



College Of Engineering Celebrates UniPort At 40

Efforts aimed at bridging the gap between universities and the industry, as well as creating awareness on Mechatronics as the future of the Engineering profession, formed the main thrust of a Lecture organized by the College of Engineering as part of events marking the ongoing 40th Anniversary of the University, *reports Obinna Nwodin.* *More on p3*

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UniPort hosted the maiden President's Inter-University Secondary Schools Debate Championship last week. Details next week. ~Editor



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Accreditation Team Gives Thumbs Up To Pharmacy



By Orikor Samuel

As part of concerted efforts aimed at securing full accreditation for the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the University again played host to an accreditation team constituted by the National Universities Commission (NUC) for that purpose. From preliminary observations, it was obvious that the high-powered delegation that comprised senior academics from four federal universities appeared

to have been very impressed with what it saw on this second visit to the Faculty.

Speaking at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room at an Exit Meeting last Tuesday, leader of the team, Professor Cecilia Igwillo of the University of Lagos, showered encomiums on the University for putting the machinery in place that she said generally met the requirements stipulated by the National Universities Commission for accreditation of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

"We have gone round and examined facilities, books, journals and other things that are necessary for the accreditation of the Faculty and from what we have seen so far, I can say that we are impressed with the effort made by the University to get the Faculty ready for the exercise. From our viewpoint, the objectives and philosophy of the Faculty are clearly stated; the curriculum is adequate and the course evaluation standard of test is of good quality. The external assessors are qualified

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Ugiomoh Plans To Reposition Yemisi Shyllon Chair

By Humphrey Ogu

Following his appointment as new Occupant of the Yemisi Shyllon Chair in Fine Arts and Design, ace Art Historian and Sculptor, Professor Frank Ugiomoh has unveiled big plans to reposition the Chair for effective research and documentation with a view to promoting the arts in the University and beyond.

Exchanging views with *UniPort Weekly* last Monday, Ugiomoh who lectures in the Department of Fine Arts and Design, Faculty of Humanities, observed that "holding a Professorial Chair in a Department is about providing consummate leadership that would bring it visibility and productivity. So, I am expected to boost the morale of my colleagues by leading them to work to achieve the lofty dream of the benefactor," adding that his ultimate ambition is to place Fine Arts and Design on the global arena in terms of academic performance and appreciation of the arts by the public.

The Chair Occupant, who is also a Sculptor, disclosed that "the Chair will soon launch an online journal to be known as OYASAF Journal of Arts," explaining that "OYASAF stands for Omoba Yemisi Adegoyin Shyllon Art Foundation."

Professor Ugiomoh said that one of the main focus points of the fledgling Chair is to sponsor visual literacy, which would encourage artists to learn how to dialogue with the work of art.

"The work of art can easily be forgotten when it has no advice in the person of the critic. A work of art needs verbalisation and it is a piece of history that requires to be told. The work of art is a necessity in human civilisation, because one of the contexts of order in society is responsible for its birth," he said.

"We notice that the practice of art in Africa is encouraging and huge, but we have had a few persons appropriately trained to verbalise our arts. We need insightful art critics that will generate polemics in arts. When the artist has done his job, it requires the critics to explain what the artist has done," he pointed out, explaining that making the visible legible is a universal demand that the critics must strive to meet.

On the reason for the low interest in Fine Arts and Design as a career choice among candidates applying for admission into the University, the Art Historian said: "All through the ages, the arts have always borne a negative label in society and this ugly scenario is not limited to Nigeria. We will continue to work hard to encourage young people to develop interest in the subject,

which is so central to deepening our culture and entire civilisation.



Prof Ugiomoh

STUDENT WORLD

Welcome back to our 'Student World' column. From a first degree background in Human Anatomy in the College of Medical Sciences of the University of Calabar, a Postgraduate Diploma in Cross-sector Partnership (Sustainable Studies) of the Cambridge University, United Kingdom and Master of Science in Community Development Studies and Social Work of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, amongst several certifications from within and outside Nigerian universities and institutions, Mina Ogbanga, recently obtained the Doctorate degree of the University of Port Harcourt. She took her degree from the Department of

Ogbanga Tackles Impact Of 2012 Flood On Environment

Mina Ogbanga has just defended her Doctoral Dissertation on "Socio-Economic Livelihood Impacts and Coping Strategies of Flood Victims in Selected Communities in Rivers State." She spoke with our Correspondent, OTIKOR SAMUEL, on her research, which studied the devastating flood of 2012, and proffered some coping strategies.

Sociology in the Faculty of Social Sciences. Her area of research focus is as intriguing as it is relevant to policy makers on flood mitigation strategies—especially in the Niger Delta.

Ogbanga's research assessed the devastating impact of the flood disaster of 2012 on the livelihood support systems of selected communities in Rivers State and the strategies adopted by the communities to cope with the harrowing experience, especially how they recovered from the shock and reintegrated into their communities. She pointed out that most other researches on the flooding focused on displacement and the urban areas. What is unique about this latest research is that it studied the directly impacted people and proffered solutions on how they could be properly reintegrated into their communities, including contingent efforts to prevent future events.

The researcher, who was jointly supervised by Professors Mark Anikpo and Martin Ifeancha, stressed the need for proper environmental stewardship to prevent future disasters, stating that part of the significance of her study was to set the government, communities and relevant stakeholders on their toes for increased safety standards to handle future contingencies.

She recommended the construction of drainages, dams, canals or channels to avoid flooding in coastal areas; including construction of houses, using durable materials away from flood-prone areas, provision of flood resistance crops species to boost agriculture in affected communities, in addition to the creation of periodic awareness on early flood warning systems to reduce the

casualty rate and impact of natural disasters on vulnerable people.



Ogbanga

Stop Press

LULU BRIGGS PARK OPEN FOR USE

The University Community and the general public are informed that the *Seinye Lulu Briggs Children's Park* is now ready for use as a relaxation spot for families and their children. A statement dated 12th May, 2015 and signed by Mrs. Flora Iyagba, said the Park is also available for hire by interested persons for social activities. Persons who may wish to hire the Park for parties or any other events are advised to contact the UPWA Secretariat beside the OB Lulu Briggs Health Centre, University Park or call: 08065834333 or 08087805790.

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The event which held at the Ebitimi Banjo Auditorium, on Friday, May 15, 2015, featured Career and Academic talks. The first Lecture entitled: *Mechatronics Engineering and Technology: Its Opportunities in the Manufacturing, Oil and Gas Industries*, was delivered by Engineer Ambrose Ayodele of Festo Automation Limited, while the second entitled: *Bridging the Gap Between Universities and the Industry*, was delivered by Dean of the Graduate School of Engineering and Technology, Professor Adewale Dosunmu. Engineer Ayodele, who acknowledged the fact that the demand for specialized knowledge was on the rise, said that training was necessary for increased productivity in any profession as it enhanced competitiveness. He identified life-long learning as a competitive factor that would keep an individual ahead of others, advising students to look into the future, rather than focusing on only passing examinations.

According to him, capacity for autonomous actions, learning how to learn, acquiring problem-solving techniques, cooperation and team work, communication and accepting responsibilities, were factors that counted in today's labour market. Engineer Ayodele identified Mechatronics and Nanotechnology as important technologies that would shape the future. Making his presentation, Professor Dosunmu said that the increasing gap between universities and the industry existed because many academics were driven by conferences and technical journals and the erstwhile practice of "publish or perish" and seldom attend



Provost of the College, Prof Appah (arrowed) flanked by former Deans of the defunct Faculty of Engineering, Profs John Ikoli (right), Samuel Ejorle (left), senior academics and some Alumni of the College

industrial conferences to understand the operational structure of the industry. Professor Dosunmu also stated that skills gap in Nigeria have made it difficult to bridge the gap between school and work, stressing that the changing pattern of work in the industry and new technological discoveries, amongst others, have made it increasingly difficult to bridge the yawning gap.

In his remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Igbo Joe, described Engineering as the driving force of academics in the University. He added that the College has come a long way and contributed immensely to the development of the University, calling on stakeholders to look at collaborations from a multi-dimensional approach in order to conform to 21st century educational practices. In a goodwill message, National President of the University of Port Harcourt Alumni Association, Engineer Sampson Ngeribara, who recalled his days as a student in the then Faculty of Engineering, said that

Alumni/Alumnar owed a lot to the University that gave them so much in their formative years. He advised the students to acquire practical skills in addition to their learning in order to maintain a balanced education as they prepared to practice their professions.

Earlier in his welcome address, Provost of the College, Professor Delu Appah, who said that the College had grown tremendously since it was established, stated that it has done well in the training of manpower in the Engineering profession. Professor Appah said that there was hardly any place Engineering was practiced in the country today without an Alumnus of the College making major inputs.

Also speaking, Chairman of the Planning Committee, Professor Samuel Ndubuisi, who expressed gratitude to those who made the event successful, expressed the desire of the College to continue in its upward movement for the benefit of the Engineering profession and society. The event was preceded by an Awareness Rally by staff and students of the College.

Library Celebrates UniPort At 40 With Book Expo

By Mercy Adeniji

The Library Department joined its counterparts in the Faculties and Colleges to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the University with pomp and ceremony last Monday. The impressive week-long event kicked-off with a books and picture Exhibitions, opening of the Department of Library and Information Science Section, Library Open Day Activities and Reading for Children by Chairman, Library Committee, Professor Bene Willie Abbey and senior academics in the Department of English Studies, among other activities.

Declaring the Exhibition open at the Library Auditorium, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, commended Management and Staff of the Library for also keying into the celebration of the University's milestone achievements, stating that the celebration afforded staff and students an opportunity to reflect on the history of the

University, especially the development of academic and physical infrastructure in the last 40 years.

"I want to thank the University Librarian for all she has been able to do to keep the Library afloat during her tenure. If you have the right leader, you can achieve quite a lot and I am indeed very happy that with University Librarian and her subordinates, we have the right professional leadership that has taken the Library to previously unimagined heights. I hope that we can continue to work harder to sustain the commendable record that has been set by the current leadership of the Library," a visibly enthused Vice-Chancellor told the gathering.

Commissioning the Department of Library and Information Science inside the complex, Professor Ajienka thanked the MacArthur Foundation for giving the University the grants that enabled it to put such impressive structures in place, appealing to users to preserve the facility.

In her welcome address, University Librarian, Dr. Obiageli Nwodo expressed gratitude to God for

taking the University to such greater heights in the last 40 years, expressing delight that staff of the

Department had shown so much commitment to the growth of the Library. "For the University of Port Harcourt at 40, I know we have come a long way. Forty years is not a joke, it is the age of maturity and we have matured as an institution. Today's celebration is going to showcase the Donald Ekong Library. The Library moved from a three-structured building at Choba Park to this magnificent edifice named after our first Vice-Chancellor, late Professor Donald Ekong. His memory is part of what we are celebrating today; we are, indeed, celebrating his vision and we are very proud to be part of his great tradition of excellence," Dr. Nwodo said.

Giving a brief history of the Library, the University Librarian revealed that the "University has existed for 40 years now and has every reason to showcase its achievements to the world, because we have moved from manual to digital and from digital to virtual. We can then count the resources that go with them and nod our heads that today this Library is among the best, East of the Niger."

Dr. Nwodo, who thanked past Vice-Chancellors and the incumbent, Professor Joseph Ajienka, for giving the Library all the support, noted that they lifted the Library up so high that words would not be enough to express the gratitude of the staff to them. She commended the MacArthur Foundation of Chicago for giving the University a critical grant that made all the difference, and to the MacArthur Liaison Officer, Dr. Henrietta Odukanfer for facilitating the grant project from the Foundation.

The week-long event also featured a Library Tour, On-the-spot Library Registration for Staff, Reading to Children, recognition and presentation of awards to the longest serving staff, donors and friends of the University, Send-forth of past University Librarians and a Thanksgiving Service, which held at the Chapel of The Annunciation, Catholic Chaplaincy, University of Port Harcourt.



V-C, Prof. Ajienka (middle, in suit) flanked by University Librarian, Dr. Nwodo and former Bursar, Mr. Mark Roman (right) and staff of the Library during the rally

Artsville To Run Vacation Classes July

By Humphrey Ogu

As a way of encouraging holidaying students to utilize their free time on productive endeavours, the Institute of Arts and Culture, has announced plans to mount Summer Classes for secondary school pupils this July.

Speaking with *UniPort Weekly* on the initiative, Director of the Institute, Professor Julie Okoh, said that the proposed Summer Classes will begin in July, disclosing plans to also commence aerobic dance for staff, students and interested members of the public during the period.

"Once children learn how to dance or write at a very young age, they grow up dancing or writing and it becomes part of their life with attendant health benefits. This initiative would be an excellent opportunity for students to spend their holidays in a meaningful way by acquiring useful skills that can advance their career lines in future.

"We are hoping to commence the classes in early July for children and adults who may wish to learn how to write and dance.

Courses on offer are Creative Writing, Directing, Dance, Cinematography, Costume, and Make-up," she disclosed, explaining that "the Aerobic dance class would begin in June as a continuous process."

On the relationship between the Institute and aerobics, the Director said: "Dancing, singing and acting are aerobic activities and are part of our programme. For you to succeed as a singer and actor, you must keep your body in shape. The same thing applies to people who are into public speaking; they are expected to know how to control their voice and breathing techniques. That is the only way you can excel in acting, singing or effective speech delivery."

She added that participants would be guided by professionals, who know how to work on the body, noting that "everybody stands to gain from it and if we make it a way of life, we don't need to take medicine as the health benefits are limitless. We must learn how to train our bodies. That is why we encourage people to come out of their houses, engage in exercises, which they find hard to do on their own.

The Director, who noted that the

registration form sells at N1, 000.00, advised interested persons, who may wish to register for the Summer Classes or the aerobic dance classes to contact the Institute at the Arts Village Complex, Delta Park or call 08036423028 for further information.



Prof Okoh

CGCER Director Unveils Plans For Centre

By Mercy Adeniji

Newly-appointed Director of the Centre for Geotechnical and Coastal Engineering Research (CGCER), Professor Samuel Ejazie, has unveiled big plans to position the emergent outfit for academic excellence that

would serve diverse clients.

The new Centre is part of Professor Ejazie's vision of building a capacity and innovative research cluster in Geotechnical and Coastal Engineering studies with specific focus on sustainable development of infrastructure in the Niger Delta region.

Speaking to *UniPort Weekly* on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, on the justification for setting up the Centre, Professor Ejazie predicated it on the need to initiate, encourage and promote applied research and advanced technical studies in the various aspects of Geotechnical Engineering, both onshore and offshore.

"To realize this fundamental objective, the Centre will promote applied research in different areas of Geotechnical and Coastal Engineering with specific focus on the challenges confronting the development of infrastructure in the Niger Delta region. The new Centre will also engage in consultancy services in Geotechnical and Coastal Engineering and human capacity development through continuing education, applied technology workshops and conferences," Professor Ejazie told our Correspondent.

The Director, who doubles as Occupant of the Enoch George Professorial Chair in Geotechnical Engineering and former Dean of the defunct Faculty, disclosed that the University of Port Harcourt was located in the Niger Delta region which had prevalence of difficult ground conditions, stressing that the difficult terrain provided a perfect setting for Geotechnical and Coastal studies on a massive scale. "The subsurface of the Niger Delta is predominantly weak, highly compressible and remarkably variable, while infrastructural development in the area is grossly hampered by porous subsurface conditions, which means that foundations for structures in the area have to comply with proper geotechnical specifications," Ejazie disclosed.

He noted that in recent times, collapse of buildings and other constructed facilities have become relatively frequent, necessitating the need for focused, concentrated research in ground engineering in the Niger Delta region, pointing out that the poor or non-existent evaluation of the subsurface in the area constituted the main reason for establishing the Centre for Geotechnical and Coastal Engineering Research in the University.

On the strategy to be adopted by the Centre, Professor Ejazie said: "The Centre for Geotechnical and Coastal Engineering Research would house two endowed Professorial Chairs. This Centre is actually going to combine activities of the two Professorial Chairs, namely, the Enoch George Professorial Chair in Geotechnical Engineering and Gesi Asamaawet Professorial Chair in Coastal Engineering. The emergent Centre will focus on distinct key areas of Geotechnical, Civil and Coastal Engineering which are of professional interest to the Chair donors.

Professor Ejazie further revealed that the Enoch George Chair will initiate and aggressively network with other bodies with similar objectives; partner with government departments, parastatal and professional bodies, collaborate with research institutes and other universities within and outside Nigeria, as well as partner the industry.

On facilities that would be on offer in the new Centre, the Director disclosed that it would have modern research equipment, a standard Geotechnical Engineering Research Laboratory to be named Enoch George Geotechnical Engineering Laboratory and also another to be named Gesi Asamaawet Coastal Engineering Laboratory. The two Chairs will organise workshops and legacy lectures on new trends, advances and developments in Geotechnical and Coastal Engineering, conduct applied research, organise short courses and continuing professional education, respectively.



Prof Ejazie

Director of the Emerald Energy Institute (EEI), Professor Wumi Iledare, has been elected as new President of the Nigerian Association for Energy Economics (NAEE). Iledare, who will run the affairs of the Association for the next two years, was elected at the 8th Annual International Conference of the Association, which was organized in concert with the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) at the Trenchard Hall of the University of Ibadan, Oyo State, between 26 and 28 April, 2015. It would be recalled that Professor Iledare was the immediate past President of the International Association of Energy Economics (IAEE).

In his acceptance speech, the newly-elected President, who pledged total commitment to the Association's drive to develop capacity and bridge the energy gap with pragmatic and plausible policy options for the nation, promised to build on the achievements of his predecessor, Professor Adeola Adenikinju.

An electronic release made available to this publication said that the election of a new Executive featured as one of the major highlights of the Conference, which had famous scholars in the energy sectors such as Chairman of the Board of Emerald Energy Institute, Dr. Emmanuel Egbogah and Group Coordinator, Corporate Planning and Strategy, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Dr. Tim Okon in attendance. With the theme: *Future Energy Policy Options: Assessment, Formulation and Implementation*, the Conference also featured a Roundtable discussion

Iledare Emerges New NAEI President

By Othor Samuel

which was chaired by Dr. Egbogah with Professor Yinka Omorogbe of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies; a representative of Professor Eli Baba, who is Director General and Chief Executive Officer, Energy Commission of Nigeria and Dr. Tim Okon as eminent discussants.

Part of the submissions of the discussants was the need for the nation to de-emphasize the development of resources for export purposes and concentrate on internal usage of resources and their value addition to the economy of the country. Participants also stressed the need for active engagement of stakeholders in addressing challenges in the sector for better service delivery to clients and other stakeholders.

"The role of local investors in energy development options should also be enhanced; institutions should be empowered and not be structured around personality," they submitted, pointing out that policies centered on strong institutions survive transitional periods in the development of any nation.

Some of the papers presented by Graduate Students of Emerald Energy Institute included: *Electricity Distribution Losses Evaluation and Reduction Strategies: Case Study of a Company in Nigeria* by Emmanuel Obehi and *Comparative Economics of Gas Utilization Options: Case Study of*

Marginal Field Development in Nigeria by Israel Onyije and Onosuwami Iledare.



Prof Iledare,

UniPort Pledges More Support For SIWES

By Obinna Nwodin

The authorities of the University of Port Harcourt have pledged continued support for the Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) in order to ensure that participants were adequately equipped to function in the industry on their graduation.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who gave the assurance while addressing students at the 2015 SIWES Orientation/Students Industrial Relations Day, last Tuesday at the Convocation Arena, called on the ITF to make the programme more functional and appealing to the students.

Professor Ajienka, who was represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration),

Professor Anthony Ibe, advised the students to reciprocate the gesture by taking the programme seriously as a means of advancing their future career choices. He said that without participating in the industrial training component of their studies, students would turn out without requisite practical experience that they need, describing it as a very important component of their overall education. Professor Ajienka expressed gratitude to the ITF for helping the University achieve its overall objective in the training of students.

In his remarks, Head of Finance of the ITF in charge of the Port Harcourt Area, Mr. Pomark Kaatpo, said that the Agency provided the enabling environment for the students to embark upon their Industrial Training, as well as benefit maximally from the exercise. He also enlightened

the students on the requirements expected of them to participate in the exercise. He expressed gratitude to authorities of the University for the support they have so far given the ITF to ensure a hitch-free scheme over the years, while commending the Director of SIWES, Professor Regina Ogali for ensuring that the scheme achieved its stated objectives in the University.

In their separate speeches, Acting Head of Training, Mr. Eneke Okeke and SIWES Officer of ITF, Mr. Obi Chiononso, explained the mandatory regulations and processes the students would undergo to have a hitch-free Industrial Training experience.

Earlier in her welcome address, Director of the SIWES Unit, Professor Ogali, said that the programme was designed to provide an avenue for students in participating Colleges and Faculties to acquire practical industrial experience in their respective disciplines during the course of their studies, explaining that they were required to spend, at least, six months in relevant industries. She disclosed that about 1,300 students were expected to participate in the programme this year, advising them not to be motivated solely by the stipend from the ITF.

She disclosed that experience has shown that students have been found to benefit more in small scale establishments where no stipend is paid, rather, they concentrated on composite training in relevant areas of their discipline. Professor Ogali advised them to be good ambassadors of their various Departments and the University, "Remember that your conduct as an IT student may open the door for you as an employee of the company and also open the door of industrial attachment to other prospective IT students from your Department," she advised the students.

The one-day event which was preceded by an exhibition from students who participated in the 2014 Industrial Training also featured an interactive session.



DV-C (Admin), Prof Ibe (2nd left), Director, SIWES Unit, Prof Ogali, ITF officials and students at the Orientation and Exhibition

Pharmacy Gets Nod From Accreditation Team

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and the course content and delivery are adequate. Staff-student ratio meets the NUC guideline and 84 per cent of teaching staff have their doctorate degrees in the various disciplines with competent hands manning the Faculty setup.

There are new sets of equipment which are standard for quality teaching and research and the environment is generally safe for academic activities. We also saw the necessary safety gadgets in place to handle emergency situations," Professor Igwillo remarked, commending the University administration for promptly rising to the occasion following observations made by the team in an earlier accreditation visit to the Faculty. The accreditation team leader praised the University for its giant strides in staff training and development and for subscribing to current databases in the library, including provision of three buildings to serve as offices and classrooms. She, however, observed that some of the offices and classrooms were fairly furnished and would require improvements. Professor Igwillo urged the University Management to move quickly to rectify a few areas that did

not meet the stringent requirements of the accreditation team.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who welcomed the team to the University, stressed the need to have the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences fully accredited to complement the College of Health Sciences in the training of quality health personnel in the University of Port Harcourt.

"As a University, we are doing everything possible to have a firmly entrenched Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences that will stand the test of time in training personnel for the medical and allied sectors. We may not have put everything you want in place, but we are fully committed to properly positioning the Faculty on a strong footing to discharge its statutory mandate of

training globally certified Pharmacists. It is, therefore, very important that you encourage our concerted efforts to build a world-class Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences in this University," the Vice-Chancellor told the team members at a commencement meeting.

Professor Ajenka said that periodic accreditation exercises were crucial to strengthening the quality of tertiary education in the country, pointing out that proper implementation of such exercises would determine the future and quality of education in Nigeria as they help universities to rectify observed defects in their programmes.

Other members of the team were: Professors Chika Mbah (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), Jacob Kolawole (University of Jos), Adamu Yakasai (Ahmadu Bello University) and a representative of the NUC, Dr. Jimoh Ajani.



V-C, Prof Ajenka (centre) addressing the accreditation team (right), some Principal and Senior Officers and staff of the Faculty

Onajin-Obembe, NSA, ARS President Unfolds Capacity Building Plans

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Globaly-recognised UniPort Scholar, Dr. Bisola Onajin-Obembe of the Department of Anaesthesiology in the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, has continued to excel as serving President of the Nigerian Society of Anaesthetists (NSA) and the African Regional Section (ARS) of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists.

Speaking during an interview with a UniPort Weekly Correspondent, Dr. Onajin-Obembe disclosed that she has served as a member of the Implementation Committee of the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery; and also as a

Board Member of the G4 Alliance. "My role in Africa is to get all the national societies on the continent to collaborate on how to improve the standard of Anaesthesia in Africa," she said, adding that arrangements are in top gear for the hosting of the 6th All African Anaesthesia Congress (AAAC) in Nigeria scheduled for 2017. Promising to add value to the University and the College through quality services, Dr. Onajin-Obembe noted that some staff of the College have benefitted from the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA) Post-Fellowship trainings and sponsorships. "There are plans to provide access to more training opportunities for staff of the College of Health Sciences," she revealed, disclosing another

collaboration with the International School of Management, Paris, France on a Doctoral Research project in Medical Entrepreneurship and Leadership.

Disclosing commitment to the growth of the Anaesthesia profession in Africa, Dr. Onajin-Obembe maintained that her global exposure as President of the professional society has continued to draw positive global attention to the University of Port Harcourt. "I participated at the Indo-Anaesthesia Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia, which held from February 25 to March 3, 2015, where I delivered papers on Paediatric Anaesthesia in Nigeria and Maxillofacial Anaesthesia, amongst other such conferences," Onajin-Obembe stated.



Dr. Onajin-Obembe (arrowed) in a group photograph with Council Members of World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA)

GUIDEPOST

PROFESSORIAL PROMOTION

Dr. Princewill Chibie, Department of Human Physiology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Professor of Physiology (Cardiorespiratory Physiology)*, effective July 25, 2012.

Dr. Friday Ndime, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Professor of Medicine (Nephrology)*, effective December 3, 2013.

Dr. Sunday Chikere, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Professor of Medicine (Endocrinology)*, effective December 3, 2013.

APPOINTMENT

Professor Oyeer Nwankpa, Department of Music, Faculty of Humanities, re-appointed *Head of Department*. The two-year re-appointment which took retrospective effect from March 6, 2015 terminates on March 7, 2017.

Dr. Chidubem Uyo, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, appointed *Assistant Director, Information and Communication Technology Centre (ICTC)*. The two-year appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on May 12, 2017.

FELLOWSHIP ELECTION

Professor Odi Alagbonmoh of the Centre for Logistics and Transportation Studies (CELTRAS), elected *Fellow, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, Nigeria* (London).

STUDY LEAVE

Dr. Emeka Ohafor, Department of Gas and Petroleum Engineering, Faculty of Process & Energy Systems Engineering, College of Engineering, granted a four-month *Study Leave with Pay* to enable him participate in the 2015 MIT Engineering the Teachers (ET) Fellowship in Cambridge, United States of America, effective September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Mr. Michael Oyejide, Department of Physics, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, granted a three-year *Study Leave with Pay* to enable him undertake a Doctorate degree programme in Theoretical/Mathematical Physics at the University of Bonn, Bonn City, effective April 28, 2015 to April 8, 2018.

Mr. Kola Olanrewaju, Department of Plant Science and Biotechnology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, granted a three-year *Study Leave with Pay* to enable him undertake a Doctorate degree research programme at the Stellenbosch University, South Africa, effective September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017.

Mr. Terry Henshaw, Department of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, granted a three-year *Study Leave with Pay* to enable him undertake a Doctorate degree programme in Civil Engineering at the Institute of Petroleum Studies, University of Port Harcourt, effective June 9, 2014 to June 8, 2017.

Mr. Chukwuemeka Nwabulata, Department of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, granted a one-year *Extension of Study Leave with Pay* to enable him complete a Doctorate degree programme in Civil Engineering at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, effective October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

Mr. Sunday Adah, Health Services Department, granted a three-year *Study Leave with Pay* to enable him pursue a Health Information Management Course at the Rivers State College of Health Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, effective September 22, 2014 to September 21, 2017.

RECALL FROM LEAVE

Mr. Stephen Ekeh, Deputy Registrar (Establishments), recalled from 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 Annual Leave and redeployed to the College of Continuing Education (CCE) to serve as College Secretary, effective Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

NIM Confers Fellowship On Okodudu

By Othman Samuel

In recognition of his contributions to the growth of the Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM), Director of the College of Continuing Education (CCE), Professor Steve Okodudu, has been elevated from a Member of the Nigerian Institute of Management to the distinguished grade of Fellow of the Chartered Institute.

A letter conveying the elevation dated May 7, 2015 and signed by the Registrar and Secretary to Council, M.K. Sulaiman, said the

conferment ceremony would hold on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the Shell Hall, Moun Centre, Lagos State.

"It is with great pleasure that I, on behalf of the President and Chairman of Council of the Nigerian Institute of

Management (Chartered), Dr. Nelson U. Uwaga, and, FNIM, inform you that the Council of the Institute has approved your elevation to the distinguished grade of Fellow," part of the letter read.

The grade of Fellow, according to the Registrar, is conferred on members who had contributed to the development of the Institute, management profession and society at large.

"As a Fellow, you will be required to be actively involved in all programmes of the Institute through the Academy of Corporate Management, where your core competence and area of specialization in your profession will be utilized," the letter added.

Okodudu is a Professor of Sociology and has made measurable impact in his area of specialization over the years. He is credited with turning around the fortunes of the CCE and made impactful contributions to the development of the University of Port Harcourt.



Prof Okodudu

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT WEATHER OBSERVATORY

FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – SATURDAY 28, 2015.

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI (°C)	LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNSHINE AND SUNSET (AM: PM)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 24 MAY, 2015	27.8	24.8	89	NE	7.3	6:15 15:40	Possibility of rain expected. Mostly cloudy day anticipated.
MONDAY, 25 MAY, 2015	24.8	24.8	85	NE	-	6:15 15:40	Fairly sunny day anticipated.
TUESDAY, 26 MAY, 2015	22.8	22.8	88	NE	2.6	6:15 15:40	Thunderstorm expected late in the day. Cloudy day anticipated.
WEDNESDAY 27 MAY, 2015	26.8	24.8	86	NE	1.1	6:15 15:40	Light rain expected late in the day. Mostly cloudy day anticipated.
THURSDAY, 28 MAY, 2015	22.8	22.8	84	N	-	6:15 15:40	Fairly sunny day expected.
FRIDAY 29 MAY, 2015	22.8	24.8	87	NE	-	6:15 15:41	Fairly sunny day anticipated.
SATURDAY 30 MAY, 2015	22.8	24.8	86	NE	-	6:15 15:41	Fairly sunny day expected.

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MDCN Inducts New Doctors, Dentists

A total of 58 new Medical Doctors and 6 Dental Surgeons from the College of Health Sciences were inducted into the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) during the 36th Swearing-in ceremony held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium. Pictures of the event as captured by **HEADMANALU** are shown below:



Immediate past President, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Chiochi Akani, welcoming the President of School of Medicine, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Prof. Raphael Osumwambi



Dignitaries on the High Table rise for the UniPort and National Anthems



V-C, Prof. Joseph Ajienka presenting his address



Prof. Akani administering the Physicians' Oath on behalf of the MDCN



Representative of the Chief Medical Director, UPTH, Prof. Auren Ojile and Current Chairman, Medical Advisory Council (CMAC), Dr. Tobin West addressing the new Doctors



Current President, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Christie Mato



L-R: Director, Academic Affairs, Mrs. Danyan Ono, President of the Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Nigeria (SOGON), Prof. Brian Adenoma, Commissioner of Women Affairs and Social Development, Abia State, Mrs. Bridget Nwagbika and Prof. Akani



New Doctors taking the Physicians' Oath



A cross-section of guests



New Doctors taking a bow



Some parents and guardians of the Inductees



Outgoing Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Oluke De Lily-Torah giving a Vote of Thanks



A group photograph of Management of the College, Senior staff and the New doctors after the Induction