

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)

NIMR-Institutional Review Board remained a pacesetter and in the forefront of providing support to research in the country and to other individuals and institutions internationally. The Secretariat coordinates the activities of the Board as well as ensuring timely processing and approval of submitted protocols.

Meetings

NIMR-IRB held a total of three meetings between 11th March 2019 and 5th September 2019.

Research Protocols Received and Approved in 2019

A total of sixty (60) proposals were received by NIMR-IRB in the year 2019. The research protocols reviewed and approved within the set turnaround time of six (6) weeks were of five categories;

- NIMR Staff Protocols: (33)
- Non NIMR Staff (individuals) protocols: (25)
- NGO/CSO and multinational organizations protocols: (2)
- Students from various universities

and polytechnics: (12)

Collaborations

The Board collaborated with the following organizations and bodies:

- New HIV and Microbicides Advocacy Society (NHVMAS)
- Brown University
- West African Bioethics Training Programme (WABTP)
- National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC)
- Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Ebutte-Metta

Challenges

- Undue delay of protocol reviews
- Poor knowledge of researchers on good research and ethics practices

Way Forward

- Automation of the IRB process
- Organize more training on research ethics

Work Plan

- Capacity building of members and researchers
- Computerization of administrative/secretariat procedures
- Increase awareness on ethics of good research practice

Members of NIMR-Institutional Review Board

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