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## The World Association for Academic Doctors' – 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Academic Conference



The World Association for Academic Doctors, founder and President, Dr. Henrietta Okoro, and South University of Tampa, Florida, sponsored the 3rd Global Conference, June 27-30, 2019. The conference theme, “*Connecting Continents for Socio-Economic Development Through Research*,” attracted researchers and scholars from Brazil, Uganda, Liberia, Nigeria, and multiple states within the United States of America.

Researchers worldwide presented complex issues and strategies through data-driven results of agriculture, cybersecurity, education, health and medicine, and social issues. President James McCoy from South University opened the conference with the opening remarks, followed by Dr. Vianna and Dr. Young with introductions and a welcome address. The opening address was followed by the founding leader, Dr. Okoro who spoke about global challenges, which included security, poverty, hunger, and water.

Dr. Ryan Holmes, the guest speaker and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Miami, presented a dynamic discussion on the global trends of the future of education. He challenged researchers and attendees to consider the concept of “othering,” which entails making superficial assumptions about people and cultures without a thorough understanding of the context. Next, guest speaker, Dr. Tincie Lynch spoke passionately of research regarding women and military leadership roles and service to their countries. Dr.

Lynch shared of her extended role of nurturing military women about their future benefits as veterans. Finally, Dr. Chanel Suggs, the Keynote speaker and Duchess of Cybersecurity, presented the hacking paradigm, educational

Challenges and how to leverage organizations’ cybersecurity. She illustrated how hacking into business, governments, and individuals’ personal information could be through a demonstration video. Dr. Okoro followed up with Dr. Suggs’ cybersecurity presentation by sharing the complexities of mitigating Advanced Persistent Threats (APT) through vulnerability assessments and policy restructure.

The emergent topics that permeated day one was:



1. Cybersecurity, policy restructure, and mitigating strategies
2. National animal genetics based in Uganda
3. Critical thinking, morality, and screen times
4. A multi-stakeholder approach to sleeping sickness in Uganda
5. Women Literacy and Illiteracy in Igboo-Ora, Nigeria
6. Socio-demographics characteristics of Cervical Cancer Screening

Day two began with Keynote Speaker, Dr. Carlos Aquino, and panelists Dr. Pamela Allen and Dr. Tomi Wahlstrom from Finland. They highlighted the need for competencies in Learning Management Systems (LMS) for professionals to stay marketable in today's digital technology. Following the Keynote speaker and two panelists, a presentation was given on artificial intelligence that connected to the LMS with discussion on the impact of artificial intelligence in the educational arena.

The final topics that pervaded day two presentations were the following:

1. Police Brutality and its impact on minorities,
2. Diabetes and the morality rate affecting Africans
3. The Impact of Storytelling (to increase student involvement)
4. Minimizing Research Biases in Market Research (highlights of diverse biases)

Finally, WAAD founder and CEO, Dr. Okoro, returned to the podium to wrap up the presentations and to impart an overview on the success stories of WAAD in the previous years, future goals and initiatives with WAAD, and WAAD's impact on the global community. The attendees from 16 North American States, 32 University affiliates, and 11 countries pledged to continue to advance scholarship through innovative research practices to obtain world peace.

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