II –Malaria, Pregnancy, and Women Issues

1:20—Presenter1: Eugenia Cooper, MD, Pediatrician
Topic: Impact of Malaria During Pregnancy

1:57—Presenter2: Ms. Muna Wreh, MPA, CSAC
(with Roberta Rashid, Mydea Reaves-Karpeh, Nancy Mensah Bright, & Doris Parker)
Topic: The Emotional Toll of Malaria: Voices of Liberian Women

2:45—Announcements---Dr. Syrulwa Somah

2:55—Vote of Thanks---Mr. Sam Togba Slewion

3:05—Resolution Committee Meeting (Nat Galarea Gbessagee, Mr. Sam Togba Slewion, Siahyonkron Nyanseor, Mydea Reaves-Karpeh, Muna Wreh, and Josephine Shannon)

4:30-6:15— Session III: Soccer Tournament (Smith High School Field)

- **Club Bassa vs. Liberian FC of Salisbury**
- **Awarding of Trophy to Winner**

7:25-3:40 A.M. — Evening Affairs

Liberia's 158th Independence Day Celebration & Ball
Hosted by The Association of United Liberians In The Triad, Inc. & The Liberian Community of Greensboro
Emmanuel Temple Ball Room
1129 Jefferson Road (off Friendly Ave)
Greensboro, North Carolina

Donation: \$15.00 Per Person
--Food and Drinks will be served

---Address by Mr. Sam DeShield, President, The Association of United Liberians In The Triad, Inc,

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