Dear reader,

Welcome to the third edition of the year 2013. We are happy to announce to you our cherished reader that, DAAD individual scholarships and grants to Ghanaians increased from 281 in 2011 to 312 in 2012 (current statistics). Although quite competitive, it is certainly possible to apply and receive a DAAD scholarship or grant for various study or research programmes.

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. You may join us on facebook by visiting www.facebook.com/daad.accra.gh and click on the ‘Like Botton’. 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.

Felix Barnes
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DAAD at the upcoming ‘WACEE’ Exhibition and Conference, 2013

The West African Clean Energy and Environment (WACEE) Exhibition and Conference seeks to bring all stakeholders in the Energy sector within the sub-region under one umbrella. The first exhibition and conference which was held in November, 2012, provided an ideal platform for bringing together the knowledge and experience of international scientists and decision makers from industry and government.

The conference featured 200 participants, more than 50 business leaders and scientists providing input through participation in speech delivery and panel discussions. Many high level representatives from business, academics and politics took part in the conference.

This year, the 2nd edition of WACEE will have a broader focus on the economic fields that open up opportunities for the adoption of renewable energies. These will be on energy efficiency, electrical engineering, lighting and automation.

The DAAD Information Center Accra will be present throughout the fair informing about study and research opportunities in Germany. We will also make available a wide variety of information material to give away.

Join us at our stand! Entrance is free of charge.

Venue: Accra International Conference Center
Dates: 12th - 14th November, 2013
Time: 9am - 5pm daily
For further information about the exhibition and conference, visit: http://wacee.net
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Make use of the PhD database:
www.phdgermany.de

Learn more about Research-in-Germany
www.research-in-germany.de
Among other things, find out about Germany’s Research Landscape, funding opportunities for your research (mostly for doctoral and post doc research), research areas, news and events etc.

DAAD Scholarship
www.funding-guide.de
Search for DAAD funded programmes as well as scholarships from other German scholarship awarding Institutions.

DAAD Scholarship for Courses with Relevance to Developing Countries
Please visit www.daad.de/development and go to ‘Information for Students and Alumni’ - click on Postgraduate Information and then Postgraduate courses. Please note, applications are made one year prior to commencement of scholarship.

Alumniportal Deutschland
www.alumniportal-deutschland.org
As a Germany trained alumnus/ alumna, you are welcome to join other Germany trained colleagues through this online community. Find jobs, follow-up on Blogs, join subject related groups etc.

Research grant for doctoral candidates and young academics and scientists - New online application procedure (DAAD-MOVE portal)

The German Academic Exchange Service introduced a new application portal known as the DAAD-MOVE online application portal since 15th July, 2013. This portal will for now be used by applicants for DAAD research grants (short term grant i.e. 1-6 months and long term research grant i.e more than six months extendable up to a year).

To gain access to the application page, visit www.funding-guide.de and then enter your “Status” (in this case ‘Doctoral candidate’), your “Country of origin” and your “Subject” (subject area of research). Select ‘DAAD funding programmes only’. Click on refine your selection. Find and click on the link “Research Grants for Doctoral candidates and Young Academics and scientists”. Choose the appropriate research grant for your application.

For more information about applying for a DAAD research grant (short term or long term), kindly send an email enquiry to daadghana@yahoo.com

DAAD Science Tour 2014

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites scientists and administrators from universities and research institutions to apply for a tour that introduces cutting-edge research in the field of computer science in southwest Germany. The tour will cover a range of topics relating to Artificial Intelligence and Visual/Multimodal Computing with a special focus on interdisciplinary research. Applications may be submitted using our online form which can be found at www.research-in-germany.de/scientific-tour2014

The application deadline is 29th September, 2013. The Science tour is scheduled to take place from 19th to 25th January, 2014. Scientists and administrators with strong research background and an interest in international cooperation are encouraged to apply.

DAAD RISE 2014 programme

The RISE (Research Internships in Science and Engineering) programme of the DAAD offers an opportunity for German undergraduates to assist in research as interns with research groups from all over the world.

In this program, research groups, laboratories and doctoral students from all over the world can apply to host a motivated and well-qualified student from Germany as a research intern to assist with a proposed project. Students participating in this program come from the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences, engineering, medicine, or a closely related field, and will receive a DAAD scholarship to help cover living expenses and travel costs.

Researchers, research groups or PhD candidates with research interest in the above research field, you are invited to upload your project into the database here to make it possible for prospective German interns to apply: http://www.daad.de/riseweltweit/en/index.html. The database will open on October 7, 2013 and the deadline for entering your project is November 24, 2013. After that, the database is closed for the internship providers and the students can review the offers and apply for the projects.

Once DAAD has approved your offer, it will be posted in the intern database on our website. Each student applying for an internship may apply for up to three projects, between December 2, 2013 and January 12, 2014.

For further information, visit: www.daad.de/riseprograms
DAAD RISE 2013 intern at University of Ghana shares her experience

My Name is Hannah Wiese and I am taking part in the Rise-Worldwide Program from the DAAD. I arrived in Ghana on August 1st and my internship at the University of Ghana in Accra ends in the first week of October. I work at the Department of Soil Science of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Consumer Sciences but the project is related to Meteorology; developing a crop-insurance mainly for farmers in northern Ghana that is based on rainfall data and dry spell lengths. To get a basis of information for the insurance, I am analyzing daily rainfall data from 6 sites in northern Ghana.

Back home in Germany, I study Physics of the Earth and I am in my final year of the Bachelors degree at the University of Kiel in cooperation with the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research, Kiel. This Program includes subjects like Meteorology, Oceanography and Geophysics.

Till now, I am really enjoying my stay in Ghana! At the beginning, I needed some time to get used to everything. I think it was a very good decision to come to Ghana because the project I am working on is very interesting and I got the opportunity to experience a culture that is completely new to me. I will take home many new impressions and good memories of Ghana.

Post Oil City Exhibition @ Goethe Institut, Accra

The exhibition “Post-Oil City: The History of the City’s Future,” presents innovative projects in Asia, Africa, and America that address urgent questions: How will the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy affect the process of urban planning and the city? How will the use of renewable energies affect urban metabolism and the politics of sustainability and mobility?

All interested architects, planners, environmental managers and above all, anyone with an interest in city management and urban systems is invited to the Goethe Institut to come have a walk through the exhibits.

Date: Sept 10th - Oct 7th, 2013
Venue: Goethe Institut-Ghana (located next to NAFTI, East Cantonments, Accra).
Time: 9am - 8pm (on weekdays) and 9am-4pm (on weekends)

To arrange for a guided tour through the exhibits, kindly email rebecca.adamah@accra.goethe.org before the visit. For further information, also visit: http://www.goethe.de/ins/gh/acc/en11420082v.htm

Call for applications: Doctoral programme at the Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures and Societies

The Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures and Societies, funded by the Excellence Initiative of the German Federal and State Governments will admit up to fifteen PhD students to its doctoral programme beginning 1 October 2014. Up to ten of these candidates will receive full funding for three years, depending on satisfactory progress.

The deadline for submitting complete applications is 15 November 2013. For details on application processes, visit:


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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:

Opening hours:
Mondays 15:30–18:30h (Goethe Institut)
Tuesdays 10–12h (German Embassy)
Fridays 14:30–18:30h (Goethe Institut)

Dates for the Introductory Sessions in 2013:
3rd October / 7th November / 5th December

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