



SG Report to AGM October 2021

This report follows the agenda for the meeting and a summary of activities undertaken in the year 2020/2021 and plans for 2022

2020

Due to the postponement of the 44th AGSM no AGM was held in accordance with the severe COVID 19 pandemic and ban on public gatherings

This necessitated a drastic change in activities and workflow of the College processes

Emergency FGPC Council meetings approved pending AGM ratification the following changes in our activities; All College meetings and voting processes of the college were to be held online by zoom/google teams

All update and revision courses of the college were to be held online until further notice

Rotations by residents during the Covid period were to be ethically signed up

April 2020 examination was cancelled and postponed to the October 2020 joint examination which was held successfully at all the centres under Covid precautions and a number of innovations

We thank the examiners who travelled across the borders and endured frequent tests and quarantine

The following decisions at council 2020 are for ratification by AGM

2021

The year started again with uncertainty as second and third waves of Covid hit with more severe restrictions and 7 day quarantine and mandatory covid tests and lockdowns

Exco functioned effectively under leadership of the President and College activities and functioned were adapted to work from home and online

Examinations

Computer based testing has been deployed for the primary and membership screening examinations using JAMB facilities. College continues to improve on the process. We thank the CBT committee led by Dr Akin Moses and all our hardworking chief examiners. April and October examinations were held successfully using the expanded examination format and new

innovations of packed food, zoom dissertation defense, online examiners meeting and social distancing.

Two TOT on setting examination questions for the CBT and Mentoring the mentors were well received and we thank our dynamic Director of training Dr V Ansa

Results of the 2020/2021 examinations which produced 896 members and 565 fellows are up for ratification

Proposals/Dissertations

Covid helped us to move all proposals fully online for submission and revision. We are happy to move fully to our new proposal management system link proposal@wacpcoam.org

This hopefully will reduce drastically current delays and frustrations

Communications

College has migrated to our new website wacpcoam.org fully bilingual and all payment portals active. Two newsletters were produced in 2021 under the hard work of Dr Prudence Wachinou ASG. Social media handles of the college have also been active and means of communication

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Accreditation

Initially suspended during peak of the pandemic but subsequently restarted with “in-country” and hopefully as Covid restrictions eases more will be undertaken. Total of 82 visits were done in the period. New guidelines to improve compliance of Fellows are in place.

Abuja building

The hall continues to attract a good patronage despite the Covid restrictions, and the facilities manager Utchay Ukorji and associates are managing the property well.

The Tower block remedial works have recently approved by FCDA and approval given to change the current layout to make it more effective use of the space. The building fund is needed to support this laudable project

Fellowship by election/progression

BOT has continued to reiterate the need for us to move forward with recruitment and attract qualified Fellows for admission from within the subregion and the diaspora. New criteria are being set by a committee of chapter secretaries/faculty chairs directors of international committee/chair of Institutional review committee and the SG. A total of 41 new fellows are due for ratification

Constitutional review

Past Secretary General Dr Femi Ogunbiyi held first meeting. Awaiting reports and further inputs from faculty and chapters. We encourage all Fellows to be part of this important process

College meetings

All College meetings continue to be held online and a lot adaptations have been made in communication channels. Successful meetings were held in the April, July and October for the AGSM. Decisions have been approved by Council and before AGM for ratification.

College has secured zoom licenses for all faculties

College courses

All courses have been fully functional and online courses have come to stay! I thank the Revision course coordinator Dr Fadipe and her team, Ethics course Dr Regina Oladukon , DAE coordinator Dr Ekanem Ekure for their excellent work. All courses returned dividend to the College treasury.

Faculties are encouraged to hold all their update courses and CPDs

Family medicine is rolling out an eLearning module and we hope other faculties follow suit soon

Norvatis /WACP course on NCDs is now in session and we look forward to more collaborations

Chapter activities

Most chapters held online AGSMs and Ghana and Nigeria did a public lecture. More activity is needed from chapters and the website has avenues to disseminate your chapter activities and news.

Staff matters

New staff (IT HR Audit Front desk) have been recruited to augment our activities and have blended well with the current staff. They continue to have training on IT advanced excel ethics and new Conditions of service have been approved. I thank all the departmental(Exams/Administration and Accounts/audit) heads for effective leadership under the Head of Admisitration Mr Modo

WAJM

Editor has also been releasing a copy per month despite the constraints. How can we sustain this. The office has been supported with new human resource and power back up (generator purchased for office)

International office has been reinvigorated and several MOUs are being reviewd and new ones are being sought with International colleges per the strategic plan

Database of Fellows is being finalized and will give every fellow a unique number

Strategic plan

Technically in midterm review, lost a year from Covid but we are on track. Monitoring committee ahs been active and Dr Steve Abah is conducting the evaluation. Fellows are to be conversant with the well thought out activities and timelines.

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NMPCN matters MD/PhD course /Harmonization

Feedback from various chapters with different scenarios. Nigeria Chapter has been granted permission to negotiate directly with the National Universities Committee (NUC).

Payments

College continues to run a fully online payment mechanism for its fees. Note that obligations to your Chapter is a prerequisite for processing of College transcripts and verification as well as a commitment to the building fund (Members \$500 and Fellows \$1000 payable in installments).

AGSM

44th/45th AGSM Gambia <https://wacp-agsm2021.org/>. Fully virtual as proposed by Gambia using Kenes . College meetings separate to be done prior to AGSM. The registration fee is \$100 throughout

Virtual Faculty meetings . Virtual AGM. We thank the Gambia chapter LOC for the great work in the run up to this

Plan for 2022

Attached is the program for 2022 for ratification. The sequence of AGSM Presidency and Mabajoye lectures and College symposium are for noting.

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Combined April 2022 CBT and Clinical examinations	
Monday 29 th November	Examination application advert opens for April 2022
Monday January 10 th , 2022	Examination advert closes/ Late registration closes
Friday January 21 st , 2022	January Meeting
February	Update Course (Laboratory Medicine)
Wednesday March 2 nd , 2022	Screening Exam for April CBT Exams [Membership in Abuja, Enugu, Ibadan & Accra centers] Ibadan, Accra & Monrovia (Paper and Pencil) centers]
Thursday March 3 rd , 2022	WACP CBT Exams [Primary in Abuja, Enugu, Ibadan, Accra, Banjul, Monrovia & Freetown centers]
March	Update Course (Paediatrics & Psychiatry)
April 6 th -12 th , 2022	April 2022 FWACP Examinations
Tuesday April 12 th , 2022	Court of Examiners' meeting

Combined October 2022 CBT and Clinical examinations	
Monday May 9 th , 2022	Examination application advert opens for October 2022
May/June 2022	Update course (Internal medicine/Family Medicine)
Monday June 27 th , 2022	Examination advert closes/ Late registration closes
Monday June 27 th - 28 th , 2022	Sub-Examination Committee meeting

Thursday June 30th-1 st July, 2022	July Committee meeting
Wednesday Aug. 3rd-Fri. 26th, 2022	Virtual Revision & Ethics Courses
Wed. Aug. 31 st , 2022	WACP CBT Exams [Membership in Abuja, Enugu Ibadan, Accra & Monrovia (Paper and Pencil) centers]
Thur. Sept. 1 st , 2022	WACP CBT Exams [Primary in Abuja, Enugu, Ibadan, Accra, Banjul, Monrovia & Freetown centers]
Oct. 5 th – 11th, 2022	October 2022 FWACP Examinations
Tuesday October 11 th , 2022	Court of Examiners' meeting
November 2022	46 th Annual General & Scientific Meeting
Note CAMES exam 1st week of November Ghana Medical Association conference 1st week of November Try 2nd week of November	AGSM Ghana 2 ND Week of November

I want to thank College President, College Treasurer, ASG , Exco all the Vice Presidents, Faculty Chairs, Secretaires and our Chief examiners for the immense contributions and cooperation as well as the CBT committee, Directors of training and research and all Coordinators and our hardworking exams office, Admin and Accounts support for helping to steer this difficult year to a successful end

Albert Akpalu SG

MABAYOJE LECTURE AND COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM SEQUENCE

YEAR	SYMPOSIUM	LECTURE	COUNTRY
2015	PSYCHIATRY	LAB MEDICINE	ABUJA
2016	COMM. HEALTH	INT. MEDICINE	MONROVIA
2017	PAEDIATRICS	FAM. MEDICINE	DAKAR
2018	LAB MEDICINE	PSYCHIATRY	FREETOWN
2019	INT. MEDICINE	COMM. HEALTH	BAN/COT
2020/21	FAM. MEDICINE	PAEDIATRICS	COT/BJL
2022	PSYCHIATRY	LAB MEDICINE	ACCRA
2023	COMM HEALTH	INT. MED	
2024	PAEDIATRICS	FAM MEDICINE	
2025	LAB MEDICINE	PSYCHIATRY	
2026	INT MEDICINE	COMM HEALTH	
2027	FAM MEDICINE	PAEDIATRICS	
2028	PSYCHIATRY	LAB MEDICINE	
2029	COMM HEALTH	INT. MEDICINE	
2030	PAEDIATRICS	FAM MEDICINE	
2031	LAB MEDICINE	PSYCHIATRY	
2032	INT. MEDICINE	COMM HEALTH	
2033	FAM MEDICINE	PAEDIATRICS	
2034	PSYCHIATRY	LAB MEDICINE	
2035	COMM HEALTH	INT MED	

2036	PAEDIATRICS	FAMILY MEDICINE	
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AS APPROVED BY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2013 ABIDJAN and updated

1. Council noted and approved the sequence of future Presidency of West African College of Physicians

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| i. | GHANA | 2013-2014 |
| ii. | THE GAMBIA | 2015-2016 |
| iii. | NIGERIA | 2017-2018 |
| iv. | LA COTE D'IVOIRE | 2019-2020 |
| v. | SIERRA LEONE | 2021-2022 |
| vi. | LIBERIA | 2023-2024 |
| vii. | SENEGAL | 2025-2026 |
| viii. | GHANA | 2027-2028 |
| ix. | GAMBIA | 2029-2030 |
| x. | NIGERIA | 2031-2032 |
| xi. | BENIN | 2033-2034 |

Council to note and approved the sequence for the country to host AGSM in future as stated below:

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| a. | BENIN REPUBLIC | 2019 |
| b. | GAMBIA | 2020/2021 |
| c. | GHANA | 2022 |
| d. | TOGO | 2023 |
| e. | NIGERIA | 2024 |
| f. | LIBERIA | 2025 |
| g. | LA COTE D'IVOIRE | 2026 |
| h. | SIERRA LEONE | 2027 |
| i. | GAMBIA | 2028 |

j. BURKINA FASO	2029
k. GHANA	2030
l. LIBERIA	2031
m. SENEGAL	2032
n. NIGERIA	2033
o. SIERRA LEONE	2034
p. LA COTE D'IVOIRE	2035
q. GAMBIA	2036
r. SIERRA LEONE	2037
s. BENIN REPUBLIC	2038