



**Institute for Biblical
Scholarship in Africa**
(IBSA-West Africa)

2022 Newsletter

About Association

The Institute for Biblical Scholarship in Africa (IBSA) – West Africa is a branch of IBSA-Africa and The Society of New Testament Studies (SNTS) - Africa Liaison Committee(ALC). SNTS is an international society of New Testament scholars founded in 1938 ‘for the furtherance of New Testament studies internationally’. ALC is an International initiative of SNTS. IBSA-West Africa was launched on July 10, 2021 by Prof. Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole (Chair- SNTS-ALC) during an online meeting.

Vision – To correct understanding of Scriptures based on critical studies

Mission – To promote biblical scholarship for peaceful interactions

Aim – Serving critically & peacefully people associated with the Biblical faith

Purpose – Coordinating scholarly activities pertaining to the mission

Objectives

- 1)Methodologically sound study of the Scripture in original or translated texts.
- 2)Learning and teaching biblical original languages or any of the translation languages.
- 3)Publishing locally and globally items that reflect the mission statement of the Institute.

Units and Officers

IBSA - West Africa operates with three Study Units and one Executive Committee. The Study units include New Testament Studies, Old Testament Studies and Scripture Translation Studies. The office of IBSA -West Africa is housed in Ghana. The Executive Committee comprises of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Vice Secretary-General and Treasurer.

Executive Committee



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Kwamena Ekem**
(President)



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Membership Dues

During the first online meeting held in July 2021, members agreed on the following membership dues. USD\$30 for Full members and USD\$15 for Associate members. An online payment system has been created to facilitate payments.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that there would be Two (2) meetings in a year. First meeting - first saturday in June; second meeting - first saturday in December. The next meeting of the Institute is scheduled for Saturday 4th June, 2022. This would be held online. There would be a scientific section. A Call for Abstract presentations would be advertised by the end of March 2022.

A Word from the President

I wish all members a Happy New Year. I pray 2022 will bring good tidings and greater prospects for IBSA-West Africa so that in the second meeting in December 2022, we can all converge and have a face-to-face meeting as with God all things are possible. I urge all members to pray for one another, for Africa and the rest of the world especially in the light of this challenging Covid-19 which continues to pose real problems not only for Africa but for the rest of the world.

I also urge all members to continue with their scholarship, study hard and make sure that they are always on top of their subject-matter. I encourage the younger scholars to learn so they will march up to the standards expected of them from other regions of the world in their pursuit to come on board as members of Society of New Testament Studies (SNTS). Thank You.



Prof. John D. Kwamena Ekem
(President,
IBSA-West Africa,
SNTS Member)

A Word from the Chair- SNTS, African Liason Committee

Greetings to all members. This year I encourage all members to work hard to make themselves known both locally and internationally. It can be a very daunting task, but when they do, it will make it easier for them to join the Society of New Testament Studies (SNTS).

Secondly, I encourage members to be very specific in their research titles for papers and books. Members should avoid repetitions in the titles and headings of their research publications. I wish you all a fruitful year. Thank You.



Prof. Jean-Claude Loba Mkole
(Chair, SNTS-ALC)

Members Publications Catalogue

We are currently putting together a catalogue of member publication published between 2021 - 2022. This is aimed at promoting current works of members in the field. These include research articles, books, book chapters, conference presentations etc.

Please take note of the following conditions on submitted publications:-

- They must be focused on Biblical Studies and Scripture Translation Studies.
- They should have been published between 2021 - 2022.
- They should be works of registered members.

These works would be shared with members by mail and on our WhatsApp Group platform so other scholars can read and cite them where appropriate.

Please send such works to the PRO by mail - admin@ibsafrica.org

Accredited Journals

There has been additions to the list of accredited journals members can publish in.

These are:

- Trinity Journal of Church and Theology, Trinity Theological Seminary, Legon
- The Ghana Journal of Religion and Theology, University of Ghana
<https://journals.ug.edu.gh/index.php/gjrt/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>
- Journal of African Christian Thought, Akrofi-Christaller Institute
- Oguaa Journal of Religion and Human Value, University of Cape Coast
<https://journal.ucc.edu.gh/index.php/ojorhv/index>
- Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- Ilorin Journal of Religious Studies, University of Ilorin, Nigeria
<https://ijourels.org.ng/index.php/ijourels/issue/view/22>
- The Sierra Leone Bulletin of Theology, Fourah Bay College
- Sierra Leone Bulletin of Theology, University of Sierra-Leone
- West Africa Association of Theological Institutions Journal, West Africa
- E-Journal of Religious and Theological Studies (ERATS)
<https://noyam.org/journals/erats/>
- Journal of Mother-Tongue Biblical Hermeneutics and Theology (MOBIT)
<https://noyam.org/journals/motbit/>
- Orisa Journals
- Ogbomoso Journal of Theology, Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary
- Valley View Journal of Theology, Valley View University

As a growing institution, we are open to suggestions from members.

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