Aga Khan Health Services talks date set

By a Correspondent

The Aga Khan Health Services in Kenya and Tanzania are organising their first normal networking event which will be a conference of physicians attached to the respective health services. ·The conference will be held at the Whitesands Hotel in Mombasa on May 3 and 4, 1990.

It is expected that about 75 doctors. from Kenya and. *Tanzania* will attend. Also participating will be a contingent of senior faculty members from the Aga Khan University, Karachi. It has been organized by the Aga Khan Health Service, Kenya and international co-coordination has been in the hand of Dr Pat Cronin a medical advisor to the system.

The objectives of the conference are as follows: 1 Presentation of original papers, 2 continuing medical education, 3 Presentation by the Aga Khan University Hospital of the range of their current activities in various fields.

The conference will take the form of panel discussions, presentation of. papers; symposia, and plenary discussions. Two sessions will provide an opportunity for presentation of general papers, and special sessions on surgery, malnutrition, infection control in East Africa, paediatrics and medicine will provide opportunities for specialists in these areas to make their own presentations on an array of pertinent medical and health subjects.

There will also be two sessions on the Aga Khan University. The former will cover the range of level of services provided by the Aga Khan University Hospital which is the apex of the Aga Khan Health Services internationally and the latter will

focus

on its community health

curriculum.

There will be one session on

networking within the Aga Khan

Health Services globally to provide

an update of what has been

done so far and to look at other

aspects of networking with emphasis

on issues and policies

which will receive more attention

in future.

Professor Nimrod Bwibo, the

Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the

University of Nairobi will speak

on International Student Exchange in Post-graduate and

training medicine.

Other notable participants are'

Dr Davy Koech, the director of

the Kenya Medical Research Institute

who will speak on "Role of

Research in Community Health",

Dr Owili,.a leading dermatologist

attached to the medical school,

will present a paper on AZT in

Prevention of Clinical Aids. Participants

from outside Kenya include

Professor Edemariam

Tsego of the University of Addis

Ababa whose presentation will be

'on Hepatitis-B Prevention.

Dr Peter Harper, a cancer specialist

from Guy's Hospital, London,

will talk about modern

trends in management of malignancies

(cancer) and Professor

Maselle, from the Muhimbili

Hospital, Dar es Salaam, will

speak on HIV virus control.

The Aga Khan Health Services

consist of a network of health

programmes and. institutions

spanning both the developing

and more recently, the developed

world.

In 1989 the Health Services in

Pakistan, India, Syria, Kenya,

Tanzania and Bangladesh consisted

of some more than· 200

health institutions. and programmes

including six hospitals,

maternity homes, medical centres, large number of health centres, sub-health centres, dispensaries child care centres, diagnostic centres urban and

rural primary health care *pro*grammes.

All countries also have

significant programmes in school

health, health education, preventive

and promotive services:

All institutions of the Aga

Khan Health Services are nonprofit

and open to all people regardless

of race and religion. In

the implementation of many of

these programmes the Aga Khan

Health Services work in close collaboration

with governments, international

agencies such as the

World Health Organisation.

UNICEF, Canadian International

Development Agency, USAID,

Ford Foundation, ODA and various

others ..

In Kenya the Aga Khan Health

Services consists of three major

hospitals: The Aga Khan Hospital in Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu, two rural primary

health care programmes in

Kwale, and Kisumu districts and

various small urban health programmes

run by voluntary health

committees. The total bed capacity

of the hospitals is 350.

The Primary Health Ca.re

Projects are outreach efforts of

the hospitals in Kisumu and

Mombasa serving a total population of: 100,000 in rural areas.

These. projects are funded by

the Aga Khan Foundation, a Private,

non-communal non-profit

philanthropic foundation, and

other international donor and development

agencies such as Sida

USAID, Ford Foundation. Alberta

Aid in addition to many other

smaller agencies in. Kenya.

The principal objective of the

Primary Health Care Projects is

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