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ICMM Pan-African Regional Congress on Military Medicine

From 13 to 16 of Sep 2023, the Egyptian Armed Forces Medical Services hosted the 12th ICMM PANAFR congress in Cairo, Egypt.

In magnificent Cairo, the Egyptian Armed Forces Medical Services proved themselves to be excellent hosts with great hospitality, professional efficiency, and high-standard accommodation and facilities.

Having the congress within a hotel of large dimensions gave easiness for mobility and access to the different venues or rooms, while still conserving a serene and calm atmosphere.

Congress: : Luxury Triumph hotel, New Cairo



1. Facts and figures

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- a. Attending delegations of ICMM Pan AFR member states: 17**
- b. Attending delegations of ICMM Other member states: 07**
- c. Attending number of delegations of ICMM Non-Member states: 01**

Item	Number		Speakers Subspecialty		
Number of sessions	11		Physicians	52	
Number of Lectures	77		Pharmacist	5	
Number of Speakers	68		Dentist	2	
Number of Egyptian speakers	45		Nurse	3	
Number of non Egyptian speakers	14		Veterinary	4	
Number of International Organization Speakers	9		Engineer	1	
Number of Posters	10	From China, Brazil and Tunisia	Chemist	1	
Number of participating countries	31		Exhibition		
Number of international Organization	4		Commercial companies	4	
Registered members	250		International organizations	3	WHO, IOM, UNHCR

2. Scientific program and results (by Deputy Chair Scientific Committee ICMM)

- a. The Scientific Committee of the ICMM would first like to thank you and all of your staff for the organization of this congress and in particular for its scientific content as rich as it is varied and covering all areas of Military Medicine to deal with new modes of conflicts and climatic disasters and current conflicts as the terrible events occurring in Libya, Morocco but also in Ukraine and many other places in the world. Given these natural disasters and current conflicts, you were able to emphasize civil-military cooperation for the capabilities of such training to deal with these disasters during dedicated sessions on Military Educational and Training Facilities.**
- b. Above all, I would like to thank and congratulate all the speakers for the outstanding quality of their presentations, specifically in very operational areas such as trauma and field surgery, military hospital, and disaster management.**

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- c. A significant part of the program was also dedicated to lessons learned following the Covid-19 pandemic which made it possible to share the experiences of different African countries and WHO to deal with this unprecedented health disaster.
- d. Presentations more specifically dedicated to research and pharmaceutical support were not forgotten and closed the congress.
- e. As Deputy Chairman of the ICMM Scientific Council, I would like once again to highlight the quality of all the presentations that I was able to listen to and I hope that the exchanges between the different participants were productive and will promote or consolidate partnership links. Because these are the main missions of the ICMM: sharing knowledge beyond frontiers and creating links between the Health Services of the participating countries.
- f. Finally, I would like to invite all speakers to write and submit an article on the subject of their presentation by sending it to ICMM in order to contribute to a special issue of our ICMM journal which will be specially dedicated to this 12th Pan-African Congress.
- g. Hereby, my special thanks to the Egyptian organizers and all the participants.

RWG Pan-African

The Regional Assembly of the PANAFR Working group took place on Friday 15th of Sep 2023 from 9 till 12 Hr.

1. Participants

- a. **Active Member States Pan-African RWG: 17**
Algeria, Angola, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Morocco, Mauritanie, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia
- b. **Not Member State as Observer: 01 (Tanzania)**
- c. **Other member States as observer: 04 (Jordan, KSA, Palestine, Kuwait)**
- d. **International Organisations as observer: 02 (ICRC, IOM)**



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2. Chairman RWG

Maj_Gen.Med Khaled Shokry : Welcome address

3. Secretary-General: Agenda Regional Assembly

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4. Discussions Regional Assembly

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5. Short summary and decisions

- a. On the proposal of the Minister of Defense of Tunisia, brought by the National Delegate of Tunisia, for the hosting and organization of the 13th ICMM PAN AFRICAN in 2025, no other candidacies were brought forward and the Regional Assembly of the PAN AFR WG by the 17 member states present in the RA accepted the proposal unanimously.
- b. The Secretary-General asked the head of delegations to prepare the meeting of the International Working Group, which will take place from 6 till 8 Feb 2024 in Brussels. This IWG regroups all chairmen of all regional working groups and has a task to prepare the General Assembly of the next World Congress in September in Australia. All PANAFR delegations can coordinate with the PANAFR WG chairman (MG Khaled Shokry) for agenda points.

6. Conclusions by the Secretary-General

- a. The Secretary-General expresses his gratitude to the Egyptian Armed Forces Medical Services for the organization of the congress.
- b. During the congress, Africa has shown its large experience in health care issues and
- c. The Secretary-General strongly hopes that the given presentations can result in the publication of articles in the ICMM 's International Review of the Armed Forces Medical Services (IRAFMS). Proposals for articles can be sent to info@cimm-icmm.org and POCReview@cimm-icmm.org.
- d. The "One Health" concept can be influenced by various parameters so this should be a focus point for upcoming congresses (regional as well as world congresses).
- e. The Secretary-General is delighted to see your interest in the ICMM. It is our responsibility to offer opportunities to meet and exchange knowledge beyond borders in uniform.
- f. The National Delegate to the ICMM or his representative at an ICMM congress has a double mission: first of all to attend the scientific program of the congress and secondly to participate in the official governance of the ICMM by participation in the Regional and the General Assembly.

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- g. Finally, the Secretary-General thanks the National Delegate of Tunisia for organizing the next 13th PANAFR Regional Congress and we are looking forward to it.

7. Conclusions by the Chairman

- a. I would like to plead for the promotion and support to all young colleagues for participating in ICMM Activities. This can be realized by letting them and encouraging them to publish articles, and to provide funding or sponsoring for their participation in ICMM Congresses.
- b. During this congress, the Armed Forces Medical Services of Egypt and the Armed Forces Medical Services of Rwanda, were able to meet and explore opportunities for further strategic cooperation. This is not limited to Rwanda alone and in the spirit of mutual sharing of experiences and medical support. Egypt is open to other countries as well.