



# OPEN ACCESS WEEK KENYAN CHAPTER

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# Medical Students' Association of Kenya - MSAKE

- It is an independent non-political organization for medical students.
- It was created for the purpose of enhancing health advocacy and expanding the Kenyan medical student's academic and career opportunities
- This is by improving collaboration between the students both locally and internationally

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- One of MSAKE's goals:
  - “Promoting medical education through organizing training workshops and publishing scientific articles”

Open access is one of the avenues through which we will be able to fulfill our mandate of promoting medical education.

# What we intend to do this year for OA week

- ▶ 1. Organize a 1 day training sessions for medical students on the role they can play in advocating for open access
- ▶ 2. Create a “MSAKE Open Access” facebook page on the planned OAW activities, invite members, manage discussions on OA, post links on OA events and share online resources.
  - This group will remain active even after the OAW 2012

## Planned activities cont.

- 3. We intend to put banners for the whole duration of OA week in 2 locations
  - At the entrance of School of Medicine- Kenyatta
  - College of health sciences- Chiromo
  - There will be posters that publicize OA around the two locations

# OAW activities

- 4. we plan to have a tent at the above two locations where we will have students giving information on open access to fellow students
  - At the tent we will also have mini-quiz session on open access

# OAW activities

- Students who answer correctly will be given
  - Key holders
  - Wrist bands
  - Pens and notebooksWith open access logos

5. We intend to also hand out flyers

# On the long term

- One of the long term projects is to come up with an open access journal for medical students
  - The OA journal is being worked on and by December, the infrastructure will have been completed
  - We plan to have the first edition by June 2013



# Where are we currently?

- In August
  - The University management board had a workshop that was aimed at sensitizing them on open access and having an institutional repository.
  - The workshop was organized by the university library department in conjunction with EIFL.
- They are currently working on getting a policy on open access

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