



Epidemiology and Prevention of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Related Cancer

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Location: Namibia Scientific Society

Organizers: Finnish Southern Africa Cooperation Institute FSAI,
FinNam Research Academy, University of Namibia

PROGRAMME

- 08.30 Morning coffee
- 09.00 Opening of the seminar: Vice-Chancellor Kenneth Matengu, University of Namibia, Namibia, and Rector Emeritus Kalervo Väänänen, University of Turku, Finland
- 09:15 Dr. Saif Khan, Ph.D., University of Cape Town, South Africa: Biology of HPV (online)
- 9.45 Dr. Tafadzwa Dzinamarira, Ph.D., ICAP Country Director at Columbia University in Lusaka, Zambia: Epidemiology of HPV-related cancers
- 10.15 Professor Doreen Ramogola-Masire, University of Botswana, Gaborone: HPV DNA screening for cervical cancer in women in Botswana.
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.00 Dr. Maija Vahteristo, M.D., Finnish Cancer Registry: Experiences of Finnish HPV prevention program before and after vaccination. (online)
- 11.30 Representative of Ministry of Health and Social Services, Namibia (tbc)
- 12.00 Dr. Bernard Haufiku, M.D., University of Namibia: Situation of HPV Vaccination Programs in Africa and Namibia
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Dr. Idil Hussein, Ph.D., Senior Planning Officer, the Finnish Institute of Health and Welfare: Factors associated with parental HPV vaccination intention of daughter: a national survey in Finland (online)
- 14.00 Professor Grant Murewanhema, Harare, Zimbabwe: Present treatment options for HPV-related cancers
- 14.30 Dr. Preethy Paul, Ph.D., Anison Ltd, Finland: Is it possible to develop a specific treatment for HPV infections? (online)
- 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.45 – 16.45 Panel discussion: What should be done to eradicate HPV-related cancers?
Chair: Dr. Antti Hakanen Adjunct Prof., Turku University Hospital, Finland
Participants: Seminar speakers

Live-stream available – the symposium can be followed online <https://zoom.us/j/8023841980>

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