

Zanzibar President Dr Shein calls for advancement in pathology disciplines

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ZANZIBAR President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein has called on the Association of Pathologists of East, Central and Southern Africa (APECSA) to ensure continuous professional development in all pathology disciplines.

Shein made the call in Arusha yesterday when addressing the 12th Bi-annual Conference of APECSA which has been organised in collaboration with the Association of Pathologists of Tanzania (APT).

The conference brought together APECSA; the East African Division of the International Academy of Pathology; the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology and the Royal College of Pathologists-UK.

“Pathologists should take a leading role in the delivery of quality health care services in all disciplines of medicine,” Shein said, urging the conference to come up with proposals and strategies on how good laboratory practices can adequately support efforts to provide optimal quality health care services and clinical management of

patients. He challenged APT to properly plan the training of pathologists by creating conducive environment to attract young doctors to pursue post graduate studies in pathology, reiterating that training of pathologists should go hand in hand with the development of services in health institutions, such as provision of modern equipped laboratories and trained personnel.

The Isles’ leader also called for greater attention and resolute actions by development planners including planners in Health ministries, Planning Commissions, higher education institutions,

ministries of Finance and others to realise the significant contribution of pathology.

He urged regional pathologists to be patriotic and have greater perseverance, determination in their profession, “I am glad to note that many of our practicing pathologists are in this class of professionals.”

He further underscored the small inadequate number of pathologists in the region, commending the Association for the initiative to establish a College of Pathologists of East, Central and Southern Africa (COPECSA) under the umbrella of APECSA.