Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Establishment of the West African Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science.

(A) PREAMBLE

We the entire practitioners of Medical Laboratory Science in the West African sub-region as represented by our various country Associations are desirous of having very high level specialist personnel for rendering medical laboratory Services throughout the West African sub-region and beyond. This is necessary for strengthening preventive and curative health services in the West African community. In order to achieve this goal we have decided to establish a training Institution which shall be called West African Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science (WAPCMLS). This is therefore a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made by us to guide us into the realization of the WAPCMLS.

(B) Partners

The partners to this memorandum shall be all country Associations of Medical Laboratory Scientists or their equivalent in name, stature and responsibility throughout the West African subregion whose country is a member of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

(C) <u>Details of Understanding</u>

It is hereby agreed as follows:

(1) That all Associations of the member countries of ECOWAS are equal partners irrespective of their numerical strength.

- (2) That all Associations of the member countries shall put in their best to see not only to the successful take off of the West African Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science but its continued development, growth and sustenance.
- (3) That each partner shall nominate from its country competent and proper persons to be considered for foundation Fellowship of the College.
- (4) That the meeting of Partner Presidents (PP) shall approve the final list and consequently convocate foundation members of the College as Foundation Fellows (FF) of the West African Postgraduate College of Medical laboratory Science.
- (5) That the meeting of the Partner Presidents shall approve this memorandum of understanding.
- (6) That the meeting of Partner Presidents shall approve the constitution of the College.
- (7) That the meeting of Partner Presidents shall liaise with ECOWAS Commission for recognition and support.

- (8) That the meeting of Partner Presidents shall ensure the integration of the College into the West African Health Organization (WAHO).
- (9) That the partners shall collectively seek financial or other forms of support for the College from ECOWAS Commission and other relevant development agencies.
- (10) That the partners to this understanding shall ensure that their member countries give accreditation to the College using each country's statutory regulatory agencies.
- (11) That the partners shall solicit funds, logistics and any other support that will ensure a good take off and subsequent running of the College from international and national agencies, non government organization, multilateral organization, etc., etc.
- (12) That this partnership is in furtherance of the ECOWAS ideals of integrating ECOWAS community and this ideal must always be central to the activities of the College.
- (13) Cross cultural activities including cross language proficiency must be central in the training activities of the College.
- (14) Member countries of ECOWAS not a partner at the inception of this MOU shall be free to join at any time

after which such partner shall be an equal partner like any other.

(D) Date of Effect

This memorandum of understanding shall come into effect on the date of endorsement and shall remain in force until the partners agree to terminate the memorandum.

(E) Modification

The MOU may be amended by mutual consent through an adoption of the elements of amended as may be approved at the partners meeting.

(F) Signature

Signed, on this 30th day of August, 2013

Name of Association's President

Country

Signature

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