



## UniPort Commences Library Science Programme

A total of 89 candidates have been offered provisional admission into the emergent Department of Library and Information Science in the Faculty of Education. The Department is currently domiciled at the Donald Ekong Library Complex to enable students benefit from the rich resources available there, reports *Otikor Samuel*.

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125 patients benefitted from free cataract surgery jointly organised by the Eye Clinic, UPTH and US-based SEE, last week. Details next week ~Editor



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## IPS Inducts Batch 12, As V-C Pledges Quality Manpower Training

By Humphrey Ogu

For the 12<sup>th</sup> year running, the Institute of Petroleum Studies has kept faith with its unbroken tradition of graduating more students for the petroleum industry within the stipulated 12-month timeframe.

The latest batch of 23 Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering and Project Development and 19 Diploma of Petroleum Technology graduates were inducted last Thursday in an impressive ceremony that attracted heavyweights in the hydrocarbon industry and dignitaries from all walks of life.

The new Petroleum Engineers were certified fit to join the industry, having undergone a rigorous 12-month academic programme that took them from the classroom to strenuous field trips, and finally considered to have

satisfied the stringent requirements of the Institute and the IFP School in Paris, France for the award of the certificates. Welcoming guests to the Anniversary Ceremony, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, noted that the Institute of Petroleum Studies has finally come of age and had continued to expand to areas of research that were not initially envisioned at the inception of the programme in 2003. "The Institute has become a flagship centre of excellence in the University and the country at large. Other universities and Centres now rightly look up to IPS as an operational model to be copied. We are proud to note that the pioneer set of IPS students occupies very sensitive positions in the critical hydrocarbon industry in various parts of the world.

"The feedback we are getting indicates that graduates of the Institute are not

just confident and competent on oil rigs around the world; they are also very innovative and creative on their various duty schedules. As we induct the twelfth batch of 23 Master of Science (MSc) Degree graduates in Petroleum Engineering and Product Development and the seventh batch of 19 graduates into the Postgraduate Diploma in Petroleum Technology (PGPT) today, the joint partners have every reason to look back with some measure of pride and self-satisfaction at what has been achieved through sheer determination to internationalise the training of Petroleum Engineers right here at home," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor, who also represented the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Engineer Gesi Asamaoewi at the induction ceremony,

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**H**ow to apply enhanced techniques for malaria diagnosis and treatment formed the main thrust of the latest in the Seminar Series organized by the Centre for Malaria Research and Phytomedicine for the month of October. The event took place at the Centre's office at the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences building on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

The Seminar, which had the theme, *Malaria Diagnosis—Do you know Enough?*, had a researcher with the Africa Health Policy Network, London, Yvonne Obike, as Guest Speaker.

In her incisive presentation, Miss Obike who explained the process of malaria transmission, identified Clinical Diagnosis, Microscopy and Rapid Diagnostic Test as methods of malaria diagnosis that are commonly used by medical personnel. She, however, disclosed that "the Loop-Mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP) is the most current method of diagnosing the disease with numerous advantages over previously identified methods. Compared to other techniques of malaria diagnosis, the LAMP technique has proven to be more advantageous," adding that apart from its use in effective malaria diagnosis, it could also be applied to DNA extraction. In their contributions, former Dean of the Faculty

## Stakeholders Brainstorm On Effective Malaria Diagnosis At CMRAP Monthly Seminar

By Obinna Nwodin

of Basic Medical Sciences, Professor Datonye Dapper, and Visiting Scholar, Professor Vincent Idem, stressed the need to focus attention on the advantages of the current technique in the context of the Nigerian environment.

In his speech, Director of the Centre, Professor Chijioke Nwauche, disclosed that "the aim of the Seminar Series was to increase capacity for research in malaria at the Centre by focusing on a

wide range of areas covered by the scourge that is responsible for most hospital attendance in Nigeria. The presentation is aimed at taking participants through the basic rudiments of malaria diagnosis with a view to highlighting current developments in the management of the disease."

The Director further disclosed that the Centre would host an international conference on malaria in 2016, which would provide participants a veritable platform to exchange ideas on latest developments on malaria research.



Director, CMRAP, Prof Nwauche (arrowed) flanked by Guest Speaker, Miss Obike (left) and other stakeholders after the seminar

## Rivers Police Boss Reads Riot Act To Criminal Elements Around UniPort, Environs

By Williams Wodi

**W**orried by the incessant security threats in the University of Port Harcourt and its environs, the Rivers State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Musa Kimo, has promised to beef up security in the area to protect lives and property. Mr. Kimo, who assumed duty as the 35<sup>th</sup> Police Commissioner in the State, warned all criminal elements operating in and around the University to stay clear of the area in their own interest, explaining that his Command has perfected plans to frontally take them, especially in the period leading up to Christmas and New Year.

"I am aware of the serious security challenges faced by staff and students of the University in recent times and I want to assure you that my Command is right on top of the situation. I believe that we can do more than we are doing at the moment to secure the University and its environs, but as you may be aware, we are seriously hampered by shortage of personnel and other vital operational and logistic difficulties," Mr. Kimo said, adding that efforts were being made to overcome the shortcomings to put criminals on the back pedal.

"It is true that we are charged by law to protect lives and property, but we are not magicians. We work with

intelligence and cooperation from members of the public to succeed in our job of enforcing law and order. We are, however, determined to stamp out incidents of kidnapping from the University and its environs to enable you concentrate on your statutory mandate. We are also battling hard to reduce the crime rate in other parts of Rivers State. Let me appeal to you to promptly contact us whenever there are security breaches in the University, because it would be practically impossible for the Police to be everywhere to monitor criminal activities at the same time," the Commissioner said, advising staff and students of the University to be very security conscious to complement the efforts of his men.

Earlier in his remarks, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Professor Ndowa Lale, expressed gratitude to the Police for the difficult job they do on daily basis to safeguard lives and property, describing Rivers State as a very difficult place to police. "Your superiors know how turbulent Rivers State can be before they deployed you here on a rescue mission. What that tells us is that you must be a very competent Police Officer for them to bring you here to calm the situation and we don't think you have disappointed them so far. We wish to commend the Police for their proactive disposition in the rescue of

our staff that were recently kidnapped by criminal elements and we are here to appeal for more support to flush them out of our environment to enable us concentrate on our core mandate of teaching, research and public service," the Vice-Chancellor told the Commissioner.

Identifying Emohua, Rumuekini and the Aluu-Airport axis as hotbeds of criminality around the University, Professor Lale appealed to the Police boss to urgently deploy personnel to the Divisional Police Headquarters that was completed by the University to check crime in the area. "The criminals operate freely in our midst and they know us by name; they know where our offices and residences are, including the number of children we have. The Aluu-Airport axis has recently become a very dangerous route to ply and I can tell you that our staff and students are getting increasingly scared to venture out of the Campus. We, therefore, crave the support of the Force to contain the situation and our appeal is that you promptly deploy personnel to the location to act as a buffer force against criminal elements who currently hold sway in our neighbourhood," the Vice-Chancellor pleaded with the Police helmsman. The Vice-Chancellor was accompanied on the visit by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Anthony Ibe, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Igbo Joe, Acting Registrar, Mrs. Bridget Nzimiro, University Librarian, Dr. Obiageli Nwodo, Chief Security Officer, Lt. Col Reginald Isiguzo (rtd) and Special Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Kingsley Wogwu.



V-C, Prof Lale (centre) flanked by R/S CP, Kimo, DV-C, (Admin), Prof Ibe, Ag Registrar, Mrs. Nzimiro, CSO, Lt Col. Isiguzo (right), Odesanya, DV-C (Acad), Prof Joe, Univ Librarian, Dr. Nwodo, Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ahmed Mohammad (left) and others (behind)

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Conducting a *UniPort Weekly* Correspondent in an inspection tour of facilities for the new

Department, last Tuesday, Acting Head of Department, Dr. Henrietta Otokunefor and University Librarian, Dr. Obiageli Nwodo, disclosed that 15 teaching staff, including some on Adjunct appointment, have been deployed to teach in the new Department which commenced academic activities in the 2015/16 session.

"We have two Senior Lecturers, three Lecturers I, five Lecturers II and five Adjunct Lecturers on ground to teach in the new Department. The new intakes have already started their registration processes and we will commence lectures soon in line with the new academic calendar of the University. You can see that our Computer Laboratory is equipped with over 40 computers with access to the Internet for training of students on e-library resources. We have secured two 80-seater capacity classrooms, a Lecture Theatre, a Departmental Library, office spaces for the Head of Department and other Lecturers, a General Office and Server Room that would provide uninterrupted access to

the Internet. All the facilities are currently located at the Library, pending when we shall have our own Departmental building," the Acting HoD further disclosed to our Correspondent.

She expressed optimism that her request for the deployment of non-teaching staff would receive urgent attention to provide necessary administrative and technical assistance for the smooth take-off of the Department.

Dr. Otokunefor praised the University Librarian, Dr. Nwodo for facilitating the process of securing facilities in the Library Complex to ensure smooth take-off of the new Department following approval of the programme by Senate of the University.

With every necessary arrangement in place, Dr. Otokunefor expressed optimism that the Department would sail through the stringent requirements specified by the National Universities Commission (NUC) for the accreditation of the new Library Studies programme in the University.



Mrs. Nziro, Ag. Registrar

## NAAT Visits V-C, Tables Requests

By Mercy Adeniji, Rukky Orlu-Makele and Marvellous Abel

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, has reiterated Management's continued support for the University of Port Harcourt Branch of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT). Professor Lale, who gave the assurance when he received a delegation of the Association on a courtesy call last Monday, commended NAAT for showing loyalty and support to his administration, expressing gratitude to the Association on behalf of Management for its continued contributions to the development of the University. "I want to thank your Association for the privilege of

working with you and it is my hope that together, we would take the University to greater heights. We hope that things would improve for the better so that all stakeholders in the system can feel the full impact of my administration," he told the delegation.

Speaking on the issues tabled before him by the Association, Professor Lale said: "All the Association's demands would depend on availability of funding and every section of the University is going through its own hard times right now, but we promise to look into the genuine demands of NAAT and ensure that they are addressed within our funding limits. We also hope that all we have deliberated upon would be passed on to the other members of the Association," he told the delegations.



V-C, Prof Lale (5<sup>th</sup> left, seated) flanked by Principal Officers, Chairman, NAAT, Mr. Ogbegbe (1<sup>st</sup> right), some EXCO members and Senior officers of the University

Earlier in his solidarity address, Chairman of the Association, Mr. Ambrose Ogbegbe, who congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment said, "We are here to pledge our loyalty and unalloyed support to your administration and also to introduce the Executive Committee members of NAAT to you. We wish to use this opportunity to share some of the peculiar problems that beset the Association with you."

Mr. Ogbegbe, who described NAAT as an important stakeholder in the University education, said: "We in NAAT shall not relent in our stand of consultation and not confrontation, as well as collective bargaining hence we shall continue to maintain industrial harmony in our institution."

He enumerated poor conditions of the laboratories, usurpation of the body's professional functions, establishment of a co-operative society for the Association, TETFund/capacity building programmes, implementation of CONTISS 14/15 implementation for its members, allocation of land for NAAT Secretariat, implementation of the Federal Government of Nigeria-NAAT 2009 Agreement, Employment of more technologists to cope with the demands of practical classes, provision of protective wears, implementation of Sabbatical Leave for NAAT members and plagiarism as some of the problems facing the Association.

Other members of the Executive that accompanied the Chairman on the courtesy call included the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Patricia Ijente, Secretary, Mr. Thomson Oko, Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Selepiri Horsfall, Financial Secretary, Michael Anyeloye, Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Onoja, Public Relations Officer, Mr. Kingsley Wordu and an Ex-Officio Member, Mr. Benjamin Ordu.

Following the just-concluded Centenary Church Music Conference convened by the Department of Music in the Faculty of Humanities, the Nigerian Association of Church Music Scholars and Practitioners has been formally inaugurated to give direction to the new body and sensitize the public on the importance of Church Music.

Making the disclosure in an interview with a *UniPort Weekly* Correspondent on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, Head of Department of Music, Professor Onyee Nwankpa, noted that the Association would ensure the sustenance of Church Music and establish standards that would guide its professional practice in the country. The new body also seeks to check quackery and adulteration in the business and offer adequate training in Church Music. The new body is also expected to offer practitioners opportunity to develop programmes on the concept and practice of music and the survival of sound Church Music practice through the generation and development of children's choirs and orchestras.

Evaluating the benefits of the Conference, Professor Nwankpa stressed the need for change in the quality of texts and lyrics of Church music to ensure they have theological meaning that would enrich the spirit. "There is need to create a difference between Church Music and music played in the Church. There should be sanity in real Church Music, holiness and spirituality," Nwankpa submitted, advising gospel artists to be always cognizant of the ecclesiastical status of the kind of music they have chosen to play to glorify God.

Elaborating on local influence on Church Music, Professor Nwankpa pointed out the need for fusion of

## UniPort Music Confab Gives Birth To Professional Body

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

western instruments to local instruments to help enrich the music. "Local influence on Church Music is necessary for the indigenization of religion; otherwise you would end up selling your culture." Dwelling on the theme of the



Prof Nwankpa, HoD Music

Conference, *From Memory to Modernity: Evaluating the State of Church Music in Nigeria*, Professor Nwankpa noted that modern music has witnessed ample awareness, education and re-thinking by both practitioners and ecclesiastical scholars.

"There has been a lot of appreciation of our religion, especially in recent times. Nowadays, Churches engage in singing *Native Air* as most music are written in local languages and even the ones written in the English language capture local idiomatic expressions which is good for the preservation of our culture. Now, music is written to reflect indigenous harmonies and showcase traditional music instruments found in our localities. Now, there is a lot of blending in the practice as integration of traditional music instruments with western instruments. This was totally unacceptable in the past," the HoD stated, adding that the Conference provided an avenue for Church Music scholars to analyse the growth, development and dynamic changes within the framework of Centenary Church Music study.

Describing the Conference, which is the first of its kind in the country, as a landmark achievement, Professor Nwankpa added that the Conference tackled such sub-themes as *Church Music and the Colonial Masters*, *Church Music and Music Education*, *Social and Cultural Exhibitions in Church Music*, *Indigenous and Contemporary Church Music Composition*, *Acculturation, Enculturation and Inculturation in Church Music*, amongst others.

## Smile Train, UPTH Team Up On Free Cleft Surgery

By Humphrey Ogu

A US-based charity organisation, Smile Train in partnership with the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), held a weeklong awareness campaign and free cleft surgery at the hospital between Monday, November 23 and Friday November 27, 2015.

Declaring the event open, Chief Medical Director of the UPTH, Professor Aaron Ojule, expressed appreciation to the Smile Train for its philanthropic gesture that brought succour to people afflicted by cleft and for considering the UPTH worthy of the partnership, promising that the hospital Management would do everything possible to sustain the partnership that has put back smile on the faces of persons living with the condition.

"The media has a major role to play in the area of sensitising the public to attract more patronage about what we are doing here. You need to reach out to those who need help. This is one of the contributions of UPTH to the society. Another one is the free weeklong Cataract surgery which ended last Friday," he said, regretting that some of the positive achievements recorded in the hospital did not receive media attention, while a few negative aspects are often over-publicised.

In his welcome speech, Co-ordinator of the Smile Train/UPTH Free Cleft Surgery Project, Dr. Benjamin Kejeh, commended the CMD and the hospital Management for providing the enabling environment for the project to thrive, disclosing that the hospital had capable hands, the right facilities and an enabling environment to host the Smile Train project.

"We chose this week to raise awareness of the rising cases of cleft defect in this part of the world. The operation can be done free of charge under a partnership arrangement between the UPTH and Smile Train. We started this partnership since 2008 and we perform the actual surgery, while Smile Train picks the bill. So far, we have operated on more than 200 patients and more are still rushing to take advantage of the programme. We have already booked more than 20

patients since we started last Monday," he explained, adding that patients come from as far away as Benin City and other nearby State to take advantage of the free cleft surgery.

On her part, Programme Assistant for Smile Train in Nigeria, Victoria Awuzie, told our Correspondent that she was at the UPTH to represent the New York-based organisation. "We have been collaborating with UPTH since 2008 and the current programme is in pursuit of the Cleft Awareness Week with the aim of enlightening people that such deformity is not a curse. Sometimes, people give birth to children with cleft and throw them away. What we are doing this week is to create awareness about the availability of treatment for cleft. We give hope to the hopeless through awareness

campaign. That way, people with cleft can be treated and be given an opportunity to live a normal life again," she said.

Also speaking, Head of the Department of Surgery, Professor Nze Jebbin, expressed joy that the partnership between the hospital and Smile Train had been very fruitful since it started. He noted that although the surgery is done free of charge, Smile Train actually pay for it. Also in attendance, were Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Christie Mato, Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Charles Tobin-West, Director of Administration, Mrs. Boma Amaom-Jumbo, amongst others.

A cleft is a fissure or opening which is the non-fusion of the body's natural structures that form before birth. Cleft lip and cleft palate also known as hare lip is a variation of a type of congenital deformity caused by abnormal facial development during gestation.



L-R: HoD, Surgery, Prof Jebbin, Provost, CHS, Prof Mato, Programme Assistant for Smile Train, Awuzie and Co-ordinator, Smile Train/UPTH Cleft Project, Dr. Kejeh

A Resident Doctor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital, Dr. Daniel Gbujie, has been adjudged the Best Paper and Oral Presenter at a recent Conference of the World Medical Association (WMA) held in Oslo, Norway.

Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Chukwudi Onyeaso, who broke the cheering news to *UniPort Weekly* in a commendation letter to Dr. Gbujie, said: "Out of the ten best scientific papers chosen from all the papers submitted by the National Medical Associations of the 156-member countries of the World Medical Association, five were selected for

## UPTH Resident Doctor Shines At WMA Confab

By Mercy Adeniji and Marvellous Abel

oral presentation at the 2015 Conference. At the end of the very competitive process, Dr. Gbujie was adjudged the best for clinical paper presentation. His emergence as the Best Paper and Oral Presenter at the 200<sup>th</sup> World Medical Association/Junior Doctor Network Council session is considered a major achievement for Nigeria. The event was held at the Bristol Hotel, LV, Gate Oslo, Norway, in April, 2015."

The visibly-elated Dean, who recalled that Dr. Gbujie was his Undergraduate student at the University of Ibadan, disclosed that between October 20 and 24, 2015, Dr. Gbujie was also invited to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law in Italy, where his Oral presentation was adjudged amongst the best 10 papers.

"On his return to the country, Dr. Gbujie was honoured by the National Association of Medical Students as a Young Achiever and he also received letters of congratulations from the Management of the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital and Ministry of Health, while and the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Professor Yemi Osinbajo, called to congratulate the

award-winning Dentist for bringing honour to the country. Dr. Gbujie was also specially recognised by the Nigerian Acting Ambassador to Italy for on account of his exploits," Professor Onyeaso told our Correspondent.

Exchanging views with *UniPort Weekly*, on Thursday, November 19, 2015, Dr. Gbujie, disclosed that the highly competitive presentation session attracted Medical Doctors from different fields.

Dr. Gbujie, who is a Senior Registrar said: "I was selected to give a summary of the article we sent to WMA. As the then Secretary-General of the National Association of Resident Doctors, I joined my colleagues to spearhead efforts aimed at resolving the issues of training opportunities and global exposure of young Nigerian doctors and focused on modalities for attracting international partners to help us resolve issues of sponsorship and further training. It was on this basis that we wrote an article entitled: *The Role the World Medical Association (WMA) can play in ensuring that they prevent the complete death of Medical Education of Developing Countries in Africa*", he disclosed.

Speaking on the benefits of the Conference, he disclosed that organisers of the event have expressed willingness to partner the Faculty of Dentistry and interact with younger doctors. Dr. Gbujie expressed gratitude to the Management of the Teaching Hospital, the Ministry of Health and NARD, for affording them the opportunity to attend the Conference.

In her contribution, another colleague of the award winner, Dr. Ekechi Amadi, who donated her books to the World Medical Association, expressed delight at the exploits of Dr. Gbujie, adding that she was so excited that a Nigerian and a UPTH Resident Doctor could so excel on the global stage. "It is a plus that such award can come to us and I believe that by the time they go through the books we donated, they would be encouraged to invite us again."



Prof Onyeaso (right) and Dr. Gbujie, displaying the awards



413<sup>th</sup> Senate (Extra-Ordinary) Meeting

## Senate Expels Doctoral Candidates For Plagiarism, Approves Results

By Obinna Nwodin

Senate of the University of Port Harcourt has unanimously approved immediate expulsion of some Graduate students who were adjudged to have engaged in criminal plagiarism of their final research work. The resolution to summarily expel the erring candidates was taken on a voice vote on the floor of Senate, following a report by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Professor Regina Ogali.

The development was a major highlight of the 413<sup>th</sup> (Extra-Ordinary) Senate Meeting which held at the Senate Chambers last Wednesday. In a brief presentation, the Dean told Senate that some candidates who claimed to have completed their Theses and Dissertations were later found to have merely copied original research works done by scholars from other universities or through the Internet without due acknowledgement of their sources as was required by copyright law.

In the words of the Dean, "Senate rules as regards plagiarism clearly states that candidates on the Master's degree programme who plagiarise beyond 15 per cent should be expelled, while those on the doctoral programme are not allowed to exceed 12 per cent plagiarism in their final research work to be eligible for graduation. Most of the affected candidates plagiarised up to 50 per cent of their works."

Reacting to her presentation, Senate decided to summarily deregister the erring candidates from their programmes, hoping that the move would serve as a stern warning to other graduate students who may wish to follow their anti-intellectual example. Senate also approved various categories of results presented by the Faculties and the appointment of External Examiners. It also took reports and a presentation from its Committees.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, who presided over the meeting, had earlier announced recent appointments made by his administration as well as recent developments that occurred in the University, including heightening insecurity, kidnapping of staff and recent deaths.

Senate thereafter deliberated on degree and semester results and made the following approvals in the Faculty of Humanities: Status of three students placed on probation in the Department of English Studies, appointment of External Examiner in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 2013/14 Supplementary Results (Part-Time) from the Department of History and Diplomatic Studies, Summary of 2014/15 First Semester (GES102) Results (Full-Time), Department of Philosophy, Correction of 2012/13 First Semester Results, Department of Theatre and Film Studies, as well as Summary of 2014/15 Second Semester Results, Department of Theatre and Film Studies for the 2011/12 academic session.

For the Faculty of Social Sciences, Senate took outstanding Degree Results (Part-Time, Port Harcourt Centre) from the Department of Economics, 2012/13 Outstanding Degree Results (Part-Time, Port Harcourt), Department of Economics, 2013/14 Supplementary Degree Results (Full-Time), Department of Economics, Summary of 2014/15 Second Semester Results, Department of Geography and Environmental Management, 2013/14 Supplementary Degree Results (Part-Time, Port Harcourt), Department of Political and Administrative Studies, 2012/13 Outstanding Degree Results Full-Time and Part-Time, Port Harcourt, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, 2012/13 Outstanding Degree Results from the Department of Sociology, as well as appointment of External Examiners for the Department of Political and Administrative Studies.

Other approvals were the 2013/14 Supplementary Degree Results (Part-Time) from the Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, Correction of 2012/13 Degree Results, Department of Biochemistry, Summary of 2014/15 Second Semester Results, Department of Biochemistry, 2012/13 Outstanding Degree Results, Department of Biochemistry, 2013/14 Degree Results

Department of Biochemistry, 2013/14 Supplementary Degree Results, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, 2013/14 Supplementary Degree Results, Department of Physics and 2013/14 Supplementary Degree Results, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry.

Senate also approved the Summary of 2014/15 First Semester Outstanding Results (Full-Time) from the School of Science Laboratory Technology, Summary of 2014/15 Second Semester Outstanding Results (Full-Time), School of Science Laboratory Technology, 2012/13 Outstanding Degree Results (Part-Time), School of Science Laboratory Technology, 2013/14 Degree Results (Part-Time), School of Science Laboratory Technology, appointment of External Examiners, Departments of Animal and Environmental Biology and Physics, as well as Application for Temporary Withdrawal from Studies

Results (PHND), Department of Mechanical Engineering, Outstanding Degree Results, 2009/2010, 2010/11, 2011/12 (PHND), 2011/12 (Full-Time), 2013/14 Supplementary Degree Results (Full-Time), Department of Mechanical Engineering, as well as Application for Temporary Withdrawal from Studies were also approved.

Approval from the Faculty of Management Sciences were: 2010/11 and 2011/12 Outstanding Degree Result (Part-Time, Port Harcourt) from the Department of Accounting, 2012/13 Outstanding Degree Results Part-Time, Yenagoa, Part-Time, Port Harcourt, Department of Accounting, 2011/12 Outstanding Degree Result (Full-Time and Part-Time Yenagoa), Department of Accounting, 2013/14 Degree Results, (Part-Time, Port Harcourt, Part-Time, Yenagoa), Department of Accounting, Correction of 2012/2013 Degree Result, Department of Finance and Banking (ACIB-B.Sc Linkage), 2013/2014 Degree Results Department of Finance (ACIB-B.Sc Linkage), 2012/2013 Supplementary Degree Results (Full-Time), Department of Marketing, Summary of 2014/2015 Second Semester Results (Full-Time), Department of Hospitality Management and Tourism and Department of Marketing.

From the Faculty of Agriculture, Senate approved the Summary of 2014/2015 Second Semester Results as presented by the Departments of Agricultural Economics and Extension, Animal



Senate in session

Science, Crop and Soil Science, Forestry and Wildlife Management, Correction of 2014/2015 First Semester Results, Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, Correction of 2014/2015 First Semester Results, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, 2013/2014 Supplementary Degree Results, Re-appointment of External Examiner, Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, as well as Ratification of External Examiner, Department of Fisheries

Summary of 2013/2014 Outstanding Second Semester Results, Summary of 2013/2014 Second Semester Resit Results, Summary of 2013/2014 First Semester Resit Results, as well as Summary of 2014/2015 Outstanding First Semester Resit Results were also approved for the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The following approvals were made for the College of Health Sciences: 2013/2014 Supplementary Degree Result from the Department of Nursing, 2014/2015 Second Semester Results, Department of Human Anatomy, 2013/2014 Supplementary Semester Results, Department of Human Anatomy, 2013/2014 Supplementary Semester Results, Department of Human Physiology, 2014/2015 Second Semester Results, Department of Pharmacology, 2014/2015 Part III BDS Resit Examination (November, 2015), 2013/2014 Part IV MBBS Resit Examination (November, 2015), 2013/2014 BDS Part V Final Resit Examination (November, 2015), while Higher Degree/Postgraduate Diploma Results from the School of Graduate Studies were also approved.

Senate also considered a presentation on the 2013/2014 Degree Results Vetting Exercise as presented by its Chairman, Professor Gordon Obute, as well as the Report by the Students' Disciplinary Committee presented by the Acting Dean of Student Affairs Department, Dr. Otu Ekpenyong.

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New IPS Director, Prof Dulu Appah (arrowed) flanked by Professional Mentor, Engr. Musa, Chairman, Board of Director, IPS, Mrs. Ofili-Okonkwo (right), some Senior Officers of the University, stakeholders and the inductees

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expressed gratitude to TOTAL E&P and its NNPC joint venture partners for their continued support towards the growth of the Institute over the years, noting that "TOTAL has not just committed enormous financial resources to sustain the Institute; the multinational oil giant has also supported the IPS in many other tangible and intangible ways for which we are extremely grateful. "Our collaboration with the famous IFP School in Paris, France, to deliver a twelve-month Master's Degree programme in Petroleum Engineering and Product Development has been tremendously successful, particularly on the quality of graduates that are turned out of the programme each year," he added.

Speaking through the Resident IFP School Representative in IPS, Mr. Francis Fusier, Dean of the School, Philippe Pinchon, who thanked the University for organising the induction and anniversary ceremony, congratulated the graduating students, observing that "since 2003 when IPS was established, with the support of TOTAL E&P Nigeria Limited and NNPC, over 240 students have been trained in the M.Sc Petroleum Engineering and Project Development programme. We welcome the new graduates to a great family—IFP Alumni."

In her speech, Executive Director in charge of Human Resources and Corporate Affairs, TOTAL E&P Nigeria Limited, Mrs. Edith Ofili-Okonkwo, expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Institute so far, pledging her company's commitment to the sustenance of the programme in the years ahead.

Ofili-Okonkwo, who is also Chairman of the Governing Board of IPS, said: "Every year, we graduate students and 90 per cent of them get employed. This means that our programmes meet the demands of the industry; it also means that we are producing world-class graduates in Petroleum Engineering and Project Development. We are, therefore, confident that the batch of graduates we are inducting today will also find employment in the industry that is currently facing enormous challenges."

In his goodwill message, Managing Director of TOTAL E&P Nigeria Limited, Nicholas Terraz, expressed

happiness over his company's growing association with the IPS, IFP School and other stakeholders in the mutually beneficial partnership that had contributed to the development of manpower with special skills for the hydrocarbon industry.

Terraz, who spoke through the Deputy Managing Director in charge of Deep Water District of TOTAL, Engineer Ahmadu-Kida Musa, said: "We are proud that the seed planted 12 years ago had grown into a world-class institute, which is now producing world-class manpower for the petroleum industry," reaffirming the company's support that would guarantee success and sustainability of the programme.

Speaking in his capacity as Professional Mentor to the students, Musa thanked the University and the Institute for choosing him as Professional Mentor for the M.Sc Batch 12 and PGD Batch 7 in the 2014/15 academic year. He also praised his mentees for being receptive to his mentorship of them, disclosing that the students have established a Foundation that would cater to the needs of the less-privileged. Musa urged them to always be honest and wear integrity on their sleeves to gain public confidence at all times. "This is not the best time to look for jobs. Things are tough out there, but I am very hopeful that things would turn out better. Remember that money is not everything in this world as some people seem to believe," he advised the inductees.

Delivering the TOTAL E&P Chair Lecture, entitled: "Oil Prices—Where Are We Headed?", last Wednesday, Musa who highlighted the challenges faced by the global oil market, noted that "less supply of oil would lead to more demand, which would lead to price increase," projecting that America's Shale Oil will give way to supplies from OPEC countries, which would in turn stabilise crude oil price on the global market.

Delivering the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture last Thursday entitled: "The Role of Universities in a Developing Economy", Professor Peter Onwualu, who described universities as custodians of culture, ethics and standards of human behaviour, knowledge and advancement of knowledge, training high skilled labour force, said: "In the developed economies, universities have contributed

significantly to the advancement of knowledge, leading to high technology and high level of production and efficient services," regretting that "in developing economies, universities are yet to play this role significantly and that is why these countries have continued to be underdeveloped."

Onwualu, who is an NUC Scholar, said universities should use knowledge to solve local and global problems, listing governance, conflicts, security, resource management, transportation, infrastructure, energy, healthcare, food security and climate change as some of the challenges that universities in developing countries should try to surmount if they wish to be relevant to society.

Earlier in his address, Director of the Institute, Professor Dulu Appah, who commended TOTAL E&P Limited and IFP School for their support, and his predecessors for the foundation of excellence they laid in IPS, promised to sustain the legacies that positioned the Institute as a one-stop centre for training industry-ready Petroleum Engineers.

In his valedictory speech, Best Graduating Student, Princewill Ikpeke, who expressed appreciation to TOTAL and IFP School, the staff of the Institute and the Professional Mentor for impacting so much into them, said: "This is an opportunity for us to appreciate all who made it possible for us to get a world-class education. We are the best, having been trained by the best," pledging the support of his class for the new leadership of the Institute.

Highlight of the event included the induction of Engineers Musa, Felix Amieyefor, Vincent Nnadi and Professor Ify Nwaogazie as Fellows of IPS and the graduates as Members of the Institute. The new graduates were also inducted into the Nigerian Institute of Safety Professionals (NISF) and the National Registry of Environmental Practitioners (NREP) USA and the International Well Control Forum (IWCF), amongst others.

The Best Teachers' Award for University of Port Harcourt went to Professor Adewale Dosunmu of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, while that of IFP School went to Fabian Manuel. The Best Teachers' Award for the Industry Teachers' category for the M.Sc programme went to Engineer Frank Egbon, while Engineer Patrick Somari got the Best Teachers' Award for the PGDPT programme.

## Catholic Chaplaincy Pledges Support For Lale's Administration

By Obinna Nwodin

The Chapel of The Annunciation (Catholic Chaplaincy), has pledged support for the administration of Professor Ndowa Lale as it seeks to reposition the University for greater productivity. The pledge was made when members of the Chaplaincy Pastoral Council of the Chapel led by its Chairman and Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Bartholomew Akpan, paid the Vice-Chancellor a courtesy visit in his office, last Tuesday.

Speaking during the visit, Rev. Fr. Akpan, congratulated Professor Lale on his assumption of office as 8<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor of the University, assuring him of the co-operation of the Church in the realization of his administration's vision of moving the University to the next level of institutional development.

According to him, the Church will continue to ensure that Catholic students in the University are given proper ethical and moral orientation that would enable them become good members of the community, adding that the move would enable the students to graduate in character and learning. He said that the moral crusade of the Chapel was in line with the stated objectives of the Catholic Church which is predicated on guiding the youths properly, especially at a time when the country was facing enormous moral crisis occasioned by wrong

values and identity crisis, wishing the Vice-Chancellor a most successful tenure in office.

Responding, Professor Lale, who thanked the Pastoral Council for the visit, assured the Catholic Church that his administration would reciprocate the gesture by supporting its reorientation programme for the students, who he said were becoming increasingly difficult to manage on Campus. "Nobody questions the role of the Church in moulding the character of youths and my administration will wish to partner the Catholic Church to ensure peaceful co-existence on Campus and also in our bid to deepen the academic culture," the

Vice-Chancellor told the delegation, urging faith-based organizations to team up with his administration to bring accelerated development to the University on his watch.

The event which featured prayers for the Professor Lale-led administration had in attendance the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Mr. Anthony Mumuni, Acting Registrar who is also Secretary of the Council, Mrs. Bridget Nzimiro, Chairman of Catholic Men's League, Professor Femi Shaka, as well as Chairman of the 2015 Harvest Bazaar Committee, Professor Emmanuel Emasealu.



V-C, Prof Lale (3<sup>rd</sup> right) flanked by Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Akpan, Mr. Mumuni (right), and Ag. Registrar, Mrs. Nzimiro, Profs Shaka and Emasealu (left)

## GUIDEPOST

## APPOINTMENT

**Dr. Baridisi Isaac**, Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, appointed *Acting Head of Department*. The two-year appointment, which takes effect from December 1, 2015, terminates on November 30, 2017.

**Dr. Christopher Obiorah**, Department of Anatomical Pathology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, re-appointed *Acting Head of Department*. The two-year appointment, which takes effect from November 19, 2015, terminates on November 18, 2017.

**Dr. Donald Chukwujekwu**, Department of Mental Health, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences re-appointed *Acting Head of Department*. The two-year appointment which takes effect from December 1, 2015, terminates on November 30, 2017.

**Dr. Eym Odum**, Department of Chemical Pathology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, appointed *Acting Head of Department*. The two-year appointment which takes effect from November 24, 2015, terminates on November 23, 2017.

**Dr. Hope Kagbo**, Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, appointed *Acting Head of Department*. The two-year appointment, which takes immediate effect, terminates on November 18, 2017.

**Dr. Kalada Korubo**, Department of Hematology, Blood Transfusion and Immunology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, appointed *Co-ordinator of Department*. The one-year appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on November 18, 2016.

## SABBATICAL LEAVE

**Professor Willie Okoroa**, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, proceeded on *Sabbatical Leave* to Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni, Port Harcourt, effective November 11, 2015 to November 10, 2016.

**Professor M. P. Isundu**, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science, granted *Sabbatical Leave* to University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, effective January 13, 2016 to January 12, 2017.

**Dr. Adaba Ibim**, Department of Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, granted *Sabbatical Leave* to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Session of the Shell Petroleum Development Company, effective January 4, 2016 to December 30, 2016.

## REVIEW OF STATUS

**Dr. Samson Erake Okoroa**, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, granted *Review of Status from Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer II*, effective June 2, 2015.

## RESIGNATION OF APPOINTMENT

**Dr. G. N. Wokem**, Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, Faculty of Science, resigned her appointment, effective December 1, 2015.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**ARTHUR NWAFOR CHUEMERE**. Former Professor Arthur Nwafor of the Department of Human Physiology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, now wishes to be known, called and addressed as **PROFESSOR ARTHUR NWAFOR CHUEMERE**. All documents bearing his former name remain valid. The University of Port Harcourt and the general public should take note.

## UniPort Students Cart Away 2015 OSCAR Awards

By Otikor Samuel

After a month of desperately rallying for votes, all three students of the University of Port Harcourt who participated in the just-concluded Outstanding Students' Choice Awards of Recognition (OSCAR) competition emerged winners in their various categories. The event which held

the organizers till the period of the final event, but at the end of the day, they got in touch with us and I am very thrilled to have won in my category. I worked very hard at the preparatory stage and I know I merited my award."

He dedicated the award to God, his mother and fans who voted for him, mentioning some other



L-R: Akanbi, Natha-Amadi and Akah, displaying their awards

at the Bespoke Event Centre, Lekki, Lagos, on Sunday, November 8, 2015, attracted over 100 competitors from over 50 universities from across the country.

Speaking with *UniPort Weekly* on arrival from Lagos, the new kids on the block explained the tedious nomination and voting processes of the award. The students expressed joy that despite the initial challenges and the hurdle of sourcing funds to travel to Lagos for the competition, only three out of the six nominees earlier billed to participate in the available 10 categories were able to make it to the venue of the competition. The three incidentally made a triumphant return with awards in various categories.

One of the trio who is a Fourth Year Student of the Department of Theatre and Film Studies, Mr. Peter Akah, with the stage name *CPA*, emerged *Best Male Student Rapper* at the event. Revealing that he initially doubted the authenticity of the event, Akah said: "I am excited and overwhelmed by my award because I thought the whole show was going to be a flop. There was no contact between us and

competitions he participated in to include: *West African Nokia Don't Break the Beat*, *UniPort Industry Night* with laurels to show for his previous effort.

On his part, a Fifth Year Student of the Department of Geology and Mining Technology and recipient of *Best Student Photographer*, Mr. Chimeichea Natha-Amadi, said: "I have been taking pictures in UniPort not as a commercial Photographer and it has been my passion for a long time and I did not stop even when my late father tried to stop me. It is not about my Department; it is just something I like doing." He also said that he was not moved when he was announced winner of the award in that category, because he worked hard for it.

"I dedicate my award to God and my late Father, Mr. ThankGod Amadi, who was assassinated on the eve of his political appointment. Even though he was critical of me carrying a camera around, I did not despair and I am happy that my determination finally paid off with the award," he said, recalling that a week before signing on to the competition, he mistakenly forgot closing his kitchen tap, making water to overflow and inundate the whole place, spoiling the camera and other accessories worth a reasonable sum of money.

"My only secret is hard work and consistency because it is not easy combining academics with my flair for comedy," said Ola Akanbi, who emerged *Best Student Comedian*. The Third Year Student of the Department of Computer Science, popularly known as *Olalaba*, said it came as a surprise to him when he was announced as *Best Student Comedian*, considering the calibre of performers he contested against. He aspires to have a degree like his mentor, Bright Okpocha, also known as *Basket Mouth*. "I dedicate my award to my parents, especially, my mother, who is my backbone and those who voted for me," he said.

\*Additional report by Interns **RUKKY ORLU-MAKELE**, **MARVELLOUS ABEL**, **CYNDY HERBERT** and **CHIEMEKAADINDU**

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WEATHER OBSERVATORY

FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – SATURDAY DECEMBER 05, 2015.

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (mm) (pm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 29 NOV, 2015	34.0 23.0	66	NE	2.3	6:24 18:17	Thunderstorms expected late in the day. Afternoon clouds forecasted
MONDAY, 30 NOV, 2015	34.0 23.0	58	NE	1.7	6:24 18:17	Thunderstorms expected late in the day. more clouds than sun forecasted
TUESDAY, 01 DEC, 2015	32.0 23.0	70	NE	2.1	6:25 18:17	Thunderstorms expected late in the day. More clouds than sun anticipated.
WEDNESDAY, 02 DEC, 2015	33.0 23.0	66	E	-	6:26 18:17	Mostly cloudy day expected.
THURSDAY, 03 DEC, 2015	33.0 24.0	56	N	-	6:26 18:17	More sun than clouds anticipated.
FRIDAY, 04 DEC, 2015	34.0 24.0	56	N	-	6:26 18:18	More sun than clouds expected.
SATURDAY, 05 DEC, 2015	34.0 24.0	58	NE	4.0	6:27 18:18	Thunderstorms expected late in the day. More clouds than sun expected.

Dr. Gladys Emenike  
Acting HoD

Dr. Prince Mmom  
AG. Director, (CDRMS)



## 4<sup>th</sup> African Varsity Day Celebration

The University of Port Harcourt celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> African University Day on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at the International Students' Centre. Deans, Directors and other Senior Officers of the University were in attendance. Our Cameraman **MITCHELL EBI-EKIYOR** captured highlight of the event:



Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof Ekanem Wokoma, welcoming the V-C, Prof Ndowa Lale while others watch



Principal and Senior Officers rise for National and UniPort Anthems



V-C, Prof Lale, delivering his welcome address



Prof Onyewuchi Akaramta delivering the Keynote Address



Director, Exchange and Linkage Programmes Unit (ELPU), Prof Acho Akakuru, making a speech



Director, University of Port Harcourt Foundation (UPHF), Prof Henry Alapiki, making a remark



Cross-sections of audience



Panellists during the interactive session



Group photograph of UniPort Debaters Club



A group photograph of participants