

Annual STD/AIDS Review Meeting

The Institute Of Tropical & Infectious Diseases (UNITID) held this year's annual STD/AIDS review meeting at the Southern Mayfair Hotel from 21st January to 25th January.

This continued the organizations tradition to provide a good platform for scientists and researchers worldwide to communicate their research results and the five (5) day event saw more than 500 people attend.

College of Health Sciences (UON) officiates the review meeting opening ceremony.

The conference attracts a pool of scientists from all over the world to come and communicate their research results and it's also good for the younger researchers to showcase their work too.

Topics covered over the five day meeting include almost all topics in the HIV/AIDS/STI field which include; new preventive technologies for HIV (new data, new directions), vaccine studies, epidemiology, transmission, risk factors, interventions, counseling and testing, treatment and care, bacterial and viral STIs, resistance and susceptibility to HIV infection and disease, perinatal transmission and HIV/AIDS in children among others

The bulk of knowledge in the field of HIV/AIDS in Africa and in particular Kenya has been generated from the research by KACP and thus major policies towards curbing the spread and infection of HIV/AIDS in the country include advocacy for measures like male circumcision, encouraging use of protection (condoms) by sex workers, treatment by ARVs among others. The Institutes represented in this year's retreat were: Univ. Nairobi, Univ. Manitoba, Univ. Washington, Univ. Toronto, Univ. California San Francisco, Univ. Illinois at Chicago, Univ. Ghent, Karolinska Institute, Oxford Univ., Intl Centre for Reproductive Health (ICRH), Family Health International (FHI), Centres for Disease Control (CDC), Univ. British Columbia, Public Health Agency of Canada, National Microbiology Reference Laboratories (Canada), USAID, Kenya Ministry of Public Health (NASCO), Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Kenyatta Univ., Engender Health, Cornell Univ., Univ. Ottawa, New York Univ. Wellcome Trust, Univ. North Carolina, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Liverpool VCT, York Univ., NY State Dept of Health, GTZ, Institute of Tropical Medicine (Antwerp), JHPIEGO.