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Multi-omics and laboratory medicine

# IFCC WORLDLAB DURBAN 2017

23<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Clinical Chemistry  
and Laboratory Medicine  
(IFCC Worldlab 2017)

57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the South African Association for  
Clinical Biochemistry

5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the African Federation of Clinical  
Chemistry

22-25 October 2017

Durban, South Africa

Durban International Convention Center



## DATES TO FOCUS ON

**15 May 2017**

Poster abstract deadline

**15 July 2017**

Deadline for reduced fees registration

**22 - 25 October 2017**

**IFCC Worldlab Durban 2017**

## ORGANIZING SECRETARIAT



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*as of June 2015*



# CONGRESS LOGO

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The logo of Worldlab 2017 captures the geographical and cultural splendour of Durban, the second largest city in South Africa and the largest municipality on the Indian ocean side of the African continent.

The central feature is the iconic Moses Mabhida stadium, a purpose-built venue for the 2010 Soccer World Cup, the first time the tournament was staged in Africa. The stadium resembles a futuristic spacecraft. The warmth of the Indian ocean and the spectacular beaches of Durban are reflected in the waves and surfboard. Durban is in the Zulu kingdom province of KwaZulu-Natal and the Zulu warrior depicts the immense historical and cultural contribution of the Zulu nation, the largest ethnic group in the country, to this province and South Africa.





# WORLDLAB DURBAN

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day	<b>SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER</b>
room	MAIN HALL
17.30 19.30	OPENING CEREMONY
SOCIAL PROGRAM	WELCOME PARTY

day	<b>MONDAY 23 OCTOBER</b>							
room	MAIN HALL	CONF 1	CONF 2	CONF 3	CONF 4	CONF 5	EXHIBITION HALL	
capacity								
9,00 - 11,00	SYM 1	SYM 2	SYM 3	SYM 4	SYM 5	IFCC SYM 1	10.00-17.00 Exhibition open	
11,00 - 11.45	BREAK							
11.45 - 12.30	PL 1							
12,30 - 14,30	POSTER SESSION					LUNCH		
capacity								
14,30 - 18,30	15.00 17.00 IFCC SYM 2	EduW 1 14.30-15.30	EduW 2 14.30-15.30	EduW 3 14.30-15.30	EduW 4 14.30-15.30	EduW 5 14.30-15.30		
		EduW 6 16,00-17,00	EduW 7 16,00-17,00	EduW 8 16,00-17,00	EduW 9 16,00-17,00	EduW 10 16,00-17,00		
SOCIAL PROGRAM	19.30-22.30 Speakers' Dinner (only for invited guests) FREE EVENING FOR COMPANIES							

day	<b>TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER</b>							
room	MAIN HALL	CONF 1	CONF 2	CONF 3	CONF 4	CONF 5	EXHIBITION HALL	
capacity								
9,00 - 11,00	SYM 6	SYM 7	SYM 8	SYM 9	SYM 10	IFCC SYM 3	10.00-17.00 Exhibition open	
11,00 - 11.45	BREAK							
11.45 - 12.30	PL 2							
12,30 - 14,30	POSTER SESSION					LUNCH		
capacity								
14,30 - 18,30	15.00 17.00 IFCC SYM 4	EduW 11 14.30-15.30	EduW 12 14.30-15.30	EduW 13 14.30-15.30	EduW 14 14.30-15.30	EduW 15 14.30-15.30		
		EduW 16 16,00-17,00	EduW 17 16,00-17,00	EduW 18 16,00-17,00	EduW 19 16,00-17,00	EduW 20 16,00-17,00		
SOCIAL PROGRAM	Cultural & Social evening							



# 2017 WEEK AGENDA

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day	WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER						
room	MAIN HALL	CONF 1	CONF 2	CONF 3	CONF 4	CONF 5	EXHIBITION HALL
capacity							
9,00 - 11,00	SYM 11	SYM 12	SYM 13	SYM 14	SYM 15	IFCC SYM 5	10.00-17.00 Exhibition open
11,00 - 11.45	BREAK						
11.45 - 12.30	PL 3						
12,30 - 14,30	CLOSING CEREMONY						
capacity	POSTER SESSION						
14,30 - 18,30		EduW 21 14.30-15.30	EduW 22 14.30-15.30	EduW 23 14.30-15.30	EduW 24 14.30-15.30	EduW 25 14.30-15.30	
		EduW 26 16,00-17,00	EduW 27 16,00-17,00	EduW 28 16,00-17,00	EduW 29 16,00-17,00	EduW 30 16,00-17,00	

# CONGRESS VENUE

The 23<sup>rd</sup> ICCCLM 2017 Congress will be held at the DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE. Awesome in size, the Durban ICC is one of the most advanced event facilities in the world.



## DURBAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

45 Bram Fischer Road  
Durban, 4001  
South Africa

## HOW TO GET TO DURBAN

### By plane

Access to South Africa is easy!

Fast Facts: 76 Countries are exempt for South African Visas | 32 International Airlines fly into South Africa direct | Direct flights into South Africa depart from more than 60 airports internationally, including Frankfurt, Munich, Heathrow, New York, Buenos Aires and Beijing | 6 Domestic Airlines currently fly between the major city centres including Airlink, British Airways t/a Comair, Kulula.com, Mango Airlines, South African Airways and South African Express

International Airports: [www.airports.co.za](http://www.airports.co.za)

King Shaka International Airport (DUR) – The airport is 22 miles (32km) north of Durban: direct

O.R. Tambo International Airport (ORTIA)(JNB) – The airport is 14 miles (22km) east of Johannesburg:

Cape Town International Airport (CPT) – The airport is 13 miles (20km) east of Cape Town.

More information will be available on the website.



### By car

From Johannesburg, OR Tambo International Airport: 577kms approx. 6 ½ hours of which 555kms are the N3 highway.

From Cape Town, International Airport: 1640 kms approx. 20 hours of which 1500kms of which are the N2 highway.



# DURBAN

## WHY DURBAN?

Located in the province of KwaZulu-Nata, Durban is South Africa's self-styled 'playground', where year-round warm weather encourages visitors to make the most of the province's outdoor lifestyle.

Durban is renowned for its magnificent bathing and surfing beaches. An expansive paved promenade offers access to the best of these beaches – the Golden Mile. The striking Moses Mabhida Stadium, host venue to top-notch sporting events, Segway tours, a city-viewing SkyCar and bungee swing. Closer to the harbour, uShaka Marine World, a world-class water park, aquarium and restaurant complex overlooks the ocean and offers hours of entertainment for the whole family.

Culturally, Durban exhibits a mix of Indian, Zulu and post-colonial influences, reflected in the city's architecture and cuisine. Curries, seafood and fusion food are popular at beachfront restaurants, Wilson's Wharf, and at the gourmet hot spots and coffee shops that line Florida Road and Helen Joseph Road. The art deco-style

Suncoast Casino complex, flanking the promenade, houses seafood and curry restaurants, movie theatres, a casino and coffee shops – with secure on-site parking and semi-private beach access. Shopping is best enjoyed at Durban's out-of-city malls: the Gateway Theatre of Shopping in Umhlanga; the Pavilion in Westville; and the Galleria in Amanzimtoti. Half an hour inland from the city, the Valley of a Thousand Hills promises a taste of African culture, while further into the countryside the Midlands Meander features about 150 art-and-craft outlets for city-dwellers in search of fresh air and home-made fare.





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## CLIMATE

Durban has a humid subtropical climate, with hot and humid summers and pleasantly warm and dry winters, which are frost-free.

The average temperature in summer ranges around 28 °C (82 °F) while in winter the average temperature is 20 °C (68 °F). The rainy season is in summer which begins in November, ending in mid-April.

Summers are sunny, hot and humid during the day, but are relieved by afternoon or evening thunderstorms.

Winters, which are from June to August, are generally warm and sunny.



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# ...NOT TO MISS IN DURBAN

This is South Africa's top domestic holiday destination and whether it is adventure or relaxation you seek, Durban in KwaZulu-Natal makes for unforgettable experiences.

Warm year-round weather, arguably the best in the world and a rich diversity of activities mean that visitors to KwaZulu-Natal are quite literally spoiled for choice.

With an idyllic year-round climate, Durban is the perfect getaway destination. Soak up the culture and heritage of the region or relax on the endless golden beaches. Venture into the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, swimming, surfing, snorkeling, fishing and scuba diving on magnificent reefs, or enjoy the sight of whales idling by as dolphins frolic in the waves. Head inland to the majestic peaks of the Drakensberg mountain range and World Heritage Site. Enjoy hiking trails and climbing, including ice-climbing in winter, abseiling and white-water rafting. Tour the untamed wilds, home to the Big-5, before exploring the Battlefields of yester-year and imbibing the sheer beauty of the ecorich iSimangaliso Wetland Park, the province's second World Heritage Site, at St Lucia.

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# ...NOT TO MISS IN DURBAN

Durban is a sports paradise and is ideal for the enthusiast.

A host of world-class golf courses, including some of the finest in the country, challenge golfers at every level, while this province is home to a range of world-renowned annual sporting events, such as the Comrades Marathon, one of the world's great ultra-events, a top open water swimming event, the Midmar Mile, three-day Dusi Canoe Marathon and a number of cycle races, including the Amashovashova Road Race and the Giant's Cup Mountain Bike Race.

Witness the exceptional natural beauty, wonders, adventure and the host of other activities KwaZulu-Natal has to offer... then begin planning your trip to our warm and welcoming shores.



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