

GHANA SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (CAPE COAST BRANCH)



Invited guests, interacting with participants at the 31st biennial conference

Upcoming Events

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| 1. Public Lecture | March 29 th |
| 2. Science Talk | Monthly |
| 3. Science Teachers Workshop | |
| 4. Seminar | Monthly |
| 5. GSA Workshop in UDS | Aug. 13 th |
| 6. Outreach Programme | |



Prof. Jojo Eghan (immediate past national president presenting a plaque to Prof. Atsu Barku (immediate past president-Cape Coast branch)

Message from the President

Dear GSA Member,

We are happy to link-up with you through our first official newsletter as GSA new executives. We hope to see many of you during meetings. We look forward to sharing the Association's updates through this channel.

The Cape Coast branch of the Ghana Science Association successfully hosted the 31st biennial conference from 30th July to 2nd August 2019. With over 200 registered participants and 16 scientific sessions, last year's conference coincided with the 60th Anniversary of GSA. At the general meeting as part of the conference activities, members were encouraged to participate in GSA programmes regularly and be passionate about sharing and publicizing their research findings as well as connecting with peers through GSA. If you attended the meeting, we are sure you noticed the incredible energy exhibited by participants on UCC campus. The conference reported a record-breaking number of submitted abstracts. The well-attended scientific meeting was inspiring and motivating.

The opening ceremony was chaired by our own Vice Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Ghartey-Ampiah. The thought-provoking speech of the keynote speaker-Hon. Yaw Osafo Maafo, was read by his representative, Hon. Albert Kan Dapaah. We hope the interesting research findings presented and policy dialogue offered will fuel even more advanced work and collaboration among members. Please, join us to congratulate the immediate-past executives for the show of good leadership in the just ended conference. If you were unable to attend the 31st Biennial conference, be sure to join us in Tamale at our next scientific meeting (workshop) in August, 2020. The work of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and other members at the 31st Biennial Conference were recognized in a Seminar-Appreciation Meeting where a number of members received awards for their sacrificial support to GSA. The topic for the seminar was "Leveraging Modeling, Simulations and Bioinformatics in Drug Discovery" and the resource person was Dr. Samuel Kojo Kwofie of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, School of Engineering Sciences, University of Ghana. The meeting which was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 was attended by fifty-seven (57) members.

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Dr. S.K. kwofie (speaker at the Seminar)

Message from the President (Cont.)

We wish to inform you that after taking over as new executives of our Association in October 2019, a number of initiatives and programmes are being rolled out. This was accepted with suggestions at our first general meeting held on Thursday, 14 November 2019. Highlights of programme of activities include; assisting in building capacity of science teachers through training workshops which is one of our top priorities. We intend to collaborate with Schools and Colleges with GSA membership to promote communication of novel research findings of members on radio and other media platforms. We hope to do all these alongside organizing regular seminars and public lectures on issues of interest to the academic community and the people of Central region. Additionally, workshops that would enhance our research skills would be organized for all GSA members. Debate among schools in the Cape Coast metropolis and its environs will be organized to arouse interest in the study of science, technology and innovation, and related subjects.

In view of these, a number of resolutions were made; these include appointment of volunteer representatives at the Department levels to broaden decision-making and improve on GSA communication machinery. Aside our core mandate of capacity building for science teachers, we believe that GSA has both the opportunity and responsibility to bring our understanding of science to the public. As a result, a committee has been put together to develop modality for dissemination of novel findings on ATL FM and prepare a plan for a training workshop for science teachers.

It is our hope that this line of activities would go a long way to strengthen the association and support NEC's agenda of making GSA an enviable international Association. We wish to let you know that your membership, participation in meetings and activities, and commitment to GSA would enable us to accomplish our shared mission of advancing science, technology and innovation.

We value your support and we are eager to share more with you in our next newsletter.

Best regards.