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**SUPADEL**

Support a Delegate

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was involved in a road traffic accident and tragically lost his life just a year to graduation. Sujal Parik one of the most talented medical students from the University of Michigan, dedicated 2 years of his life to carry out research on HIV/ AIDS in Uganda, but lost his life following a road traffic accident in Kampala. Again, my friend. Emmanuel Vodha, a young energetic man, in Nigeria, left with one year to complete his PHD in Physics, at the African University of Science and Technology. His life was painfully halted as he was knocked down while on a motorcycle to church early May 2012. This year alone, the faculty of medicine at Makerere University has lost 3 medical students following acute injury and RTAs.

None of us is exempt from injury or death; not even doctors. Then again, it shows that there is a great need to minimize this wasteful loss from ill preparation for managing emergencies. I came to the realization that doing something about the emergency medical system in my country was no longer something I could just hope for, but was now an obligation I had to fulfil. So I personally set out on a mission to improve the emergency medical services in my country.

Joseph Kalanzi (Uganda's only qualified emergency physician)

### Uganda quick facts

Population: 37,500,000

Life expectancy: 59 years

Roads unpaved: 84%

Doctors: 1 per 10,000

Typical cause of death: no 9. Road traffic accidents

Organized prehospital emergency system: none



## **Supadel (support a Delegate): an Overview**

### **What is Supadel?**

Supadel is a unique AFEM initiative that sponsors the attendance of delegates from low- and middle-income countries at AFEM-affiliated conferences on African soil. The program has been operational for nearly nine years, and in this time has allowed numerous Emergency Care professionals, without the financial means, to attend high quality acute care conferences throughout the continent.

### **How does it work?**

Supadel is a peer-to-peer sponsorship program. Conference delegates or other donors financially support their peers from African low- to middle-income countries either by adding a donation to their own conference registration fee, or by donating securely online through our Givengain and Crowdrise sites. Donations, no matter how small, add up and sponsor a carefully vetted delegate's registration and accommodation costs.

### **Why do we do it?**

AFEM's annual consensus conferences and biennial African Conferences on Emergency Medicine act as crucial mechanisms for the two-way exchange of information on topics of interest between African and international acute care professionals. The conferences concentrate and display the results of successful initiatives in acute and emergency care for attending delegates via poster and oral presentations, preconference workshops, plenary meetings, and networking opportunities. Without Supadel, numerous delegates from conferences past, like Joseph) would have missed out on access to these valuable resources for furthering their practice and advancing emergency care development in their region. As an organisation committed to addressing the need for systems development and training across Africa, and particularly in resource-poor areas, it is one of AFEM's top priorities to ensure access to the best information and opportunities for all African stakeholders in acute and emergency medicine development, regardless of their ability to pay.

### **Who benefits?**

To date Supadel has channelled a whopping ZAR 1.9 million (approximately \$140,000) of sponsorship to 206 delegates from a total of 598 peers.

The response from supported delegates have been tremendous, but don't take our word for it; read the testimonials.



## A thank you to all of our global emergency medicine colleagues for your sponsorship

It was one thing to be sponsored by AFEM **Supadel** as a delegate, and another to be selected for the presentation of a poster at the Conference. Since this was the first poster that I have ever presented, the conference not only challenged me to develop new skills, but also to further explore the possibility of publishing. I thank and salute the **Supadel** Sponsorship Programme and look forward to expressing my gratitude through my ambitious journey to spread best practices in Emergency Medicine in Africa. " – 2014 delegate (Kenya)

« Merci beaucoup supandel pour le soutien et formation reçu lors de l' AFCEM. Merci de m'accepter comme speaker. Grace a notre conference j'ai eu encore d'autres amis en soins d'urgence. Merci d'avoir organise un groupe Francophone. Le workshop de mardi matin sur la façon d'organiser un service de soins d'urgence m'a beaucoup appris. Merci pour le logement et la visite dans le muse et le pyramide ; quel jour je pouvais visiter ces endroits. Merci beaucoup et continuer de faire ainsi pour nous, gens de peu de moyen financier. J' espere etre encore avec vous en 2018. Merci. » - 2014 and 2016 delegate (Democratic Republic of Congo)

"Emergency Medicine was just new in Rwanda. We had hard time explaining to other colleagues what was the scope of our speciality....and to be honest even ourselves we ( residents ) were in the dark and felt lonely in our pionner adventure...till Supadel came and allowed some of to attend AFCEM 2014,then ICEM 2016...connecting with other folks was reassuring...and actually vital for EM in Rwanda." – 2016 delegate (Rwanda)

« Au Supadel. On est sort jamais d'une formation, d'un séminaire, d'une conférence comme on est entré, merci pour votre assistance nous permettant de participer pour la toute première fois à une rencontre de ce genre, trop édifiant et enrichissant, nous vous resterons reconnaissant. Nous espérons que cela contribuera à l'avancement de la science et surtout à l'amélioration de la prise en charge de nos patients, encore merci. » - 2016 delegate (Democratic Republic of Congo)

"This conference came at a time when I and a few colleagues had just formed a Voluntary group to push for improved Emergency Medical Care in Uganda. Therefore, attending my first Emergency Medicine Conference gave me the chance to interact with people of like-minds-- It is such a refreshing feeling!!! I learned a lot about what Emergency Medicine actually means especially in my context, heard about new researches, shared experiences in Emergency Care and what is happening in other countries, brain stormed on ideas and so much more. And the traveler in me got to see and enjoy Addis Ababa!! It was a wonderful first Emergency Medicine conference and I look forward to many more and the hope they carry for the growth of Emergency Medicine in Africa. I thank you AFEM Support a Delegate!!" – 2014 delegate, Uganda



## Get involved

### How to support delegates at an AFEM conference:

Supadel accepts donations year-round for upcoming AFEM conferences. Here are three easy ways to contribute:

1. While registering for your own conference attendance, simply add a donation to the value of your registration cost.
2. Crowdrise: For US/ international donors. Donate any amount to Supadel, or choose to sponsor a specific delegate. Donations are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt through our partner organization, the American Friends of AFEM.

**Donate through Crowdrise:** <https://www.crowdrise.com/supadel>

3. Givengain: Online donating for UK and other international donors.

**Donate through GivenGain:** <http://www.givengain.com/cause/2976/>

### A few more super-duper Supadel ideas

1. Copy the Supadel model to increase low- and middle-income delegates to your own conference. Contact us at [services@afem.info](mailto:services@afem.info) to find out how
2. Fundraise for Supadel at your conference by accessing our Crowdrise or GivenGain site and setting up a fundraiser (Crowdrise) or activist account (GivenGain). Name your fundraiser after, say your conference, to make it easier for your delegates to recognise. Then simply download the widget and stick it on your conference site. Contact us at [services@afem.info](mailto:services@afem.info) if you need a hand.
3. Set up a direct debit and give regular sponsorship.

### Supadel online:

More information: [www.afem.africa](http://www.afem.africa)

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