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12th September 2024.

To all;

The Provincial Health Directors
The District Health Directors
The Senior Medical Superintendents
The Medical Superintendents
The Heads of Organisations and Implementing Partners

RE: BIOMEDICAL SOCIETY OF ZAMBIA (BMSZ) 2024 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

The Biomedical Society of Zambia (BMSZ) is a professional body of medical laboratory professionals in Zambia. Its core mandate is to promote professionalism in medical laboratory practice to meet the current and future needs of evidence-based medicine and public health research. BMSZ does this by advising the Ministry of Health on laboratory policy, advocating for strengthening of laboratory regulation, organizing continuous professional development programmes for laboratory personnel, strengthening curricula for medical laboratory training, career mentorship, student engagement and hosting scientific conferences.

This year, the Society will hold its flagship BMSZ2024 Scientific Conference at the **Radisson Blu Mosi-Oa-Tunya Hotel in Livingstone from the 3rd to 6th December 2024**. The symposium will be held under the theme **"Strengthening laboratory systems: Resilience, Innovation, and Partnerships."** Key discussions will include fostering collaborative approaches, innovative solutions, and resilient strategies to enhance the capabilities of laboratory systems in Zambia and beyond. The conference will also delve into the importance of the One Health Approach, emphasizing the interconnectedness of human, animal and environmental health, in developing resilient and sustainable laboratory systems to tackle the health challenges of our day.

The conference will bring together local and international professionals, senior Ministry of Health officials, regulators, industry leaders, manufacturers, other health professionals and training institutions to discuss ways they can better contribute to the Ministry of Health's mission in providing equitable access to cost effective, quality healthcare services as close to the family as possible. Further, it is expected that key players from private and public sectors will network to enhance public private partnerships in the medical laboratory sector in line with the governments policy direction. Out of this conference will come policy recommendations, advocacy and position papers aimed at leveraging latest approaches and strategies to build resilient laboratory systems that can respond to evolving patient care needs.

By copy of this letter, you are requested to support and facilitate the release of biomedical laboratory professionals to attend this important annual event for our medical laboratory staff for continuous professional development (CPD).

The participation fee is K3000 per participant without accommodation and transport.

For further details, contact David Hageltorn at secretariat@bmsz.org (0979 742202).



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