# **Post-Conference Report**



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## **<u>1.0 Pre-Conference Preparations and Awareness/Publicity</u>**

The publicity for the conference began well in advance via its website, emails to SEGH members and through Professional/Scientific platforms and fora in the Regions (Fig. 1). The conference website (hosted on the SEGH website) was set up in September 2023, calls for Registration and Abstract submission commenced immediately. Decisions on Abstracts, Plenary and Keynote Speakers was from January - April, 2024. The Draft Conference Programme and Schedule of Presentation were released in May, 2024 and the Final Schedule was released in June, 2024 (c/f https://segh.net/segh-2024-1).

## 2.0 Sponsorship

A sponsorship of USD10,000 was secured from the IUGS to support Students', ECRs and LMIC attendees Registration and Travel for the conference. Other local sponsorships were also secured for the conference.

## 3.0 Conference Programme

## 3.1 Pre-Conference Writing Workshop

The writing workshop was targeted at researchers at postgraduate levels (MSc. and PhD), ECRs and other interested academics.

Sessions covered during the workshop were:

1. *Essence of Academic/Scientific writing -* Facilitator: Prof. Akinade Olatunji (Immediate Past President, SEGH)

2. *The Structuring of a scientific manuscript: What the Editors are looking for -* Facilitator: Dr. Michael Watts (Editor-in-Chief, Environmental Geochemistry and Health)

3. *Ethical issues in publishing of Scientific papers* - Facilitator: Prof. Ariadne Argyraki (President, SEGH)

4. Appropriate Medium of Scientific Communication: Caution against Predatory Publication Preferences - Facilitator: Prof. Moshood Tijani (Former Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Mining and Geology).

5. Interactive Session and Participants' Experience sharing - Dr. Jerry Olajide-Kayode (Secretary, SEGH)

The Workshop was attended 65 participants.

## 3.2 Ice Breaker/Welcome Cocktail

An Ice breaker event was held in the evening of Monday, 1 July 2024. The occasion provided opportunity for participants to meet and introduce themselves in non-formal setting preparatory to the Conference activities. It also provided participants opportunities to unwind and relax from their travelling from various places to the conference city.

The Ice breaker was attended by 72 participants.

## 3.3 Conference Opening Ceremony, Plenary Talks and Keynote Address

The Ceremony was held on Tuesday 2 July 2024 and preceded by presentation of the first Plenary Talk on *"Addressing impact of Unregulated Mining on the quality livelihood of Rural Communities"* by Dr. Joy Agene (Task Team Leader, ACReSAL World Bank Project, Nigeria).

The Opening Ceremony was attended by stakeholders from the Academia, Industry and Government Bureaucracy. The Keynote Address titled *"Linkage between human wellness and the quality of the Environment"* was delivered by Dr. Mary Ogbe (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Solid Minerals Development) during the Opening Ceremony. The Opening Ceremony ended with a group photograph taken by all present.

The second Plenary Talk - "Strategic plan for Coastal Environment Sustainability in Nigeria" was delivered on Wednesday, 3 July 2024 by Prof. Olugbenga Ehinola (Aret Adams Professorial Chair in Geological Sciences, University of Ibadan).

## 3.4 Technical Sessions

45 oral technical papers were scheduled for presentation while there were 5 poster presentations across the conference themes. 42 of the 45 total papers were presented (i.e. 93%). A picture highlight of presentations during the conference is presented in Fig. 7.

The papers were spread into 5 Technical Sessions chaired by Prof. Mary Odukoya and Dr. Faith Onyangore (Session 1), Prof. Victor Ukaegbu and Dr. Jerry Olajide-Kayode (Session 2), Prof. Akinade Olatunji and Dr. Chinenye Onyeabor (Session 3), Prof. Kiri Jaryum and Dr. Joyce Ramadan (Session 4), and Prof. Olugbenga Okunlola and Dr. Temitope Laniyan (Session 5).

## 3.4.1 ECR Presentation Award

Customarily, the presentations by ECRs were assessed to determine the best three who will win the Springer Book Vouchers. The winners for the 2024 Conference are:

Position	Name	Presentation Title	Affiliation	
$1^{st}$	Augustine Umarein	Characterization of four Nigerian	Univ. of Strathclyde,	
		clays using X-Ray and	Scotland	
		microscopic techniques and their		
		application in removal of		
		chromium and lead from water		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daniel Enenche	In search of a consensus method	Univ. of Strathclyde,	
		for the isolation of microplastics	s Scotland	
		from freshwater sediments		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chinenye Onyeabor	The environmental geochemistry	Enugu State Univ. of Sci. &	
		of pit lakes in Enyigba and	Tech., Nigeria	
		environs, Abakaliki mine district,		
		Southeastern Nigeria		

### **Table 1: ECR Presentation Winners**



Fig. 1: Specimen of the Conference Poster and Banner



Fig. 2: Welcome address by the Conference Chair - Prof. Akinade Olatunji (Immediate Past President, SEGH)



Fig. 3: Keynote Speaker - Dr. Mary Ogbe (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Solid Minerals Development) making her presentation



Fig. 4: Plenary Speakers - Dr. Joy Agene (World Bank ACReSAL Project, Nigeria) and Prof. Olugbenga Ehinola (Aret Adams Professorial Chair for Geological Sciences, University of Ibadan)



Fig. 5: Group photograph taken at the end of the Opening Ceremony



Fig. 6: Pictures from the Scientific/Academic Writing Workshop



Fig. 7: Paper presenters at the conference



Fig. 8: Poster Sessions



Fig. 9: Cross section of participants at the conference

## 4.0 Participant List

A total of 120 participants attended the conference. This included 20 ECRs, 34 LMIC professionals, 15 foreign participants (from Kenya, the UK, Greece and China) and 5 invited guests. Local and foreign student participants were 56.

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## 5.0 SEGH 2025 Promotion

Promotional slides for SEGH 2025 Conference, sent in by Dr. Daniel Middleton (Conference Chair), were presented during the conference. This piqued the interest of participants as they asked several questions and showed interest in attending.

## 6.0 Post-Conference field trip

The field trip was to lithium mining and processing mines in *Angwan Doka* area of Nasarrawa State (about 95 km from Abuja). Being artisanal mines, the impact of the mining activities on the health of miners, the general populace and on the environment were evaluated.

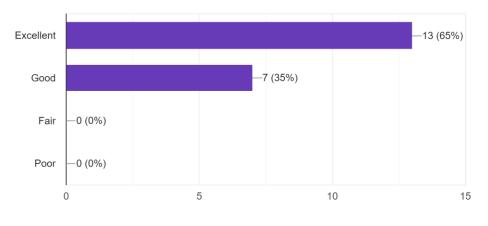


Fig. 10: Conference participants at lithium mining and processing mines in *Angwan Doka*, Nasarrawa State, Nigeria

### 7.0 Post-Conference Survey

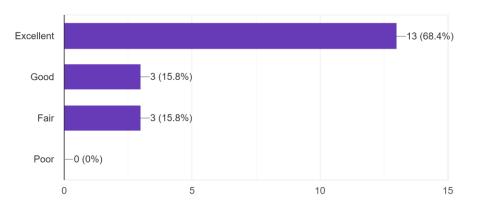
As of 15 August 2024, the responses received to the Post-Conference survey are summarized below:

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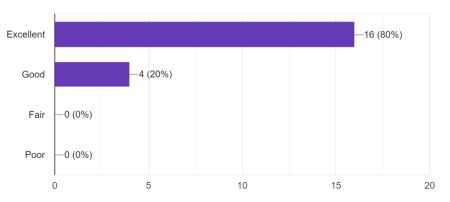


### Responses to queries about the Conference.

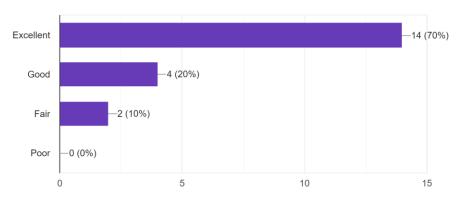
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## How did you find the Conference City/Venue? 20 responses

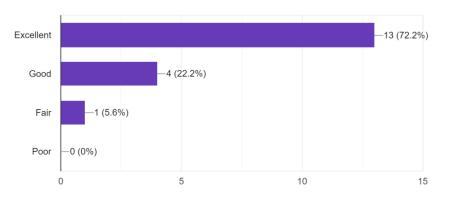


## Rate the Pre-conference Writing Workshop. 20 responses

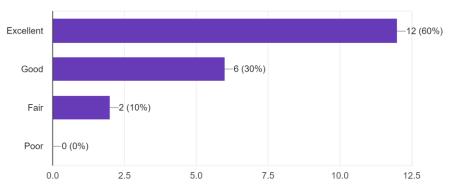


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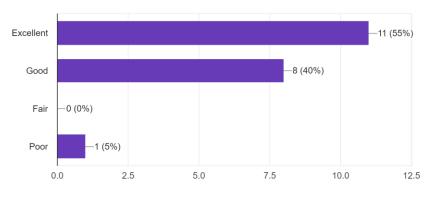
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#### How would you rate the Plenary Talks? 20 responses

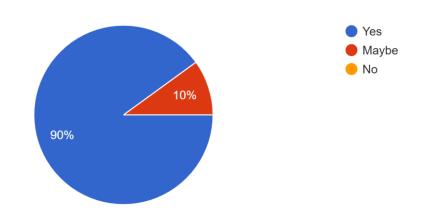


Quality of scientific papers presented? 20 responses

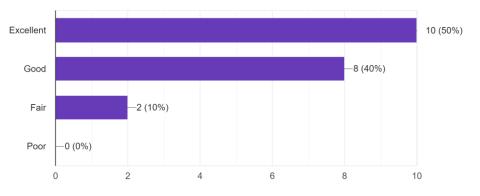


## Were the papers presented relevant to current trends?

20 responses



Timeliness of the Technical Sessions. 20 responses



### Overall experience of ECRs about the conference were:

Highly informative	
Very Informative	

It was amazing but it's difficult to register as SEGH Member

Satisfatory

Good

The conference was enlightening and career rewarding. The presentations gave me insight into advances in Environmental geochemistry and health. The field trip exposed me to the activities of small scale mining of lepidolite and other lithium hosting rocks in Nigeria. The cocktail, tea breaks as well as the field trip provided a great opportunity to fraternize and cross fertilize ideas with colleagues and senior colleagues in the association.

I really learnt a lot, I am not really gone far in research so the program boosted me to go further making research is like learning new things and that's what am doing now, am really grateful to have an opportunity as this and I look forward for more Good

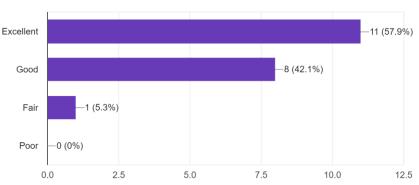
Continuous growth and resilience in research and publishing procedure. Working with teams and maintaining a good mentor mentees relationship with senior colleagues in the field.

It was awesome, I learnt a lot and I'm applying it to my works

It was really educative and inspiring. It gave me opportunity for conversations and collaborations that will help my career growth and societal impacts too

Great and enriching Great knowledge

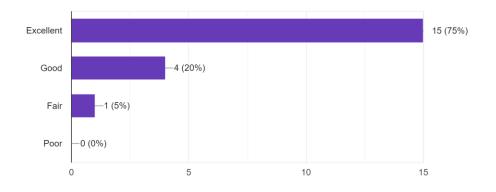
I was challenged to explore other areas related to environmental Geochemistry and Health



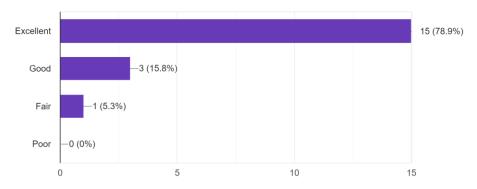
#### Timeliness of the Tea breaks? 19 responses

### Rate the quality of the Tea Breaks.

#### 20 responses

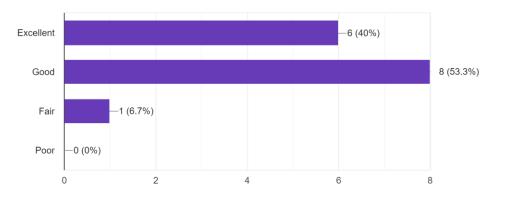


#### How do you rate the Lunch served? 19 responses



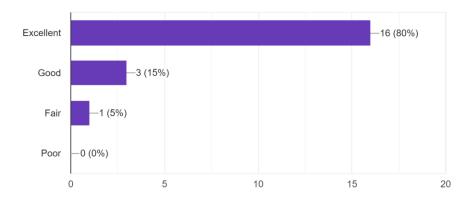
## How was the Field Trip?

15 responses



## Overall rating of the Conference?

20 responses



On ways that future conferences can be improved, the participants' responses were:

Remediation plans for polluted sites
Work shop
Simplicity of becoming SEGH Member
Exhibition stand for solid minerals and precious Stones
I would like the future conference to include themes such as Advances in
Remediation technique for polluted soil and water.
Better field trip experience.
Nothing for now
Geochemical work bench
Common diseases in relation to the geologic environment
The hygiene of rural areas in Nigeria and Africa at large.
Land restoration

All the conference pictures can be viewed on the Link below"

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