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Mission and Vision of the College

The mission of the College is to improve the healthcare of the West African Health region by manpower, training, accreditation of hospitals, and disseminating current medical knowledge.

Our vision is to set the highest standard of training, healthcare and advocacy within the

West African sub-region.

WACP a truly West African College with 13 countries : Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo.

College Officers

President	: Dr Durodami R. Lisk, Sierra Leone
Secretary General	: Dr Albert Akpalu, Ghana
College Treasurer	: Dr Enobong Ikpeme, Nigeria
President Elect	: Dr Rose Macauley, Liberia
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Assistant College Treasurer	: Dr Yvonne Dei Adomakoh, Ghana

From the President Desk



Dr. Durodami Radcliffe Lisk
College President 2021-2022

Highlights of President Inaugural Address

- WACP has been in existence for 45 years and has survived many misfortunes, and will also survive to COVID-19
- Need to diversify College sources of income
 - WACP conference center in Abuja well placed to contribute to College income
 - Set up a diaspora chapter to get onboard overseas fellows for their expertise and financial contributions
 - Need to reconsider Life Fellowships for elected Fellows above a certain age
 - College must become more creative in raising funds and all options should be on the table
- Need to review our constitution to adapt to ongoing changes within and around the College
- Restructuring of College Secretariat including recruitment of new staff such as Head of Administration, Bilingual HR officer and IT officer
- Thanks to EXCO, all college officers, examiners and staffs for their commitment

College News

ABUJA BUILDING

College has bought and is currently developing a property in Abuja with many amenities (conference and meeting halls, offices) now available but there is still a lot of work to do...The tower block is undergoing structural as well as internal works to install lifts and complete floors per FCTA specifications.

Building Fund: during AGSM 2013, council and AGM decided that each fellow should pay a 1000 USD to help the College set up an infrastructure fund. Currently fellows can pay in 5 installments.

List of paid fellows will be published in the next issue of the newsletter. Please contact our College Treasurer for your payment (enobong.ikpeme@gmail.com).



WACP Conference center, Abuja, Nigeria

EXAMINATIONS: April 2021 Computer based test (CBT)

The first CBT exam in the College history was held on 4th March 2021 simultaneously in Abuja, Ibadan, Enugu and Accra in collaboration with Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB). Lessons were learnt to improve the process for the future exams. The main suggestion is to hold Primary and Membership exams on separate days and this will be implemented for the upcoming exams.

CBT exams will be continued and extended to Membership for the Enugu center.

College commends all efforts from CBT Committee chaired by Dr Akin Moses, EXCO, chief examiners, examiners, staff, JAMB officers who worked tirelessly to reach this great milestone for our College.



CBT center Abuja



CBT center Enugu



CBT center Accra

Clinical and Practicals exams for Membership and Fellowship were held in Abuja, Ibadan and Accra from 6th to 13th April 2021.

As the new normal in the COVID era, virtual platform (Zoom) was used to conduct dissertation defense for many candidates with an onsite examiner/or proctor staying with the candidate and a remote examiner, all connected to zoom. Despite network disturbances, this process went quite well allowing savings in time and resources. College will improve its capacity to conduct remote examinations smoothly and without lowering the high standards and integrity that are vital for us.

A **training of trainers (TOT)** was organized during the exams on "Developing a robust question bank" for the College. This TOT was virtual and was attended by more than

470 examiners. We thank **Dr. V. Ansa** our **Director of training** for this. College purchased a zoom license for each faculty. This will allow Chief Examiners to conduct regular meetings with examiners for exam preparation.

WACP FELLOWS DATABASE

A comprehensive database of all Fellows and Members has been compiled and will allow the College to have better communication and disseminate information more efficiently. We entreat Fellows to update their information with the College.

PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

An automated system will be launched in the coming months to allow College to modernize and manage more smoothly proposals and dissertations.

WACP STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Plan 2018-2022 is being implemented. Mid-term evaluation is ongoing. Chapters are encouraged to conduct their activities in line with the plan (available on the website: <https://wac-physicians.org>).

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

College has grown and the environment is constantly changing. There is a need to review the constitution with a view to modernize our processes. For that purpose, a constitutional review committee has been set up to review the current constitution comprising one representative from each chapter. The committee is chaired by a past Secretary General **Dr Olufemi Ogunbiyi**. The Terms of Reference will be provided by College and the committee is expected to start deliberations in earnest immediately and hopefully give a preliminary report to Council in November.

OTHER COLLEGE NEWS

- Meeting of College and Nigeria Chapter with the Minister of Foreign Affairs to ratify College status
- Courtesy call paid by College President and his team to Provost of College of Medicine, Ibadan and Chief Medical Director of University College Hospital of Ibadan.



**Visit to Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Abuja, Nigeria**



**Courtesy call to Provost College of
Medicine, Ibadan**



**Courtesy call to Chief Medical
Director, UCH, Ibadan**

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2021 EXAMINATION

Online Registration

Examination portal at wac-physicians.org/new/login to open on Monday 10th May 2021

Applicants are strongly advised to visit College website for necessary information

Registration closes on Monday 21st June 2021

Late registration closes on Monday 28th June 2021.

Important dates and centers

Primary Examinations

2nd September 2021

Computer Based Test: Abuja-Enugu-Ibadan-Accra

Paper & Pencil: Banjul-Monrovia-Freetown

Membership Examinations

Screening: Computer based test on 1st September in Abuja, Enugu, Ibadan, Accra

Practicals & Clinicals: 6th -12th October 2021 in Abuja, Ibadan, Accra

Fellowship Examinations

6th-12th October 2021 in Abuja, Ibadan, Accra

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- **44th and 45th AGSM: 1-3 Nov 2021, Gambia, Virtual**

Theme: Universal Health Coverage for everyone everywhere

Graduation may be organized both virtually and physically (for a number of graduands).

- **Online Doctors as Educators Training : 22-24 June 2021**

(registration ongoing)

- **Online revision course for 2021**

(advert coming soon)

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