



Keynote Speakers - Lee Thomas (USA) | Prof Torello Lotti, MD (Italy) | Davinder Parsad, MD (India)

**AFRICA VITILIGO
CONFERENCE**
(STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE)

18th - 20th October, 2012 • Mega Chicken Restaurants Ltd Events Hall, Lekki Expressway, Lagos, NIGERIA

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Conference Profile

AFRICA VITILIGO CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to:

Africa Vitiligo Conference (Stakeholders Conference)

Theme: What's new? Where does Africa stand?

Program venue :

Mega Chicken Restaurants Ltd Events
Hall | KM 14, Ikota 1st Gate, Lekki
Expressway, Lagos, Nigeria.

Date:

Oct 18 – 20, 2012

Purpose of Conference:

To awaken consciousness of vitiligo, willingness to act amongst the medical community and support patients to participate in their own healing.

Vitiligo is one of the most psychologically devastating chronic skin diseases, the psychological implications for people with vitiligo and others with unusual visual differences can be immense with a major impact on both patients and their families, battling with cultural beliefs, public's ignorance and no attention from the health and medical community. Vitiligo is more obvious in people of color, especially in Africa, where the people are dark-skinned and the contrast to their natural skin tone is more obvious.

The goal is to enable people of all abilities to achieve their potential to



contribute to the vitiligo community. Moreover, vitiligo patients in Africa will have the opportunity to assume an active role in participating and encouraging present and future research.

This is a conference focusing on medical and psychological impacts: to keep vitiligo patients and victims of skin imperfections central in the community health care system and to highlight their need for improved management.

AFRICA VITILIGO CONFERENCE

Who is it for?

If you belong or identify with any of these group or individuals then this Conference is for you and your team:

- Are you an individual living with Vitiligo or Psoriasis?
- Are you a medical personnel, clinical psychologist, a nurse, health worker, medical student, social worker in the area of health or skin health, a volunteer for health organization, NGO, health organizations/institute, skin care therapist, beautician?
- A family member, relation, friend of individual living with Vitiligo or Psoriasis or just a concerned citizen?
- Do you come across Vitiligo, Psoriasis patients and really want to understand the condition and how to help?

- Do you generally want to add to your knowledge and learn something new about skin health, pigmentary disorders and coping skills for altered image?

Then Come and join us for a 3 day Interactive session on vitiligo up to date information, management and self-help guide



Objective

The objectives of the African Vitiligo Conference (AVC) are:

To draw attention to the condition;

- To provide a forum for African researchers and others from around the World to exchange experiences, promote global exchange of good practices and strengthen cooperation in this field.
- To provide those living with Vitiligo with guidance on managing and living with their condition.
- To build the capacity of the vitiligo support groups, health sector representatives, NGOS' in Africa to enable support for health care needs of the affected regardless of socio-economic situations.
- To raise the profile of psychological and psychosocial impact of Vitiligo

and skin imperfections on affected persons, amongst both health sector and the general public.

SESSIONS

- I am living with Vitiligo
- My challenges and my hope (Discussions)
- Vitiligo Research findings and treatment updates
- Managing Vitiligo naturally and effectively
- Psychological/Psychosocial
- Vitiligo Awareness - Communicating Vitiligo Awareness and Enlightenment Effectively
- Presentations and Demonstration of different contemporary Vitiligo treatments

Breakout Sessions

- Confidence Building Workshop - individuals with Vitiligo and skin imperfections.
- Seminar - Understanding Vitiligo and Skin imperfections

For full details on Sessions and topics of discussion Pls visit -

<http://www.vitsaf.org/our-events/2012avc/draft-program>

The Participation – Our Target Audience

The conference is open to all stakeholders - families and individuals living with vitiligo and skin imperfections across Africa, Vitiligo organisations, members of Federal and State Ministries of Health, medical community, health care providers, vitiligo support delegates from 7 African countries (attending on scholarship), NGO's from across Africa strongly engaged in supporting progress in the field of Skin Health, altered body image, pharmaceutical and all concerned.

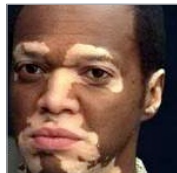
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Prof Torello Lotti, MD, Full Professor of Dermatology, Dept of dermatological Sciences, University of Florence, Italy. A world-renown expert

on vitiligo, a keynote lecturer at major dermatology meetings, visiting professor at several universities in homeland Italy and abroad, chairman director of dermatology societies, and chairman, a co-author among many of comprehensive book "Vitiligo: Problems and Solutions". Professor Torello Lotti is the Scientific Director and chairman scientific committee Vitiligo Research Foundation - VRF; he provides top scientific advisory to VRF. .

www.torellolotti.it



Lee Thomas, is a four-time Emmy Award-winning television broadcaster and journalist, Anchorman/Entertainment Reporter on

FOX Detroit, author and motivational speaker that travels the world sharing his story while challenging people to live their best life no matter what the circumstances. Author of the book "Turning White", in this memoir, Lee Thomas chronicles the battle he is waging with Vitiligo -- a skin disorder that is literally turning him white.

<http://www.turningwhite.com>



Davinder Parsad, MD, is an additional Professor Department of Dermatology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, INDIA.

Founder/Director Vitiligo Academy of India, President of Asian Society for Pigment Cell Research, Coordinator of Asian region for World Vitiligo consensus group. He has to his credit 35 publications on vitiligo only in International journals with very high citation index. Main area of research is vitiligo-- pathogenesis and treatment. He is a clinical innovator in the management of vitiligo some of his innovations are role of calcipotriol, topical prostaglandin analogues and minocycline, a new subtype of vitiligo depending upon time of onset of disease which is now well accepted and he has contributed significantly to development of new surgical modality in the treatment of vitiligo.

<http://www.vitiligoacademy.org/>

SPEAKERS



Dr. Andrew Thompson, BA, DClinPsy, Dip. Prac. Cognitive Analytic Therapy, C Psychol., AFBPsS. A Reader in Clinical Psychology,

and Chartered and Registered Clinical and Health Psychologist, at the University of Sheffield, UK. He is primarily concerned with exploring psychological reactions to disfiguring conditions with a view to developing psychosocial interventions His current research interest's center around developing psychological interventions aimed at assisting people to improve their confidence and manage anxiety associated with worries about appearance.

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/psychology/staff/academic/andrew-thompson.html>).



Dr. Wanakee Hill, N.D., leads the field in natural healing for Vitiligo, with more than 30 years researching natural therapies for Vitiligo

and consulting on Vitiligo Support & Information Group, or VSIG, for many years. Wanakee Hill is the author of Nutritional Approach to Vitiligo & Other Autoimmune Diseases. Wanakee Hill, ND, is certified in Plant-Based Nutrition. www.thewellnesswell.net



Dr. Gaurang Joshi holds B.A.M.S. Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine & Surgery from Jamnagar Ayurveda University. He Runs an Exclusive

Ayurveda PanchaKarma Treatment centre, successfully treating the most complicated skin disease- Leucoderma (Vitiligo) and Psoriasis. Currently Researching on Project Title "Clinical study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Polyherbal powder in patients with vitiligo" with the Department Of Pharmaceuticals Sciences, Saurashtra University, Rajkot. <http://www.atharvaayurveda.com/>



Dr. Shehu Mohammed Yusuf is a graduate of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria , a fellow of the West African College of

Physicians and holder of Masters of Science Degree in clinical Dermatology from King's College University of London. He is currently a Senior lecturer in Dermatology with Bayero University Kano and a Honorary consultant to Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital Kano. He is the author of 3 booklets in

dermatology. He is a member of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), Global Cosmetic Dermatology Alliance (USA), Nigerian Association of Dermatology (NAD), Medical and Dental Consultant Association of Nigeria (MDCAN), Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) <http://www.dermatologyng.org/detaildema2.php?recordID=49>



Adekunle GEORGE, a professor of dermatologist with over 60 scientific publications and with interest in diseases of pigmentation. He has a

special interest in vitiligo and is hoping to use dermatattoo as treatment for stable vitiligo.

He is a member of the Nigerian Medical Association (N.M.A), a member of Nigerian Association of Dermatologists (N.A.D) and the editor of the Nigerian Journal of dermatology. He is the Chairman of the Product Endorsement Committee for N.A.D

<http://www.dermatologyng.org/detaildema2.php?recordID=51>

Practical Information

Date

From 9am Thursday 18 October until 2.30pm Saturday 20th October
Participation to the entire duration is required to the benefit of all participants.

Place

Mega Chicken Restaurants Ltd Events Hall | KM 14, Ikota 1st Gate, Lekki Expressway, Lagos, Nigeria.



Registration Details

Registration fee varies, visit <http://www.vitsaf.org/our-events/2012avc/registration-details> for details

Price

The total price for the Conference, conference materials, tea break and lunch for the 3days included, is 35,000 Naira (\$220) only.

There are some scholarships on Reg. fee available for medical student and individuals living with vitiligo from across Africa (N10, 000/\$65 x 10, N15, 000/\$100 x 5, N20, 000/\$130 x 3)

To apply for a scholarship or register for the conference, please follow the link or download the Registration form here The Conference is free for 50 registered members of VITSAF. Terms and conditions apply.



Accommodation

Accommodation is available at **Travel House Budget Hotel**: KM 14 Lekki-Epe Express Way Directly opposite the

conference venue. We have not pre-booked rooms for the Conference, but will be very happy to assist you if you email us on vitsaf@vitsaf.org

Conference Registration

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Registrations are open and accepted till October 7th, 2012. This is subject to availability of space.

Purple Dinner & Award Banquet

- N5, 000/\$32

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