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## From the President's Desk: Annual Year Message 2024



### College President's New Year Message, 2024

**S**eason's greetings to the esteemed Fellows, Members, and administrative staff of this prestigious College.

As we end another remarkable year, it is again that time for us to look back and

marvel at our work and plan for the next year. I am certainly proud of what we have achieved together in the past one year and I would like to wholeheartedly thank the Secretary General and his entire team for their hard work and dedication, and of course thanks go to

all Fellows without whose support and contributions we could not have made the achievements.

First, I would like to congratulate the Togo Chapter for hosting a magnificent and joyous 2023 Annual and General Scientific Meeting (AGSM). Bravo! The increased use of French, including French translations, as was witnessed at the 2023 AGSM in Togo, brings tremendous joy to my heart. This is a key step in creating a truly West African College.

We live in a rapidly changing world with increased use of digital technology. As such, we are trying to follow the trend and make the College more modern. Gradually, we have increased the number of centers that can provide computer-based tests (CBT), with the latest being in Banjul, Freetown, and Monrovia. We have also introduced QR codes for use during examinations, which has significantly improved the administration of our exams. Again, in the spirit of becoming more modern and important was the launch of our new 5-year strategic plan which will serve as our road map for the next few

years. The plan has ambitious, yet achievable goals, and it is a testament to our desire to recommit to ongoing priorities while embracing new opportunities.

We all should be proud of the progress made as our College building in Abuja nears completion. It is indeed a great achievement and an investment well made. I would personally like to thank those that have contributed financially to the construction of this magnificent edifice. I pray that you remain blessed. I would also like to encourage those that are yet to contribute or complete their contributions to do so as we still need to furnish the buildings.

As we are about to begin a new year, I would like to encourage you to continue the good work and embrace these new and exciting innovations.

On behalf of the WACP leadership, I would like to wish you all a fantastic, prosperous and blessed 2024!

Sincerely,

**Dr. Rose Jallah Macauley**

**College President**

# News from the College

## College AGSM 2023

### AGSM Highlights

College AGSM was held in “Palais des Congrès” Lomé, Togo from 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. It was very successful event that gathered almost 600 participants physically and 500 virtually.

Here are a few pictures. [See more on College website](#)





**Communique AGSM 2023** ([click here to read more](#))

**College Annual Report 2023** ([click here to read more](#))

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## News from Faculties

### **“Making Mentoring Work for The New Curriculum” – The Faculty of Family Medicine TOT -February 2024**

The Faculty of Family Medicine held a 5-day training (29<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024) starting with Membership Update Course on “Acute Neonatal Care in Family Practice” followed by the Fellowship Update on “Advancing the Potentials of Resident Doctors for Successful Clinical Research” culminating in the Training of Trainers on the last day.

A total of 443 doctors were trained of whom 47% (206) were trainers.

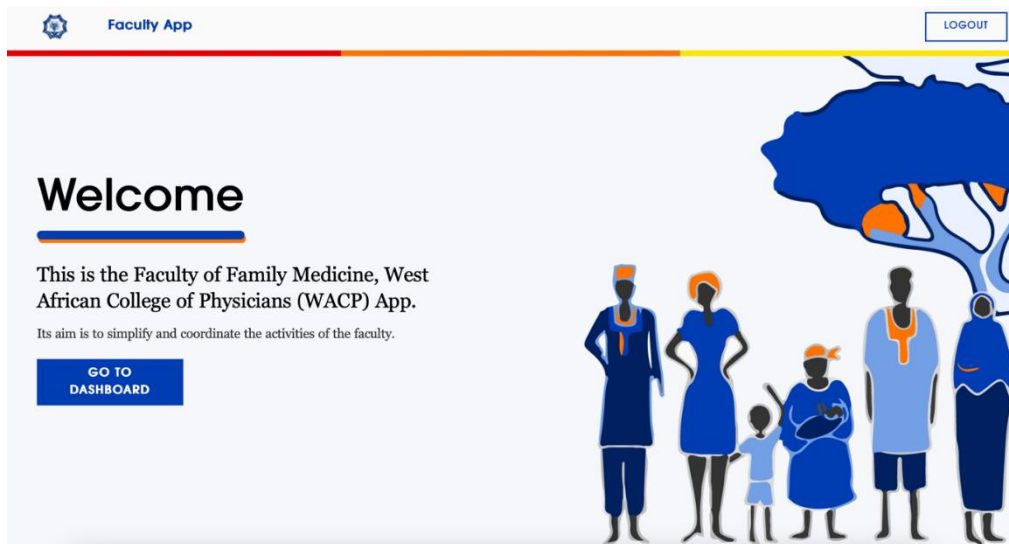
We had four countries participating: Gambia (0.5%), Ghana (5%), Nigeria (94.3%) and Sierra Leone (0.2%).

The TOT started with a presentation from the Training Coordinator and

Chapter Secretaries detailing our region’s level of implementation of the 2022 Family Medicine curriculum one (1) year after. Our country and training centre specific challenges were shared and addressed through extensive discussions. A plan, commitment and timeline were thereafter adopted.

The interface between mentoring and the 2022 FM curriculum was presented while structure-based mentoring to fit our varied training context where shared and embraced. The benefits of mentoring were identified as a two-way street, and perceived barriers were broken.

Reference materials were accessible in the Faculty App.



## Upcoming events

### Calendar of the year 2024

<b>Combined April 2024 CBT and clinical examinations</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Examination application advert opens for April 2024
Wednesday December 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Examination advert closes/Submission of application closes
Wednesday January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	Late registration closes
Friday January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	January Meeting
Monday January 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Online Vetting of application forms by Chief Examiners. Approved candidates list, submit list of their examiners and their dates of arrivals, and list of examiners to assess
February	Update Course (Laboratory Medicine)
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup> -Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb., 2024(9a.m)	Chief Examiners/SGs' visit to JAMB to load questions in the JAMB Server – (Authoring)
Monday Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Authoring for Countries with special needs
Wednesday February 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Screening Exam for April CBT Exams [Membership in Abuja, Enugu, Ibadan, Accra, Banjul, Monrovia & Freetown centers]
Thursday February 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	Screening Exam for April CBT Exams [Primary in Abuja, Enugu, Ibadan, Accra, Banjul, Monrovia & Freetown centers]
Friday February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	JAMB -Release results to SG, SG release results to Chief Examiners, Chief Examiners release results to exam office

Saturday February 24th, 2024	Result hosted on the website
Wednesday February 28th, 2024	Deadline supplementary list of Examiners from Chief Examiners
March	Update Course (Paediatrics & Psychiatry)
Saturday March 16th, 2024	Arrival at the Hotel for collation
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024	Collation/Preparation for Clinical exams/Dispatch exams materials
Tuesday March 19th, 2024	Departure to examination centers
Wednesday March 20th, 2024	Laboratory Med/Internal Medicine Fellowship Theory Examination, Laboratory Med Membership (steeplechase), Membership Theory (Essay) Psychiatry Faculties
Thur. March 21 <sup>st</sup> – Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	Fellowship examination continues for all faculties. Membership Practical Lab. Med.
Sat. March 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	Membership Practical exams for All faculties
Sunday March 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	TOT Workshop / Meetings [Accreditation/QAC/SPMIC]
Monday March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Membership Clinical Examinations
Tuesday March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Court of Examiners' meeting
<b>Combined October 2024 CBT and clinical examinations</b>	
Monday May 13th, 2024	Examination application advert opens for October 2024
May/June 2024	Update course in Internal medicine/Family Medicine
Monday June 24th, 2024	Examination advert closes/Submission of application closes
Monday July 1st, 2024	Late Registration closes
Monday June 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	Sub-Examination Committee meeting
Sun. June 30th- 14th July, 2024	July Committee meetings
Thursday July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Online Vetting of application forms by Chief Examiners Wednesday, 3rd July 2024 (1st batch),                      Wednesday, 10th July 2024 (2nd batch)
Wednesday July 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Chief Examiners submit approved candidates list (Pry & Membership), tentative list of examiners and their dates of arrivals
Thursday Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Chief Examiners submit approved candidates list (Fellowship), final list of examiners and their dates of arrivals, and list of examiners to assess
Monday July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Send approved candidates list with index numbers to JAMB

Monday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	List of qualified Candidates published
Wednesday Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup> -Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Virtual Revision Course (Primary)
Thursday Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup> -Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Virtual Ethics Course
Monday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> -Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Virtual Revision Course (Membership)
Wed Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup> - Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup> ,2024	Virtual Research Methodology Course (Fellowship)
Monday Aug. 26 <sup>th</sup> - Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Fellowship Internal Medicine Subspecialties Virtual Courses
Wed. Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup> -Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug., 2024	Chief Examiners/EXCO/Staffs' visit to JAMB to load questions in the JAMB Server – (Authoring)
Monday Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2024	Authoring for Countries with special needs
Tues. Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	Departure to all centers (JAMB Officers/invigilators etc)
Wed. Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Screening Exam for October CBT Exams [Membership in Abuja, Enugu, Ibadan, Accra, Banjul, Monrovia & Freetown centers]
Thur. Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Screening Exam for October CBT Exams [Primary in Abuja, Enugu, Ibadan, Accra, Banjul, Monrovia & Freetown centers]
Friday Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	JAMB -Release results to SG, SG release results to Chief Examiners, Chief Examiners release results to exam office
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Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup> - Mon. 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct., 2024	Collation/Preparation for Clinical exams/Dispatch exams materials
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Tuesday October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Court of Examiners meeting
4-6 November 2024	47 <sup>th</sup> Annual General & Scientific Meeting, Nigeria

## Schedule of statutory meetings

S/N	MEETINGS	PROPOSED DATES/TIME (Nigeria time)	REMARKS
1	Faculty Boards Meeting	16 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Virtual meetings</i> Mainly to take pending accreditation reports and urgent matters
2	Accreditation Committee Meeting 1	Sat. March 23rd, at 5pm	
3	Faculty Board Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Virtual meetings</i> <i>Faculties to choose suitable dates/time</i>
4	Accreditation Committee Meeting 2	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June at 5pm	<i>Virtual</i>
5	International Committee Meeting	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June at 5 pm	<i>Virtual</i>
6	Examination Committee Meeting	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at 5 pm	<i>Virtual</i>
7	Education & Research Committee Meeting	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July at 5pm	<i>Virtual</i>
8	Finance & General-Purpose Committee Meeting (I)	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July at 5pm	<i>Virtual</i>
9	Finance & General-Purpose Committee Meeting (II)	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July at 5pm	<i>Virtual</i>
10	Joint Colleges Meeting	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at 10am	<i>Virtual to be confirmed with SG WACS</i>
11	Forum of Colleges	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at 12noon	<i>To be confirmed with other Colleges</i>

S/N	MEETINGS	PROPOSED DATES/TIME	REMARKS
1	Quality Assurance Meeting	During October 2024 Exams 6 <sup>th</sup> October 12pm (Sunday)	In person/zoom
2	Strategic Planning Meeting	During October 2024 Exams 5 <sup>th</sup> October 5pm (Saturday)	Virtual
3	Faculty Board Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Wednesday to Saturday)	Zoom <i>Faculties to choose suitable dates/time</i>
4	Accreditation Committee Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Saturday)3pm	Virtual
5	International Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Friday) 6pm	Virtual
6	Examination Committee Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Monday) 5pm	Virtual
7	Education & Research Committee Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Tuesday) 5pm	Virtual
8	Finance & General-Purpose Committee Meeting 1	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Thursday) 5pm	Virtual
	Finance & General-Purpose Committee Meeting 2	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Friday) 5pm	Virtual
9	BOT meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024 (Wednesday) 4 pm	Virtual
	Council meeting 1	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Thursday) 5pm	Virtual
10	Council meeting 2	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Friday) 5pm	Virtual
11	Faculty meetings	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 (Tuesday)	<i>In-person</i>

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