

# WARIMA

*West African Research & Innovation  
Management Association*

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

THE WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT  
ASSOCIATION (WARIMA) AND THE SCHOOL OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE  
STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE;

## THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WARIMA CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP

*at the*

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON-ACCRA, GHANA

November 23-25, 2009

THEME: ENHANCING RESEARCH PRODUCTIVITY IN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES

Sub-Themes:

- Opportunities and challenges for early career researchers
- Partnership and collaboration in research technology transfer and intellectual property rights
- Research management and administration
- Strengthening the research base in West Africa
- Cultural dimensions in multi-cultural research projects

## Introduction/ Background to WARIMA

The West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA) is the professional body for research management in the West Africa sub-region and has as its core objectives, professional development and capacity building of its members; promotion of best practice; increasing awareness of research and innovation issues in academic and public fora; advocacy of appropriate national and institutional policy in support of research and innovation and participation in the development and testing of policy; advancement of science, technology and innovation including addressing the asymmetries in access to, and diffusion of knowledge between 'North and South' as well as the advancement of a code of professional standards as well as the enhancement of the profile of the research management profession.

The importance of research in African Higher Education Institutions cannot be overemphasized since it has become increasingly clear that undertaking cutting edge research projects is a major means of generating income for the institution; and if managed properly, could be the driving force behind national development in most West African countries.

In line with the above, the theme for this year's conference is 'Enhancing Research Productivity in African Universities'. The 2009 conference will be held in Accra, Ghana at the University of Ghana from November 23-25, 2009.

## Target Participants

This conference is targeted at all who are involved in research management in various institutions as well as faculty members interested in undertaking cutting edge research including (but not limited to):

- Vice-Chancellors, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Directors of Research Institutes
- Provosts/ Deans of Faculties/Colleges
- Senior academics and researchers from Universities and Research Institutes
- Researchers (including early career researchers) and Research Administrators; Planning Officers in Government, Parastatals and Non-Governmental Organizations
- Other categories of individuals desirous of acquiring skills in research management

## Venue

The conference is hosted by the School of Research and Graduate Studies and will be held at the Centre for African Wetlands, located on the Legon Campus of the University of Ghana.

The University of Ghana is the premier University in Ghana and was founded in 1948 for the purpose of promoting university education, learning and research. The University has three main campuses at Legon, Korle-bu and Accra City and has institutional affiliations to a number of local institutes/ colleges for the purpose of enrolment, teaching and the award of degrees and diplomas of the University.

The University of Ghana is a member of the International Association of Universities (IAU), the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and the Association of African Universities (AAU).

## How to Apply

Interested participants are required to complete the attached registration form and return same by email as an attached document, not later than Wednesday, September 30, 2009 for early bird registration and Wednesday, October 30, 2009 for late registration to:

Mrs. Afua Yeboah, Research Administrator, School of Research and Graduate Studies, University of Ghana, Legon - Accra, Ghana

Email: [researchadmin@ug.edu.gh](mailto:researchadmin@ug.edu.gh)

Phone: (00233)-21-500 306

A copy of the registration form should be submitted to:

Ms. Teju Ajao, WARIMA Administrator  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, University Advancement Centre  
University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria  
[warimaoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:warimaoffice@yahoo.com)

## Registration Fee

- Early Bird Registration - USD \$250 per participant. Early Bird Registration closes on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.
- Late Registration - USD \$300 per participant. Late Registration closes on Friday, October 30, 2009.

## Payment Procedure

Participants must pay by Bank Transfer. Bank details are as follows:

Name of Bank (In Ghana)	-	Standard Chartered Bank, Legon, Ghana
Address	-	Standard Chartered Bank, P.O. Box 16, Legon, Ghana
Account Name	-	University of Ghana External Funds Dollar Account
Account Number	-	8700226526400
Swift Code	-	SCBLGHAC

All participants are required to send a copy of the receipt detailing the appropriate fund transfer by email to [researchadmin@ug.edu.gh](mailto:researchadmin@ug.edu.gh) with a copy to [warimaoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:warimaoffice@yahoo.com).

A confirmation mail will be sent once the transfer of the appropriate registration fee is verified from the Bank. The original of the transfer receipt and the confirmation mail should be retained as proof of payment/ registration.

## Call for Abstracts/ Papers

Abstracts are invited from interested participants on any topic within the context of the conference theme or sub-themes. Abstracts should be submitted by Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Presenters will be notified of the acceptance of their abstracts and the appropriate session for presentation - the full papers should be submitted by October 30, 2009. Papers will be peer reviewed; only accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

### Guidelines

Abstracts must not exceed **300 WORDS** and must follow the following format:

1. Word processing should be with MS Word, Font size 12pts Times New Roman, 2.5cm margins all round, justified margins and double spaced.
2. Printing should be done on one side only.
3. The abstract should be submitted by email as an attachment to [researchadmin@ug.edu.gh](mailto:researchadmin@ug.edu.gh) with a copy to [warimaoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:warimaoffice@yahoo.com). This is mandatory as only abstracts received by email will be processed. An additional hard copy may be submitted to the conference secretariat.
4. All contact details (including cell phone, email, mailing address) should be provided to ensure that presenters can easily be reached.

### Deadline

Deadline for submission of abstracts is 1700 hrs GMT on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

Please take note that once your paper is accepted, the conference registration fee must be paid to facilitate the inclusion of your paper in the conference proceedings.

### Local Organizing Committee (Ghana)

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