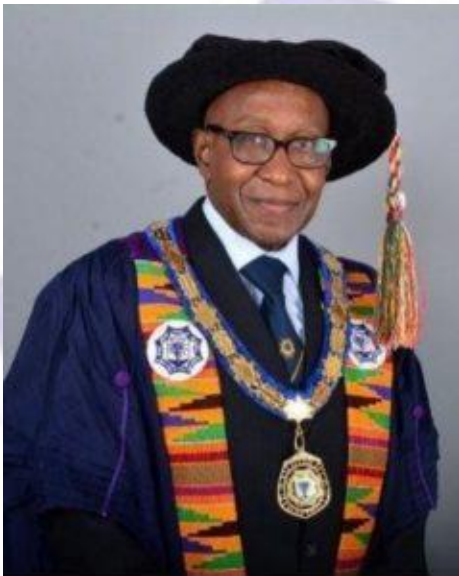


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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Greetings to all Fellows and Members of our esteemed College. As we prepare for our 46th AGSM in Accra, it is time to reflect on recent events of the College to keep you abreast of College activities.

While we are yet to see the back of the Covid pandemic, we have learnt to live with it while we continue to take common sense precautions in our daily and professional activities. As we adapt to one adversity another rears its head. The Russian/Ukraine conflict as distant as it

may seem has impacted significantly on College operations. The increase in Air fares, cost of fuel and food, have negatively affected our finances such that for the first time we made a financial loss at the last College examinations. As a result, we have to be prudent in our expenditure for examinations and the upcoming AGSM.

At the same time, we are committed to completing our building which will significantly improve our financial standing and free us from our dependency on examination income. It is for this reason that we must all endeavor to pay our building fund. We owe it to the College both literally and figuratively!

I would like to thank all our Fellows who continue to give selfless service to the College in various roles including as examiners, chairs and members of the various committees of College and finally the EXCO led by our indefatigable Secretary General. We all look forward to a successful AGSM in Ghana.

LONG LIVE WACP!!



COLLEGE NEWS

April examination across various centers went well with encouraging results at all levels (number who sat, pass rate): Primary (424, 78.4%), Membership (404, 59.3%), Fellowship (253, 70.8%).

Training of Trainers: held on April 10, chaired by the Director of Training of the College Dr V. Ansa and facilitated by three outstanding speakers: Dr A.B.O. Omotoso, Dr M. Dankyau and Dr A. Yawson. The theme of this virtual workshop which was well attended training across the sub-

region was: "*Supervision of resident doctors, defining roles and responsibilities*".



New Proposal Management system (fully online) now operational since 1st June. College website has all the instructions and videos. More training will be done on the new system during the October exams and AGSM. The system will be extended to dissertation process as soon as possible.

College new website: now operational at www.wacpcoam.org ; new College emails are live and Fellows are encouraged to update in order to avoid spams.

Banking theory: as per AGM 2021 recommendation, candidates for membership are now allowed to bank their theory for 1 year, meaning that if for example, a candidate passes theory, but fails Clinicals, he will be allowed to take only clinicals for two more exams, **but only on the condition that he/she registers for exam.**

College Journal, the West African Journal of Medicine (WAJM), continues to produce monthly issues with submissions now fully online at www.wajmed.com.

Extraordinary Council Meeting on 07/08/22: summary of deliberations

New format for accreditation process

- i- Accreditation team presents their report (electronic/hard cop) to Faculty Board who deliberates on this.
- ii- Faculty board forwards the reports to SG/Accreditation admin).

- iii- The Accreditation committee deliberates on these reports 3 times a year in February, June and October.
- iv- Outcomes of accreditation committee meetings are sent to F&GPC so feedback given within 3-4 months of an accreditation cycle.

College statutory meetings

| S/NOS | MEETINGS | PROPOSED DATES/TIME | REMARKS |
|-------|---|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Quality Assurance Meeting | During October 2022 Exams | In person/Virtual |
| 2 | Strategic Planning Meeting | During October 2022 Exams | Virtual |
| 3 | Faculty Board Meeting | 4 th -9 th October 2022 | <i>Virtual</i> |
| 4 | Accreditation Committee Meeting | 14 th October 2022 (Friday)3pm | <i>Virtual</i> |
| 5 | International Committee Meeting | 14 th October (Friday) 6pm | <i>Virtual</i> |
| 6 | Examination Committee Meeting | 15 th October, 2022 (Saturday) 4pm | <i>Virtual</i> |
| 7 | Education & Research Committee Meeting | 16 th October 2022 (Sunday) 3pm | <i>Virtual</i> |
| 8 | Finance & General-Purpose Committee Meeting | 19 th October 2022 4pm | <i>Virtual</i> |
| 9 | Board of Trustees Meeting | 21 st October 2022 (Friday) 4pm | <i>Virtual</i> |
| 10 | Council Meeting | 23 rd October 2022(Sunday) 4pm | <i>Virtual</i> |
| 11 | 46 th AGSM | 31 st October -2 nd November 2022 | <i>In person/Virtual</i> |
| 12 | Faculty Meetings | 1 st November 2022 | <i>In person (AGSM)</i> |
| 13 | Annual General Meeting | 2 nd November 2022 | <i>In person (AGSM)</i> |



Validated dates for College core activities in 2023

| Date | Activity |
|--|--|
| April 2023 examination | |
| 8 th & 9 th February 2023 | CBT Accra Abuja Ibadan Enugu Monrovia |
| 29 th March -4 th April 2023 | Fellowship and Membership clinical exams |
| October 2023 Examination | |
| 30 th -31 st August OR 6-7 th September 2023 | CBT Accra Abuja Ibadan Enugu |
| 4 th -11 th October 2023 | Fellowship and Membership clinical exams |
| AGSM 2023 | |
| 47 th AGSM 6-9 th November, 2023 | Lomé, Togo |

Approved update courses for 2023 & 2024: details on the College website.

Resumption of Life Fellowship from 2023: criteria on College website.

Abuja building update

- Work is ongoing and more funds are needed to complete the remaining work
- College thanks again all Fellows and Members who have paid in full or started to pay the building levy.
- All fellows and members are urged to pay their building levy : 1000 USD for Fellows and 500 USD for Members. Payment could be made in 5 annual instalments of 200 USD and 100 USD respectively. ***Please contact our Honorable College Treasurer or your Chapter Treasurer for your payment.***
- Fellows are encouraged to pay before AGSM 2022. List of paid fellows will be published in the AGSM brochure.

Other College news

- Reduction in Fellowship registration fees: ***from \$385 to \$100.***
- Constitutional review ongoing.



Nomination of two illustrious fellows for College Gold Medals



Dr Ifeoma
Egbuonu

Dr Ifeoma Egbuonu

- Council Member (Faculty of Paediatrics) – 1987-1990.
- Nigeria Chapter Treasurer 1995-2000.
- Member College Board of Trustee 2005 – till date.
- College Treasurer 2001-2004 – Built a strong financial base.
- Nigeria Chapter Chairman 2008-2012.
- Member Board of Trustees Nigeria Chapter 2008 till date.
- College President – First female -2017-2018
- Composed the College Anthem – HAIL THE GREAT COLLEGE
- Expanded College from an Eight - National Chapter -College to a Thirteen- Chapter College.
- Acquired the first properties of College – Lagos Office and WACP Conference centre in Abuja.
- College attained 85% implementation of the strategic plan



Dr Kayode Adetola
Odusote

Dr Kayode A Odusote

- Examiner Faculty of Internal Medicine - 1987 - 2016 (Chief Examiner – 1994 – 1998)
- As Secretary of West African Postgraduate Medical College, organized and supervised the Fellowship Examinations of the College from October 1992 to April 2001.
- Introduced Computer marking of Multiple-Choice Questions of the Fellowship Examinations of the College.
- Statutory member of Council of the College – 1992 – 2001.
- Mabayoje Annual College Lecturer, 40th Annual General and Scientific Meeting, West African College of Physicians, Monrovia, Liberia. 31st October 2016.
- As Director of Human Resources Development of the West African Health Organization, initiated and facilitated the harmonization of the curriculum for specialist medical education and the establishment of equivalencies of specialist medical certificates in the West Africa sub-region which paved the way for admission of Francophone medical specialist into the College.
- Participated in many meetings and visits on the expansion of the College to Francophone countries.
- Resource person to many workshops, update courses, and revision courses of the College – 1990 – 2001.

The award of Gold medal will be given at the 46th AGSM in Accra in November 2022.

Congratulations to them!

NEWS FROM CHAPTERS

Local AGSM: Sierra Leone (Freetown), Nigeria (Enugu), Ghana (Accra), Côte d'Ivoire (Abidjan) have held their local AGSMs successfully.



PWACP addressing Fellows in Freetown (Sierra Leone)



Nigeria Chapter Chairman with other Officials, Enugu (Nigeria)



High table, Local AGSM, Accra (Ghana)



High table, Local AGSM, Abidjan (C. d'Ivoire)

New CBT center approved by Joint Admissions & Matriculation Board (JAMB), our main CBT partner at Ghana College for Physicians and Surgeons (GCPS) in Accra



CBT hall, GCPS, Accra



From left: JAMB officer 1&2, WACP SG, Vice rector GCPS

NEWS FROM COLLEGE FACULTIES

Faculty of Family medicine graciously donated mannequins for training and examination purposes. All the purchased items were commissioned by the President of WACP at a ceremony held in the Department of Family Medicine at UCH of Ibadan during the April exams.



Photo of mannequins and other items



From left: Faculty Chair, PWACP, Chief Examiner



PWACP with EXCO members and examiners



Dr E. A. Irabor showing how to use the mannequins

UPCOMING EVENTS

October examination

- **CBT exam**
Membership/Primary: 31st
August/1st September 2022
(Abuja, Ibadan, Enugu, Accra,
Freetown, Monrovia, Banjul)
- **Membership Clinical and
Fellowship:** 5th-12th October
2022 (Abuja, Ibadan, Accra)

College 46th Annual General and Scientific Meeting

- **Date:** 31/10/22 to 02/11/22
- **Venue:** Cedi Conference Centre
(CCC), University of Ghana,
Legon Campus
- **Theme:** « Health and Wellbeing
Amidst a Prolonged Pandemic »
- **Format:** hybrid (in-person &
virtual)
- **Registration fees**

Family Medicine Webinar

- **Date :** 29/09/22
- **Theme:** International Collaboration
for promotion of the training and
practice of Family Medicine
- **Hosts:** WACP Faculty of Family
Medicine & Besroure Centre of College
of Family Medicine of Canada
- **Requirement for participation:**
Interested chapters to send names,
phones numbers and email of teams
or persons who want to participate
for formal invitations to
secgen@wapccoam.org

Members and Fellows

| | In person | | Virtual | |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Fellows | Members | Fellows | Members |
| Early bird | 220 | 150 | 100 | 100 |
| Late registration | 250 | 200 | 150 | 150 |

Non-members

- Residents of the WACP/GCPS : 100 USD
- Accompanying persons : 150 USD
- Non WACP Members/Non-Fellows : 300 USD

More information on : <https://accra46agsm.com/>