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### 2011/2012 WAB TRAINEES (MSC BIOETHICS PROGRAM)

**F**or the 2011/2012 academic session, five students have been awarded full scholarship to study MSc Bioethics in the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Due to some delay with the University admission, they resumed March 2012 and have commenced their lectures, tutorials and practicum. The students are from diverse parts of Nigeria with varying academic background. From L-R; Rahman Bolarinwa, Adeola Duduyemi, Oluwabukola Adefemi, Uchenna Uwaeme

1. Dr. Bolarinwa Rahman is a Haematologist at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.
2. Dr. Duduyemi Adeola is a Medical Officer at the Alpha-Beta Medical Center, Ibadan, Nigeria.
3. Ms. Olubukola Adefemi is a Scientific Officer at National Biotechnology Development Agency, Abuja Nigeria.
4. Mr. Uchenna Uwaeme is also a Scientific Officer at National Biotechnology Development Agency, Abuja Nigeria.
5. Dr. Olu-Edo Adesuwa is a Pathologist at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Benin, Nigeria (not in the picture below).



From L-R; Rahman Bolarinwa, Adeola Duduyemi, Oluwabukola Adefemi, Uchenna Uwaeme



### PROJECT DEFENCE; 2011/2012 ACADEMIC SESSION

Last month, seven of our students defended their project (the largest number since the onset of the program). This took place at the Department of Surgery, University College Hospital. In attendance was the external examiner, Prof. E.R. Ezeome from the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, the Head of Department of Surgery, Prof. V.O Adegboye, student's project supervisors and some other faculty members.

The following are the project topics;

1. Dr. K.O. Osungbade: Teaching and practice of Research Ethics and Integrity among postgraduate students in the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.
2. Dr. O.A. Esimai: Community engagement in informed consent process in research in two Local government areas of Osun state, Nigeria.
3. Mrs. A.G. Ishola: Willingness to participate in HIV Vaccine trial research among selected risk population in Oyo state, Nigeria.
4. Mrs. C.B. Adeleke: Survey of opinion of pregnant women on the use of umbilical cord blood for research in Ibadan, Oyo state, Nigeria.
5. Dr. J.U. Maduabuchi: Concepts of Community harms in Genomics Research in Developing countries; a study in Oyo state, Nigeria.
6. Dr. M.A. Igbe: Public perspectives on Biobanking in Nigeria.
7. Pharm. L.O. Fagbemiro: Knowledge, attitude and practices of Nigerians towards genomic tests for complex diseases.





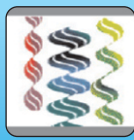
### TRAININGS/WORKSHOP

#### Ethics of Biomedical Health Research

A three days workshop was organised by the Institute of Public Health, Obafemi Awolowo University in partnership with New HIV Vaccine and Microbicide Advocacy Society. The training curriculum was accredited by the National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC/TR/05/02/2012) and the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria. The theme of the training was 'Ethics of Biomedical Health Research'. The training came up between the 15th and 17th of February, 2012 at the Institute of Public Health, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria. In attendance were 26 participants exclusive of the two facilitators. 18 plenary sessions were taken, which included history and evolution of ethics, principles of research ethics, informed consent, community participation in research, standard of care in research, engaging vulnerable communities, and monitoring of research amongst others. The training used various participatory mechanisms to facilitate learning. These include brainstorming, question and answer sessions, cases studies, mock HREC session, plenary discussions, group work, games and lectures.



**Training attendees with facilitators**



### INSTITUTIONAL-BASED STEP-DOWN TRAININGS

**W**AB faculty members have been involved in training of pre-part 1 resident doctors of West African College of Physicians (WACP) on medical ethics. Recently, five sessions have been held at the University College Hospital, Ibadan (2nd-3rd June, 2011, 30th June-1st July, 2011, 28th-29th July, 2011, 19th-20th January, 2012 and 22nd-23rd March, 2012). They also had a session (June 2011) for all doctors of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria in Lagos.

A day program on Continuing Professional Development Training on Medical Ethics and Challenges (5CPD units) course was held on the 9th of February, 2012 at Owo, Ondo state.

### TRAINING FOR LAY MEMBERS OF HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

**A**pril 23rd -27th was such a busy and interesting period at the Bioethics Center in Ibadan as a 5-days workshop was held for lay members of health research ethics committee in Nigeria. This was organised by The West African Bioethics Training Program (WAB), in collaboration with The New HIV Vaccine and Microbicide Advocacy Society (NHVMAS), Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) and National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC). The aim of the workshop was to train lay members of ethics committee on how to review research protocols and provide constructive feedback to the ethics committee and health researchers. The workshop was generously funded by United States' National Institutes of Health.

A total of twenty-four lay members were in attendance from various parts of the country and of diverse profession and religion.

Activities at the workshop include lectures, case studies, group discussion, games and movie session.





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Cross-section of participants during lectures





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One of the participants on the 'hot seat' for the 'Who wants to be a millionaire game'

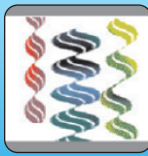


One of the facilitators giving lecture on Informed consent



Cross-section of participants during the clinical terminology game





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Group picture: participants and facilitators





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