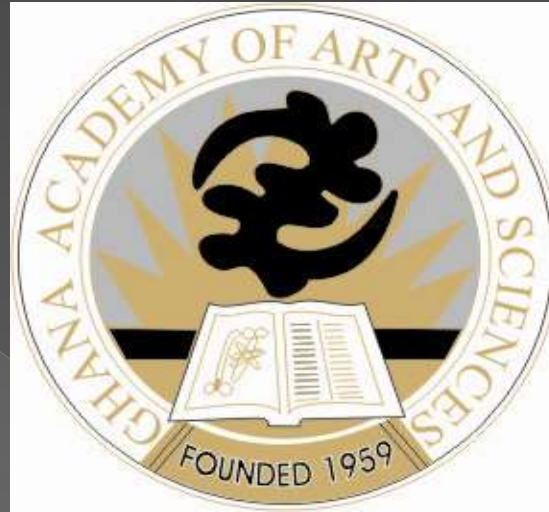


GHANA ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



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PROGRESS MADE IN UPTAKE AND IMPACT IN MATERNAL HEALTH POST ASADI V

- GAAS REQUESTED MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH
- TO PRESENT THE SCIENCE IN ACTION DOCUMENT PREPARED FOR ASADI V
- ENGAGE HEALTH OFFICIALS IN DISCUSSIONS GEARED TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DOCUMENT
- REQUEST MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO SET UP A GROUP TO MONITOR, IMPLEMENT AND EVALUATE ACTIONS IN THE DOCUMENT FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS.

REPRESENTATION TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH - 9th February 2010.



- MINISTER'S RESPONSE
- APPRECIATION ESPECIALLY AT A TIME MINISTRY ITSELF WAS THINKING ALONG SAME LINES— TRACKING PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS ACHIEVING MDG 4 AND 5 GOALS
- MINISTER OFFICALLY INVITED GAAS TO ALLOW TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF GAAS, PROFS. SAI AND OFOSU-AMAAH TO ATTEND A HEALTH SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WORLD BANK ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2010.
- ASSURED GAAS OF ALL COOPERATION AND SUPPORT TOWARDS ENSURING THAT ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE SCIENCE IN ACTION DOCUMENT ARE IMPLEMENTED.

⦿ MINISTERIAL RESHUFFLE



- THAT ACADEMY REPRESENTS A POTENTIALLY POWERFUL ALLY OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WAS HOPING TO PUT IN PLACE STRUCTURES TO FORMALISE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ACADEMY AND HIS MINISTRY.
- MINISTER RECOMMENDED FORMULATING MOU CLEARLY SPELLING OUT EXPECTATIONS AND ROLES OF THE TWO INSTITUTIONS IN COLLABORATING TO IMPLEMENT ASADI V'S RECOMMENDATIONS.
- HE CHARGED HIS CHIEF DIRECTOR FOR HUMAN RESOURCE TO ARRANGE FOR A FOLLOW-UP MEETING .

CIRCULATION OF 'SCIENCE- IN ACTION' DOCUMENT

- OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
- OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT
- PARLIAMENTARY SELECT-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
- DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE GHANA HEALTH SERVICE
- 110 DISTRICT DIRECTORATES OF HEALTH SERVICES NATIONWIDE
- NGOS WORKING IN MNCH SECTOR
- LAST BATCH WAS DISTRIBUTED AT THE 52ND ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE GHANA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ON THE THEME '**MATERNAL HEALTH CARE IN GHANA: THE REALITIES BEYOND THE POLICIES**' JUST THIS NOVEMBER, A YEAR AFTER WE BROACHED THE SUBJECT

- But beyond that, though not directly related to MNCH, ASADI V has affected GAAS' programming positively in a number of ways.
- Following the successful hosting of the Fifth African Science Academies Development Initiative Conference on "Improving Maternal, Newborn and Child health in Sub-Saharan Africa" in November 2009, It was felt that it would be a good idea to follow suit with deliberations on yet another important issue of national concern.

- This feeling was further underlined by the fact that although the media was very well represented at the ASADI V Conference the manifestation of their participation in the publishing of stories in both the electronic and print media was negligible.
- Therefore it was proposed that a training workshop to hone the skills of media practitioners in reporting science would bring quantifiable and immediate benefits to bear on the Academy's image and also help solve a pressing national need – the paucity of local media reportage in science.

- The maiden workshop successfully came off on 10th August 2010 with support of the Royal Society Pfizer African programme and NASAC.

Happily GAAS has secured funding 'locally' to host a follow-up workshop for the electronic media on 14th December 2010.



- Prior to this on the sidelines of ASADI V, GAAS entered into negotiation with the Leopoldina to collaborate.
- So in the pipeline is a Conference on infectious diseases and tropical medicine scheduled for March 2011, to be jointly organised by the Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, and the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine, Hamburg, under the auspices of GAAS and the Leopoldina. Funding is expected from the German Research Foundation

THANK YOU!