

4TH ANNUAL ABIC COMMUNITY MEETING 2025



Cairo, Egypt, 28-29 October 2025

Tuesday, 28 October 2025

Venue: American University in Cairo

Conference Room: Mary Cross - enter via PEPSI Gate

Time (UTC+3)	Event	Speaker	Online Moderator(s)
08:00 - 09:00	Registration		
09:00 - 10:30	Session 1: Welcome	Mai Rahmoon	
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome & Meeting Overview	Mai Rahmoon	Isabel de Beer
09:10 - 09:30	Opening Address - AUC	Dr Karim Seddik Dr Ahmed Abdellatif	
09:30 - 09:50	ABIC Overview	Precious Kgomo	
09:50 - 10:10	Mapping the Landscape of Microscopy Infrastructure and Expertise in Africa	John Woodland	
10:10 - 10:30	The Africa Microscopy Initiative - Insights into African Microscopy Research	Michael Reiche	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 - 13:00	Session 2: Models of Infrastructure Access in Africa	Mai Rahmoon	

11:00 - 11:30	Collaboration Models of Open Access Infrastructure: - Algerian Facility - RMS Authorship Guidelines for Core Facilities	Wiame Aissoug Georgina Fletcher	Isabel de Beer
11:30 - 11:40	Q&A Session		
11:40 - 12:10	Free-for-Service Models of Open Access Infrastructure: - Cabo Verdean Facility - Tunisian Facility	Neidy Rodrigues Sinda Zarrouk	
12:10 - 12:20	Q&A Session		
12:20 - 12:50	Fee-for-Service Models of Open Access Infrastructure: - Côte d'Ivoirian Facility - South African Facility	Aimé Sanhoun Lize Engelbrecht	
12:50 - 13:00	Q&A Session		
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 - 15:10	Session 3: Implementing Infrastructure Access in Africa	Michael Reiche	
14:00 - 14:20	OpenScopes - building your own microscope	Caron Jacobs	Stephen Adelodun
14:20 - 14:30	Seeding Labs - donating infrastructure	Christina Srivastava	
14:30 - 14:40	How industry supports implementation of infrastructure access	Revitty	
14:40 - 15:10	Community Discussion: How to Implement Increasing Access The community shares their experience with providing access to infrastructure		
15:10 - 15:40	Coffee Break		
15:40 - 17:10	Session 4: Funding Infrastructure Acquisition & Access	Michael Reiche	
15:40 - 16:40	Advanced Imaging Center at HHMI Janelia Research Campus	Teng-Leong Chew	Damilola Olanipon
16:40 - 17:00	Global BioImaging: Imaging 4 All	Deniz Saltukoglu	
17:00 - 17:20	Imaging4All Application Journey: Building Imaging Networks in North & Francophone Africa	Samira Benadda	
17:20 - 17:30	Q&A Session		
17:30 - 17:40	Close		
18:00 - 19:30	Dinner		

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Grant Writing Workshop			
08:00 - 08:10	Welcome & Meeting Overview	Teng-Leong Chew Mai Rahmoon Caron Jacobs Michael Reiche	Naomi Okugbeni Precious Kgomo
08:15 - 09:00	Session 1: Introduction to Grant Writing		
09:00 - 12:00	Session 2: Mock application writing (with coffee served)		
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch & Poster Session		
13:30 - 14:30	Mock application writing (continued)		
14:30 - 15:00	Session 3: How to review application/proposals		
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break & Group Photo		
15:30 - 16:30	Session 4: Proposal peer review		
16:30 - 17:30	Session 5: Discussion		
17:30 - 17:35	Meeting Close		
19:00 - 21:00	Celebration Dinner		

The current session is not virtually enabled. We will resume virtually at 15:30 after the coffee break.