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Dear reader,

Welcome to the final issue of the DAAD Newsletter for the year 2012.

Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter. Apart from our newsletters, we continue to inform our numerous followers and subscribers through our SMS Info service as well as our Facebook fan page. We of course welcome new friends to subscribe to our Facebook page by visiting www.facebook.com/daad.accra.gh and click on the 'Like' button. To subscribe to the SMS Info-service, just text **DAADACCRA** to short code 1945 on all networks. We hope that you will enjoy reading this newsletter.

We wish all our numerous subscribers and facebook fans a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Dr. (Mrs.) Heike Edelmann-Okinda
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Welcome to Germany



Land of Ideas

DAAD Alumni Workshop on 30.11—01.12.2012

The DAAD Information Center Accra hosted on the 30.11. and 01.12.2012 the Alumni Workshop on "Modernity and the Challenges for the Future: Research Findings of Ghanaian DAAD Alumni and Their Impact for Ghana" in Accra with 50 participants coming from academia, public service as



A: Group picture of participants—(Alumni workshop 30.11-01.12.2012)

well as from the private sector. Majority of the participants were DAAD alumni with the minority being Germany alumni who were in Germany on sponsorship from other organizations or were self-sponsored.

The key topics of the workshop were climate change and environmental knowledge / environmental behavior with two major contributions from DAAD alumni on '**Climate Change and Environmental Knowledge**' (Dr. Emmanuel Derbile, UDS) and on '**Environmental Attitudes, Values and Behaviour**' (Dr. Elaine T. Lawson, UG). These panel contributions were based to a greater part on their individual PhD research work in Germany. The participants discussed these topics with an emphasis on the way forward and steps to be taken.

It is a sign of the fruitful efforts of the DAAD's capacity building that all the participants are well established individuals and are experts in their various fields. Hence, together with the Germany trained and funded alumni, we are convinced that Germany is one of the best places to study!



B: A section of participants during the workshop (Alumni workshop 30.11-01.12.2012)

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Alumniportal Deutschland

www.alumniportal-deutschland.org

As a German trained alumnus/ alumna, you are welcome to join other German trained colleagues through this online community. Find jobs, follow-up on blogs, join subject related groups etc.

DAAD Symposium on Study and Research in Germany, 19.01.2013

The DAAD Information Center Accra will be organising a symposium in collaboration with the Goethe Institut and the Visa Section of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. This will provide students and interested participants detailed information on all issues concerning studying or doing research in Germany.

Topics will include international degree programmes taught in English language, DAAD scholarships, language proficiency and visa requirements.

All students, SSSCE and WASSCE holders, graduates and professionals are welcome.

Date: 19.01.2013

Venue: Goethe Institut (located next to NAFTI, East Cantonments, Accra)

Time: 10.00am—1.00pm

Entrance is free of charge!

DAAD re-invitation programme for former scholarship holders

This enables DAAD to maintain contacts with its former scholarship holders who had studied in Germany for at least one year. Former scholarship holders meeting these requirements can apply for re-invitation to Germany to complete a research or work project at a state higher education institution or non-university research institute.

The duration of the stay should be between one and three months.

The most important selection criterion is a convincing and well-planned research project to be completed during the stay in Germany.

The deadlines are 15th April for stays starting from October of the same year and 15th October for stays starting not earlier than May of the following year.

For further information, contact daadghana@yahoo.com

International Student Week in Ilmenau 2013 - ISWI 2013 - Apply now!

The "International Student Week in Ilmenau" is an International Student Conference organized by the University of Ilmenau. It is a conference for students from all over the world and has been held every two years since 1993. In 2013, the conference will be held from 31st May until 9th June, 2013.

ISWI 2013 will focus on the topic "Youth" following the motto "Moving Youth".

Application is open to interested Ghanaian students. Deadline for applying is 15th January, 2013. Applicants are selected on the basis of written essays. Successful applicants will have to pay travel and visa costs. Food (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and accommodation is paid by the University of Ilmenau.

For more information on the conference and the application process, visit www.iswi2013.org

Erasmus Mundus Masters programme in Material Science- MaMaSELF

MaMaSELF is a two year European Master program in Material Science. The Master Course is supported by the European Commission in the framework of the Erasmus Mundus programme.

Applicants from Sub-Saharan Africa can apply for Erasmus Mundus scholarships to pursue this programme. These scholarships are awarded to the best students on a competitive basis.

The scholarship covers your travel and living expenses and tuition in Europe for the full duration of the course.

Application deadline for admission for the Erasmus Mundus scholarship is 28th January, 2013. For further information on applying visit: <http://www.mamaself.eu/english/>

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RECHTSKULTUREN: 7 Postdoctoral fellowships for the 2013/14 academic year

RECHTSKULTUREN (which means legal cultures) is a Berlin-based postdoctoral research program which is designed to explore the law in new and innovative ways.

This program aims at re-contextualizing established understandings of law by transcending the scope of comparative legal studies and international law.

Applicants should be at the postdoctoral level and should have obtained their doctorate within the last five years from the time of application. Candidates from fields such as legal studies, sociology, political science, philosophy, history, anthropology, theology, and area studies, representing a broad range of diverse approaches to the law are invited to apply.

To apply, please make use of the web-based electronic application procedure that will be open for applications from **10th January 2013 to 24th January 2013** here: www.rechtskulturen.de

Two new initiatives to promote quality assurance in higher education in Africa.

The DAAD/UNESCO conference on 'Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Quality Assurance in West and Central Africa' held in Dakar, Senegal from 15th-17th November, 2012 gathered total of 110 participants from 27 African countries, 6 European countries and the United States of America. This conference led to two major recommendations. The recommendations are:

1. The creation of a regional coordination mechanism for Quality Assurance in higher education in Africa. It is facilitated by UNESCO in close collaboration with all stakeholders such as the African Union, African Development Bank, UEMOA, regional economic communities, CAMES, AAU, ADEA, AFRIQAN and African universities. It will primarily work hand in hand with countries to formulate long-term sustainable strategies for quality higher education and provide platforms for dialogue and sharing of experiences and information on quality assurance. DAAD will provide its technical support.
2. A new integrated partnership framework for capacity building on governance and quality assurance in higher education in Africa supported technically and

financially by African Union, UNESCO, DAAD and other partners such as African Development Bank, UEMOA and the Regional Economic Communities. The implementation of the capacity building will start in 2013.

New dynamics are transforming the landscape of higher education, which call for partnerships and concerted action at national, regional and international levels to assure the quality and sustainability of higher education systems. "We are delighted about these initiatives," says Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta, Director of UNESCO Dakar. "Such joint efforts will promote in-depth reforms of the Higher Education Sector so as to improve its quality and its competitiveness." she adds. The Minister of Higher Education of Senegal, Mary Tew Niane highlighted in her keynote speech the importance of assuring quality in African higher education institutions and fostering cooperation among quality assurance stakeholders. "The Ministry is striving to make quality assurance a reality in our higher education institutions," he said in his opening remarks.

The DAAD is involved in a similar initiative in Eastern Africa, through the Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies (DIES) programme. The participants to the meeting called for the replication of this programme in Western and Central Africa through exchange of experience and good case practices.

Source: Association for Development of Education in Africa.



We will continue to keep you posted on study and research opportunities in Germany. Stay in touch by liking our facebook page (www.facebook.com/daad.accra.gh) or subscribing to our free INFO-TEXT messaging by texting the word DAADACCRA to short code 1945 on all mobile networks in Ghana.

The DAAD Information Center in Accra would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and successful year 2013.



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Consultation Hours for individual consultation for applicants who already have admission to a German university or have the participatory Note from the Introductory Session:

Mondays 3.30pm-6.30pm at the DAAD's Consultation Room

Fridays 2.30pm-6.30pm at the DAAD's Consultation Room

Tuesdays 10am-12noon at the German Embassy

Dates for the Introductory Sessions in 2013 (First Thursday of every month):

7th February / 7th March / 4th April / 2nd May / 6th June / 4th July / 1st August / 5th September / 3rd October /

7th November / 5th December