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MOMENTS OF GLORY FOR UNILORIN

VC receives NIPR's Fellowship ...2 alumni make waves in UK, China

By Kunle Akogun, Temitope Omoniye and Bashir Dawodu

The University of Ilorin continues to live up to its legendary 'Better by far' appellation, as the nation's Most Outstanding University achieved triple acclaims recently at prestigious national and global forums.

Within a space of one-and-a-half week, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and two of the University alumni, Dr Olufemi Segun Shoyemi and Jimoh Usman, achieved the feats that invariably put UNILORIN in national and international limelight.

While the Vice Chancellor was conferred with the prestigious Fellowship of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) in Abuja last Thursday (June 27, 2024), Dr Shoyemi, a 2006 graduate of the Department of Health Education, was, on June 17, 2024, elected Governor of the South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, UK, representing the rest of England Constituency for a term of three years.

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■ The NIPR President, Dr Ike Neliaku (left), presenting the Fellowship certificate to Prof. Egbewole last Thursday



■ Dr. Shoyemi



■ Mr. Jimoh

Omojasola advocates industrial production of ogi, iru, Nono, kunnu, others

By Tajudeen Babamale

Professor in the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin, Patricia Folakemi Omojasola, has stressed the need for Nigerian industries and microbiology graduates across the country to engage in the commercial-scale production of indigenous microbial products like 'Ogi', 'Iru', 'Okpehe', 'Nono', 'Kunun', and 'Agadagidi', noting that these

products could benefit from improved shelf life and modern, appealing packaging.

Prof. Omojasola, who made the call last Thursday (June 27, 2024) while delivering the 261st Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Microorganisms in the Service of Man," lamented that despite the significant amount of research available, the production of these indigenous products remains localised and small-scale, with outdated traditional methods still in use.

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■ Prof. Omojasola

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FACES AT PROF. EGBEWOLE'S INVESTITURE AS NIPR FELLOW IN ABUJA



VC receives NIPR's Fellowship

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The other alumnus, Jimoh Usman, a 2021 graduate of the Department of Telecommunication Science, became a Huawei Certified ICT Expert (HCIE), the highest certification level offered by the China-based global technology giant.

Prof. Egbewole's glorious journey to becoming an NIPR Fellow began on April 15, 2024 with a letter of nomination jointly signed by the NIPR President, Dr Ike Neliaku, and the Registrar/Secretary of the NIPR Council, Chief Uzoma Onyegbadue, fnipr.

In the letter, the NIPR chieftains attributed the choice of the Vice Chancellor to his "immense contribution to the advancement of Public Relations practice, and, by extension, the NIPR, through his various engagements even before becoming the Vice Chancellor of the Better by far University".

The letter explained that "the Honorary Fellowship is the highest honour bestowed on individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the Public Relations profession and the development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

It added that Prof. Egbewole was specifically found worthy of the honour due to his immense institutional support for the NIPR and its members in the services of the University of Ilorin.

The investiture, in Abuja last Thursday, was witnessed by top officials of the University, including the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the University Librarian, Dr Tunde Omopupa; and a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, who is also an NIPR Council Member.

The investiture coincided with the grand finale of the NIPR's Diamond Jubilee anniversary.

SHOYEMI ELECTED UK NHS FOUNDATION TRUST GOVERNOR

A 2006 graduate of the Department of Health Education, University of Ilorin, Dr Olufemi Segun Shoyemi, was, on June 17, 2024, elected Governor of the South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, UK, representing the rest of England Constituency for a term of three years.

With his election, Dr Shoyemi will chair both South Tees and North Tees as well as Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors.

A holder of the University of Ilorin B.Ed and M.Ed degrees in Health



Prof. Egbewole (middle) flanked by a former Chairman of Unilorin Alumni Association, Abuja Branch, Dr Hastrup (left), and another well-wisher at the event last Thursday

Education in 2006 and 2014 respectively, Dr Shoyemi later received his Ph.D in Health Education from Bayero University, Kano.

Born on November 11, 1983, Dr Shoyemi had his early education at St Jude Primary School in Lagos and Abeokuta Grammar School in Ogun State for his secondary education.

In a telephone chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, Dr Soyemi attributed much of his success to the continuous encouragement and expertise of his academic anchors, particularly Prof. Olukunmi 'Lanre Olaitan and other esteemed professors in the fields of Health Promotion and Health Education at the University of Ilorin. He also acknowledged the support of his Ph.D supervisor at BUK, Prof. Oyefemi Segun Oyerinde.

His commitment to health education and his strong academic background have established him as a dedicated scholar in his field, consistently contributing to the advancement of health education in Nigeria and globally.

JIMOH BAGS HUAWEI'S PRESTIGIOUS CERTIFICATION

A 2021 graduate of the Department of Telecommunication Science, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Mr. Jimoh Usman, has made history in far away China by becoming a Huawei Certified ICT Expert (HCIE), the highest certification level offered by the global technology giant.

Huawei is a leading China-based global provider of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure and smart devices

This impressive achievement makes Jimoh the second Nigerian to attain this prestigious certification, demonstrating his exceptional expertise and knowledge in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Notably, Jimoh was also part of the pioneering group of beneficiaries of the Huawei-Department of Telecommunication Science partnership, a testament to the University's commitment to promoting industry collaborations and producing talented professionals.

Jimoh's remarkable achievement reflects the University's dedication to academic excellence and producing graduates who excel in their chosen fields.

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She highlighted the beneficial role of microorganisms in transforming agricultural wastes into valuable industrial raw materials, saying that microbial metabolites could be produced at the site of each waste using simple bioreactors, while the products could then be pooled to supply big industries.

The renowned Microbiologist said that microorganisms are often associated with negative impacts, such as epidemics and pandemics, referencing historical events like the Black Death and the Spanish flu, as well as the recent COVID-19 pandemic, they also play vital and beneficial roles in various aspects of human life.

According to Prof. Omojasola, “Microorganisms though often associated with diseases, however play vital and beneficial roles in various aspects of human life and have many valuable uses that can be harnessed in the service of man. These, according to him, include: the production of vitamins, antibiotics, vaccines and other pharmaceuticals for food production, preservation, detoxification, and flavour development through fermentation”.

The Inaugural Lecturer stated further that probiotics are used “to improve gut health; enhancement of soil fertility, plant health and nutrient recycling; degradation of pollutants in air, water and soil through bioremediation; treatment of sewage and wastewater in water recycling for irrigation”.

“Microorganisms are used in various biotechnological applications, including enzyme production, bioprocessing, and genetic engineering”, she said, adding that “enzymes produced by microorganisms are used in industrial processes such as laundry detergents, biofuel production, and pharmaceutical manufacturing”.

She pointed out that microorganisms like *Escherichia coli* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* are commonly used as host organisms for the production of recombinant proteins and bio-based chemicals. “These are just a few examples of the beneficial uses of microorganisms, highlighting their importance in diverse fields and industries”, she stated.

Prof. Omojasola elaborated on the numerous positive applications of microorganisms, including the production of vitamins, antibiotics, vaccines, and other pharmaceuticals. She said microorganisms are also crucial in food production, preservation, detoxification, and flavour development through fermentation, as well as in enhancing soil fertility, plant health, and nutrient recycling.

While noting that the Inaugural Lecture chronicles her odyssey in researching the roles played by microorganisms in biodegradation,



■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abayomi Omotesho (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Omojasola last Thursday

fermentation, food preservation and waste value addition, the don said there is need for increased funding for microorganisms research because addressing challenges in microbial-mediated transformations of agricultural wastes requires increased funding and support for researchers, including up-to-date research technology and reliable power supply.

Prof Omojasola explained the promising avenue of using microorganisms to transform agricultural wastes into raw materials for industrial applications, noting that this process not only mitigates the burden of agricultural waste pollution and disposal but also contributes to the development of bio-based industries and reduces dependency on fossil fuels. She said microbial biotechnology promotes a circular economy by converting waste streams into valuable industrial inputs, enhancing resource efficiency, and reducing environmental impact.

She opined that proper and effective implementation of food preservation strategies requires interdisciplinary collaboration among stakeholders across the food industry, academia, and government. Hence, she advocated special collaborative relationships between the universities, research institutes and the industry, saying, “This will play a crucial role in driving innovation, advancing knowledge, and fostering economic development. These collaborative partnerships, according to her, will bring together diverse expertise, resources, and perspectives that will address our challenges, accelerate scientific

discoveries, and translate research findings into real-world applications”.

“The unlocking of the full potential of African indigenous plants as sources of antimicrobial agents requires concerted efforts and collaboration across multiple disciplines. It is essential to encourage such partnerships to fully develop novel drugs that will be effective in combating antibiotic resistance”, Prof. Omojasola noted.

Speaking on her research contributions, Prof. Omojasola explained that while Nigeria generates 183.3 million tons of agrifood waste annually, causing environmental pollution, her research focuses on transforming these nutrient-rich wastes, such as cassava peels and other crop residues, into valuable industrial products like bioplastics, biofertilizers, food additives, antibiotics, and enzymes through microbial biotransformation. She added that her work demonstrates the beneficial role of microorganisms in waste management and resource utilisation.

Among the dignitaries at the well-attended Lecture were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Abayomi Omotesho, who represented the Vice Chancellor; other Principal Officers, the Kwara State Deputy Governor, Mr Kayode Alabi; the Kwara State Commissioner for Health, Dr Amina El-Imam; former Vice Chancellors of Federal University of Technology, Minna and Fountain University, Prof. Musbau Akanji, and Prof. A. B. Oloyede, respectively; and the Vice Chancellor of Ojaja University, Prof. Jelil Ojuade.

Management congratulates Ambali on NAAIP BOT appointment

By Temitope Omoniyi

The management of the University of Ilorin has congratulated Prof. Suleiman Ambali, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), on his recent nomination to the Board of Trustees of the National Association of Artificial Intelligence Practitioners (NAAIP).

In a letter addressed to Prof. Ambali and signed by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfalfa, FCIML, the University acknowledged Prof. Ambali's dedication, passion, and visionary leadership in driving advancements in Artificial Intelligence technology.

The Registrar further reminded Prof. Ambali, who is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management and Leadership, Commonwealth of Kentucky, USA, of his esteemed position within the University. He said, "As a distinguished member of the University, you are expected to display exemplary leadership



■ Prof. Ambali

qualities worthy of emulation by others. We trust you will continue to embody these qualities in your daily activities, extending them to benefit the University as a whole."

The Registrar further said, "By this

nomination to the Board of Trustees of the National Association of Artificial Intelligence Practitioners (NAAIP), your outstanding achievements have been acknowledged among other eminent Nigerians on the Board. This landmark achievement indeed demonstrates that you are a good ambassador of the University".

The Registrar expressed the University's immense pride in Professor Ambali's appointment, pointing out that the Vice Chancellor, Management, Staff and Students are all honoured by his nomination as a member of the NAAIP Board of Trustees.

He submitted that the University views this appointment as a significant achievement that reflects its unwavering commitment to excellence.

The Registrar emphasised that Professor Ambali's nomination to the NAAIP Board of Trustees serves as a hallmark to his dedication and passion for Artificial Intelligence.

Registry Staff urged to prioritise confidentiality, skills development

By Temitope Omoniyi

Principal Assistant Registrar, Academic Support Services (Senate), Mr. Victor Obalola, has emphasised the importance of adhering to laws and regulations governing information and record management.

Speaking at the Registry's second-quarter in-house seminar held at the University Auditorium last Wednesday (26 June 2024), Mr Obalola, whose presentation was entitled "Understanding the Legal Implications of Official Communication," stressed the need for strict compliance with regulations outlined in the 1999 Constitution, Public Service Rules, and other relevant legislations.

The Principal Assistant Registrar called for the mandatory administration of the Oath of Secrecy on all staff members, the maintenance of confidentiality policies, and the modernisation of record management tools to ensure the confidentiality of official records.

Mr Obalola emphasised the importance of training and retraining of Registry staff to ensure efficient record management.

Delivering the second lecture at the seminar, Mr. Ismail Salman-Oke, an Assistant Registrar, spoke on improving workplace efficiency through skills acquisition and development.

Mr Salman-Oke, whose lecture was entitled "Improving Workplace Efficiency through Skills Acquisition and Development," highlighted the need for continuous learning and training programmes.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the



■ Mr Obalola



■ Mr Salman-Oke

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Omotosho, commended the dedication and commitment of the Registry to continuous learning.

Earlier in his remarks, the Registrar, Mr. Mansur Alfalfa, FCIML, urged the Registry staff to embrace a culture of continuous development, stating that to



■ Mr Alfalfa

remain relevant and effective, staff members must possess up-to-date knowledge and skills.

The Registrar hinted that questions based on the knowledge imparted at the seminar series might be included in the next promotion examinations, which he added would be computer-based tests.

Mr Alfalfa commended the Chairman of the Registry Seminar Committee, who is also the Deputy Registrar (Council Office), Mrs. Mary Olayemi, and her team for organising a very successful seminar.

Also speaking, the Acting Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Dr. Abdulkarim Oloyede, commended the Registrar and the Registry Seminar Committee for ensuring that the seminar continues to improve and impact the work of the Registry staff.



UNILORIN ASUU urges FG to rescue education from collapse

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Chapter, has joined its counterparts all over the country to urge the Federal Government to urgently attend to the Union's requests, in order to rescue the country's education system from collapse.

Its Chairman, Dr Alex Akanmu, made the call last Tuesday (June 25, 2024) while addressing members of the Chapter at the Union's Secretariat.

Dr Akanmu listed the payment of the outstanding balance of the withheld three-and-half months ASUU members' salaries by the Federal Government as part of their demands, adding that the continuous neglect and near collapse of the nation's education

system has necessitated the call for action to address the matter.

The ASUU Chairman said that the situation has left the Union with no other option than to activate its 'rescue mission cause' as the situation is now getting worse by the day.

Other demands, according to Dr Akanmu, include the implementation of the FGN-ASUU renegotiation of the 2009 agreement, mainstreaming of earned academic allowance, rejection of Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS), reconstitution of University governing councils, and an urgent intervention to rescue the country's economy, among others.

He said that the situation has also led to the exodus of scholars from the universities and low morale of the

workforce, adding that these have all culminated in diminishing the status of tertiary education in the country.

The Chairman also bemoaned the failure of the government to fulfill the promises made in 2022 upon which the then industrial action was called off.

The Union urged the government to implement the 2009 renegotiated agreement, especially the late Nimo Briggs report, which amongst other things made case for an improved welfare package for its members, revitalisation of institutions, as well as proper funding and stoppage of proliferation of institutions without structure to support them.

Highlights of the briefing included a peaceful demonstration by the ASUU members around the campus.

Egbewole congratulates new Kwara NIPR Chairman

By Temitope Omoniyi

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the newly elected Chairman of the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), Mr Gabriel Ogunade, describing the election as "well-deserved".

The election took place last Wednesday (June 26, 2024), in Ilorin.

In a statement issued by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor, who is an honorary Fellow of the Institute, charged the new Chairman to lead the Kwara State NIPR Chapter to greater heights, while building on the foundation laid by his immediate predecessor, Prof. Saudat Abdulbaqi, a Professor of Mass Communication in the University.

Prof. Egbewole praised the



Mr Ogunade

immediate past Chairman, Prof. Abdulbaqi, fnipr, for her exemplary leadership and contributions to the growth and development of the Chapter. He expressed his confidence in the new Chairman's ability to build on this legacy and take the Chapter to even greater heights.

The Vice Chancellor also extended his congratulations to the other members of

the newly elected Executive Committee, including the Vice Chairman, Enoch Opaleke; Secretary, Abdulrahman Sanni; Assistant Secretary, Sanusi Abduljelil; Public Relations Executive, Adegbulugbe Philip Olumide; Treasurer, Janet Olufemi Olarewaju; Financial Secretary, Medinat Adigun-Oladotun; and Auditor, Rachael Solomon.

Prof. Egbewole wished the Chairman and the new Executive Committee the best in their endeavours, urging them to work tirelessly to promote the values and objectives of the NIPR in Kwara State. He also expressed his appreciation for the institute's continued partnership with the University of Ilorin, noting that it has led to numerous benefits for both parties.

The Vice Chancellor added that he would be looking forward to the continued success of the NIPR Kwara Chapter under the new leadership.

Egbewole inaugurates Committee on Gender Studies

By Temitope Omoniye

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has constituted a Committee on Gender Studies in the institution.

According to a memo signed by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfa, dated May 29, 2024, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Omotesho, is the Chairman of the Committee, while Mrs. Azeezat Ibrahim would serve as the Secretary.

Other members of the Committee include the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Patricia Omojasola; the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole; the Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Oyebisi Azeez; the Dean, Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimatallah



■ Egbewole

Abdulraheem; the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Adedoyin Omede; and Professor Azubike Onuora-Oguno of the Department of Jurisprudence &

International Law.

At the inauguration of the Committee on Thursday (May 30, 2024), the Vice Chancellor, tasked the committee to develop and support initiatives that promote gender equality across various aspects of university life.

He urged the Committee to take a multi-pronged approach to advance gender equality in the University, which should encompass curriculum development, research facilitation, awareness campaigns, and engagement with both the University community and external stakeholders.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that the Committee will assist the University to achieve a comprehensive approach aimed at creating a more inclusive learning and working environment for all.

UNILORIN ScART research project gets 1-year extension

By Mustafa Abubakar

The National Institute of Health (NIH) funded University of Ilorin Stroke and Cardiovascular Research Training (ScART) has secured a one-year extension for its ongoing research project in the University.

This was disclosed by the Provost, College of Health Sciences (CoHS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulaiman Biodun Alabi, in a memo to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

In the memo, dated May 31, 2024, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN BULLETIN*, Prof. Alabi disclosed that the extension, which will last till May 31, 2025, will enhance the capacity of researchers in Nigeria to conduct research to address the challenges of morbidity and mortality from cardiovascular disease by providing



■ Prof. Alabi

them with the requisite training.

ScART is a middle level manpower capacity research training in Grantmanship for specialist medical practitioners and allied specialties. It is funded by the New York University School of Medical, University of Ghana and University of Ilorin".

The Provost disclosed that "the programme has trained over 40 Nigerians and 40 Ghanaians, with Dr Eniola R. Kadir, a Reader in Anatomy Department and Sub-Dean, Basic Medical Sciences, University of Ilorin, with her colleagues, winning the first prize cash award of \$10,000 as the best scientific paper presentation.

The programme will give opportunities for 25 early and mid-career researchers in Nigeria to be selected annually. They will receive training onsite at the University of Ilorin over a

month cumulatively and facilitation of linkage with mentors from within and outside Nigeria.

According to Prof. Alabi, "the University of Ilorin will host the programme. The University has a track record of being one of the leading institutions in conducting quality research, having been involved in several international collaborative researches with researchers from the United States of America, Asia, Europe and many countries in Africa".

He said that trainees will be selected competitively from across the country, as interviews will be conducted by Faculty/ mentors to identify highly motivated early and mid-career researchers interested in pursuing a career in cardiovascular research.

While recalling the last five years experience and the programme, the former Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-house Training (CREDIT), said that at the end of the programme, a pool of researchers highly skilled in cardiovascular research will have been produced in Nigeria, and will be further mentored to attract the necessary grants to conduct high quality research that will address the peculiar problems of cardiovascular disease in Nigeria and, by extension, Africa.

While congratulating ScART for the achievement, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, urged it to do more in projecting the University's Vision 1.10.500.

ERRATUM

On page 8 of last week's edition of *UNILORIN BULLETIN*, the name of the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Jamiu Kolawole Odusote, was wrongly given as "Jamiu Kayode Odusote". The error is regretted.

Editor

Ex- Unilorite bags ASM Young Ambassador Excellence Award

By Tajudeen Babamale

In 1964, when African-American revolutionary and human rights activist, Malcolm X, said, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today," he may not have foreseen how relevant this statement would remain for future generations. Today, a distinguished alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Oladunjoye Iyiola Olatunji, has proved that knowledge is power and students who wish for a better future must begin to harness that power today.

On Friday (June 14, 2024), the first-class graduate of Microbiology received the maiden edition of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Young Ambassador Excellence Award. This honour was presented to him by the President of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM), Prof. Virginia Miller, and CEO, Dr. Stefano Bertuzzi.

This is the most recent honour bestowed upon the 2018 graduate of the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin. Mr. Oladunjoye is a highly accomplished microbiologist and vaccinology specialist with extensive education and research experience. He also holds an Erasmus Joint Master Degree in Leading International Vaccinology Education, spanning institutions in Spain, Belgium, and France.

His research efforts, which started at the University of Ilorin, focused on isolating and characterising drug-resistant pathogenic bacteria from abattoir wastewater in Ilorin, to highlight the link between resistant bacteria in animals and human infections. This is significant due to its relevance to the cholera outbreak in Nigeria, as he isolated *Vibrio cholerae* among other pathogens. While pursuing his studies further, he joined the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's in Vaccinology, where he studied across Europe and gained industrial experience with leading pharmaceutical companies. His aim was to develop vaccine solutions for drug-resistant pathogens and contribute to Africa's vaccine manufacturing capacity.

Oladunjoye has co-authored over 30 publications, with 369 citations and an H-index of 10, on antimicrobial resistance, zoonotic diseases, food safety, and environmental sustainability. He has held various research and work positions, notably as a Visiting Researcher at the Oxford Vaccine Group



■ Mr Oladunjoye

and as One Health Research Coordinator at the Rouleaux Foundation in Nigeria. His work includes designing vaccines, conducting immunological tests, coordinating One Health research, and implementing food safety systems.

The young Oladunjoye is a Visiting Researcher at the Oxford Vaccine Group, University of Oxford, England, United Kingdom from January 2024 to date; One Health Research Coordinator at the Rouleaux Foundation, Agege, Lagos, April 2019 to date; Food Safety Coordinator at Rentokil Boecker Nigeria, Victoria Island, Lagos, from November 2021 to June 2024; and Microbiologist at EnvironQuest Nigeria Limited, Marina, Lagos, from August 2019 to November 2021.

His technical knowledge and skills include molecular identification of microorganisms (PCR, DNA extraction, enzyme assays), environmental sampling and analyses (air, water, wastewater, soil), measurement and analytical techniques, and proficiency in Excel, SPSS, R Studio, Artemis, and ACT.

He is a recipient of awards, fellowships, and academic distinctions with a total funding estimate of \$57,000. These include the Young Ambassador Excellence Award, American Society for Microbiology (2024); Young Ambassador Award, ASM Microbe Conference (2023); UFR Biosciences Mobility Award, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1 (2023); Erasmus Mundus Scholarship; Abstract Travel Award – Student and Postdoctoral Category, ASM 2022, Microbe

Conference; Young Ambassador Award (ASM 2022 Microbe Conference); Young Ambassador Project Fund, American Society for Microbiology 2022; Young Ambassador Project Fund, American Society for Microbiology, 2021; One Health Advocacy and Mentorship Programme Grant Award, 2020; Award of Excellence: Presented at NAMS Southwest Convention, 2020; Nigerian Association of Microbiology Students (NAMS) Merit Award, 2019; Best Participant Award, Global Health Emerging Leaders Programme, 2019; Commonwealth100's Common Purpose Open-Source Leadership Badge, 2019; Second-Best Graduating Student, Department of Microbiology, 2018; Winner of the Quiz Competition at NAMS South-West Congress, 2018; Certificate of Meritorious Service as the General Secretary of NAMS (Unilorin Chapter), 2018; and University Conference Grant for the 3rd NAMS National Conference, 2017.

In community outreach and volunteer activities, Oladunjoye was Young Ambassador of Science to Nigeria, American Society for Microbiology (2020-2023); Content Writer/Media Volunteer, Know COVID-19, Nigeria (2020 -- present); Programme Officer, Project Clean-Up, Ijora (2020); Health Literacy Volunteer, MIT COVID-19 Challenge (2020); and Research Associate, Global Health Focus (2019-present). He was also Resources and Events Tracker, International Students One Health Alliance, 2019-2020; Team Participant, 4 Youth by Youth HIV Self-testing Designathon – 2019; Muslim Corpers' Liaison Office, PHALGA, National Youth Service Corps – 2019; Public Relations Officer, Muslim Corpers' Association of Nigeria (MCAN), Rivers State, 2018-2019; General Secretary, Nigerian Association of Microbiology Students, 2017-2018; Strategist and Publicity Secretary, MICROBIOUTREACH, 2018-2019; and Writing & Media Volunteer, Pearl Sickle Cell Foundation, 2018-2019.

In a telephone interview with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, this proud ambassador of the most sought-after University in Nigeria said that being selected as the inaugural recipient of the Young Ambassador Excellence Award from among 118 Young Ambassadors globally is a tremendous honour, that validated his efforts and contributions to the field of Microbiology, and it holds immense significance for him personally and professionally.

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Say 'No' to drugs, Abdulraheem tells Unilorites

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof Nimah Abdulraheem, has urged the students of the better by far University to say 'No' to drugs.

Prof. Abdulraheem made this call last Wednesday (June 26, 2024) while speaking at the International World Drug Day programme organised by the Drug Abuse Control and Counselling Club, Unilorin Chapter. The event, themed "The Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention", held at the Faculty of Law Moot Court.

The Dean, in her opening remarks, maintained that drug abuse is a pervasive problem that affects individuals, families, and societies at large, noting that "it knows no boundaries and can touch anyone, regardless of age, gender, socioeconomic status, or educational background".

She pointed out that "as members of the academic community, and particularly within the Faculty of Law, we have a responsibility to not only pursue knowledge but also to address the societal issues that threaten the fabric of our communities".

Prof. Abdulraheem noted that as future legal practitioners and scholars, students will encounter the ramifications of drug abuse in various capacities, whether through criminal defense, prosecution, policy-making, or advocacy, adding that their role in addressing the issue is critical.

She told the students that "it is essential to understand the multifaceted nature of drug abuse, which encompasses



■ Abdulraheem

physical, psychological, and social dimensions".

The Dean then challenged the club members on what they can do better for the society as the slogan of their club states 'Your wellbeing, our priority'.

She appreciated the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his unwavering support for the Club, Prof Bashir Omipidan and Prof Mubarak for their financial contributions towards the success of the programme.

In his speech the Guest Speaker, who is an Assistant Commander with the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Alhaji Toyin Ajanaku, explained that "the consequences of drug abuse are far-reaching, impacting not just the health and well-being of the individual, but also their

families, communities, and the legal system".

Alhaji Ajanaku noted that for students to know about drug abuse, they need to acquire information on drug abuse and know the secondary prevention methods such as rehabilitation, among others.

As the way out of the drug abuse menace, Alhaji Ajanaku said, "We must advocate for policies that balance justice with compassion, ensuring that those struggling with addiction receive the support and treatment they need to recover and reintegrate into society". He urged Schools to have recreational activities, and not overburden students, establish drugs penalties and conduct interim test for students on drugs.

The Head of the Department of Political Science who is also the Staff Adviser of the Club, Dr Adebola Bakare, advised the students to stay away from drugs. He maintained that drug abuse is becoming extremely high in the society, especially among students. He said this is caused by peer influence or out of coercion, and curiosity.

Dr Bakare noted that our legal system plays a crucial role in combating drug abuse, but it is not the only solution. He maintained that effective strategies require a holistic approach, combining law enforcement with prevention, education, and rehabilitation.

Major highlights of the event included interschool debate competition between Queen Elizabeth School, Ilorin, and St. Anthony Secondary School, Ilorin quizzes, and giveaways, among others.

Ex- Unilorite bags ASM Young Ambassador Excellence Award

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In a message to fellow Unilorites who dream of attaining excellence as advocated by the Vice Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, Mr. Oladunjoye urged the students to blend academic rigour, professional development, and community engagement. He said, "Balancing these activities with my academic responsibilities taught me invaluable lessons in time management, prioritisation, and building important networks and relationships. These experiences bolstered my career and helped me graduate with First Class Honors, finishing as the second-best student in a class of over 200 Microbiology graduates in 2018. Being heavily involved in extracurricular activities helped me stay focused, avoid unnecessary distractions, and build a network that has been crucial to my career.

To attain First Class, I was not just

reading to excel in exams but to truly understand and own my craft. I built confidence by reading before the lectures by poring through textbooks and past lecture materials; I also sought to understand the different lecturers' psychology, mainly how they assessed students. And I enjoyed teaching my classmates, as it improved my understanding as well. I wasn't a conventional student. After my first year at the University, I attended the National Conference of the Nigerian Society for Microbiology at the University of Lagos in 2015. This early exposure to the professional world of Microbiology helped me realise the challenges and opportunities in microbial sciences, fueling my passion and setting the stage for my future endeavors".

While appreciating the work-study scheme put in place by the University authority, especially the Unilorin Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), Mr. Oladunjoye said, "Due to personal circumstances, I needed to work to stay in

school. I benefited greatly from the University of Ilorin Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre's work-study scheme.

Mr. Oladunjoye is currently working on cutting-edge research on vaccines for outbreak pathogens as a visiting researcher at the Oxford Vaccine Group, University of Oxford, with a focus on hantaviruses and arenaviruses. These pathogens cause severe diseases like hantavirus pulmonary syndrome and Junin hemorrhagic fever, yet no effective vaccines exist for them. This work centers on developing and testing viral vector-based vaccines in laboratory settings. He is evaluating their effectiveness, safety, and how they interact with existing immune responses in mice. Additionally, he is studying how pre-existing immunity to similar vectors affects vaccine responses in humans, drawing insights from past and ongoing clinical trials.



■ *The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Omotesho (middle), the Kwara State, Deputy Governor, Mr Alabi (6th left), and other dignitaries displaying the book after the presentation*

Egbewole hails IMRAT's initiative on child safety campaign

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), has said that the Institute of Medical Research and Training (IMRAT), University of Ilorin, should not rest its oars in the task of spreading the basics of child safety, focusing on parental supervision, teaching children about personal safety, and creating a safe digital environment.

Prof. Egbewole said this penultimate Friday (June 21, 2024) at the public presentation of an IMRAT book, titled "Basics of Child Safety," which took place at the University Auditorium.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, who is also the IMRAT Board Chairman, the Vice Chancellor said that parents and guardians have a significant role to play in ensuring the safety of children through adequate parental supervision. According to him, "It is essential for parents to actively monitor their children's activities, both online and offline, and create a safe environment for them to grow and explore".

The legal luminary also emphasised the importance of teaching children about personal safety. He said that it is important to educate children about potential dangers and how to respond to them. This, according to him, includes teaching children about strange danger, how to recognise and avoid hazardous situations, and how to seek help when needed. By empowering

children with this knowledge, they can better protect themselves in various situations, he said.

In his speech, the Chairman of the Occasion, who is the Deputy Governor of Kwara State, Mr. Kayode Alabi, highlighted the importance of community involvement in child safety.

Mr Alabi called for collaboration between schools, religious leaders, traditional rulers, law enforcement agencies, communities, and relevant stakeholders to create a safe and supportive environment for children. This, according to him, includes raising awareness about child safety, implementing safety measures in public spaces, and providing resources and support for families.

The Director of IMRAT, Prof. Kolade Ernest, said that the importance of the Institute is to work in the field of child safety, which is not limited to research and education alone, but also strives to make a tangible difference in the lives of children, families, and communities

Prof. Ernest said, "Through the launch of the book and ongoing initiatives, the Institute is taking a significant step towards creating a safer environment for children".

The Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health said child safety is a matter of utmost importance, and it requires a collective effort from all stakeholders to ensure the well-being and protection of our children.

He disclosed that IMRAT has long been at the forefront of research, education, and advocacy in the field of child safety, adding that the Institute's dedicated team of experts, researchers, and educators have worked tirelessly to delve into the intricacies of child safety, equipping the society with the

knowledge and tools needed to safeguard children.

Prof. Ernest said the launch of the book marks a milestone in the journey of the Institute toward creating a safer world for our children, stressing that the book serves as a comprehensive guide, providing essential information and practical strategies to parents, guardians, educators, and anyone involved in the upbringing of children.

The book reviewer, Prof. Sunday Adedeji Aderibigbe, said that "Basics of Child Safety" is a must-read for every parent, guardian, educator, and concerned individual, as "it serves as a compass, guiding us towards creating a safer world for our children".

Prof. Aderibigbe, who is the Director of the School of Preliminary Studies, University of Ilorin, said the book's informative content, practical approach, and empowering message make it an invaluable resource in the fight for child safety.

In his vote of thanks, the University Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, said the book will certainly curb child abuse if the copies reach a broader audience, raising awareness and promoting a culture of child safety.

Mr Alfanla commended the authors of this book, who, he said, "have dedicated their time and expertise to compile this invaluable resource", adding that "their contributions will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the lives of countless children and families".

Also present at the event was the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. B. S. Alabi, among others.

Be jurists, not just lawyers, Shittu urges Unilorin Law students

By Tajudeen Babamale and Latifat Raji

A renowned legal luminary, Mr Wahab Shittu, SAN, has challenged the students of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, to become jurists who pursue justice instead of merely being lawyers, noting that Nigeria is in dire need of justice now more than ever before.

Mr Shittu stated this last Tuesday (June 25, 2024) in his address at the presentation of the 27th edition of *The Jurist*, an annual publication of the Law Students' Society of the University of Ilorin, organised in his honour.

The legal luminary, who is a post graduate student of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, University of Ilorin, explained the essential difference between lawyers and jurists, stressing that while lawyers might focus on winning cases, jurists prioritise justice. He urged the students to adopt the mindset of jurists, who find satisfaction in justice being served rather than merely securing legal victories.

Mr Shittu said, "You must decide what kind of lawyer you want to be: a jurist or a lawyer. While all jurists are lawyers, not all lawyers are jurists. A lawyer is part of a dignified profession, but while a lawyer may be desperate to win at all costs, whether fair or not, a jurist is always committed to justice, whether they win or lose a case. A jurist is interested in the justice of the cases they handle. When you lose, but justice has been served, you should be happy. You must resolve to become a jurist."

The senior lawyer, however, lamented the current state of Nigeria's legal system, pointing out that it lacks the crucial element of justice. According to him, "Today, what is lacking in our jurisprudence is the element of justice. There is a difference between justice and judgment. A judgment can be delivered without satisfying the criteria of justice."



■ **The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fawole and some of the dignitaries at the event**

Mr Shittu expressed his pleasure that the Faculty of Law at the University of Ilorin has decided to build its foundation of learning on the philosophy of justice. He also thanked the Faculty for the honour bestowed upon him.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, called on the students of the Faculty of Law to strive for excellence and dedicate themselves to the betterment of the nation.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented at the event by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, also emphasised the importance of continuous learning, which, he said, ensures that legal professionals remain updated with the latest laws, regulations, and legal precedents, and enables professionals to provide the best possible representation and advice to their clients.

While expressing confidence in the capabilities of the students, the Vice Chancellor attributed their potential success to the quality of education they have received. He said, "It is clear that our

teachers have passed on their excellence to you. I wish that this excellence will help you navigate your career in real-life situations".

The Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimah Modupe Abdurraheem, appreciated the students for their consistent annual publication, for the past 27 years. She also thanked the honouree for accepting the invitation, saying, "It's a different thing to invite and it's also a different thing to come in person".

Prof. Abdurraheem assured everyone of enjoying the publication, which she said, contains 17 compilations on current issues and topics.

The Guest Speaker, Mr Femi Falana, SAN, represented by Prof. R.K Salman, called on the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) to stop unlawful arrests and detention of lawyers and other citizens in the country.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, represented by Mr Taofeek Olateju, Secretary of the Nigeria Bar Association, Ilorin Branch, assured the Faculty of his continuous support.

Kolawole joins UK's Science Creates Cohort

By Mubarak Oladosu

*The only African in the cohort

Prof. Matthew Kolawole of the Department of Microbiology, University of Ilorin, has been selected as one of the 20 new innovators from across the United Kingdom who will be part of Science Creates Cohort 2.0.

The only African in the Cohort, Prof. Kolawole, who is also an Associate Tutor at the University of Warwick Medical School and a Tutor at iheed, an online medical education institution based in Dublin, Ireland, was selected in recognition of his innovative ideas, which promote environmental friendly science.

Science Creates is an Engineering Biology Accelerator

programme, and it is the only UK-wide accelerator in partnership with UK Research and Innovation, which is dedicated to supporting entrepreneurial scientists in Engineering Biology.

Earlier last month, Prof Kolawole founded BIOCAMAT Consults Limited, at Coventry, United Kingdom. The Consultancy company is designed to enable the development and introduction of green technology in wastewater treatment such that waste water can be recycled into clean and healthy water using an efficient, low cost, non-toxic and eco-friendly flocculant of biological originals, which is an alternative to the chemical flocculant currently in use.



■ **Prof. Kolawole**

Egbewole lauds Unilorin Drug Abuse, Control Club

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the institution's Drug Abuse, Control, and Counselling Club on its outstanding community service efforts, which, he said, have long-term benefits in combating drug abuse in Kwara State and Nigeria as a whole.

Prof. Egbewole gave the commendation last Monday (June 24, 2024) when he received members of the Club who were in his office to inform him of their activities and mission as a group.

The Vice Chancellor commended the group's effort in fighting the menace of drug abuse, noting that the cankerworm has eaten deep into the Nigerian society and is seriously causing problems for individuals and the society. He urged the Club not to relent in its efforts at championing the noble cause until the momentum of this cankerworm is substantially checkmated.

While highlighting the club's extensive outreach, the Senior Advocate of Nigeria appreciated its focus on community service beyond the University premises, particularly its initiatives targeting state secondary schools. He said, "I want to appreciate the fact that you are not limiting yourself to the University; you are extending community service to the state secondary schools to catch them young".

The Vice Chancellor, however, urged the club to involve all Faculties and concerned research groups in the University to ensure a more enduring and sustainable approach to its advocacy. He also emphasised the importance of forming a partnership with the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to enhance the impact of the advocacy efforts. "I believe you are assisting them with their job to curb the menace of drug abuse, and I am sure they will be pleased with this initiative," he remarked.

Addressing the broader context of the drug abuse crisis, Prof. Egbewole said, "The focus that you have put in place is not misplaced at all because if you look at the statistics and the challenges that society is facing because of drug abuse by



■ The Vice Chancellor, Principal Officers and members of the Club during the visit

certain individuals, your approach of control and counselling is laudable".

Prof. Egbewole reaffirmed the University's commitment to supporting the club's initiatives, saying, "For us as a University, this initiative is something that we are willing to support as much as possible. It is an initiative that I believe the university should be championing. We are open to seeing how management can support this initiative."

Speaking earlier, the Staff Adviser of the University Drug Abuse, Control, and Counselling Club and a lecturer in the Department of Public Law, Mr. Adeboye Seye Thompson, stressed the critical need for proactive measures against drug abuse.

He noted that "drug abuse is a menace that has affected almost all societies across the world, and Nigeria is not an exception", vowing not to "sit around and wait till the menace becomes bigger than this before we nip it in the bud". Mr Adeboye added, "That is why we, as staff and students of the University of Ilorin, decided to form a drug abuse club".

Speaking further on the club's efforts, which include engaging with secondary schools across Kwara State, the Staff Adviser said, "We have started working with secondary schools across Kwara State to instill what we believe should be prerequisite information on preventing drug abuse. By the time these students gain admission into higher institutions, their minds will be prepared to be advocates of drug abuse prevention", he explained.

Also speaking, the President of the University of Ilorin Drug Abuse, Control, and Counselling Club, Mr Oyebanji Paul Olatoye, articulated the Club's dual focus on education and counselling in order to combat the pervasive issue of drug abuse.

He said the Club is planning to establish a community whereby the University and its neighboring communities will be educated on the effects and menace of drug abuse, adding that, the club members are committed to not only focusing on prevention but also on counselling victims of drug abuse. He said they would be preventing new cases and supporting those who have already been affected.

Mr Olatoye, who is a student of the Faculty of Law, said currently, seven Faculties, including Social Sciences, Education, Law, Medical Sciences, Clinical Sciences, and Basic Medical Sciences, are actively involved in the Club's initiatives. He, however, added that they are planning to extend membership to other Faculties.

The Vice Chancellor was joined to receive the Club members by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and the Ag Bursar, Mr Oba Abdulbaqi.

Kwara Gov donates N5m to CILS

The Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, has donated N5 million to the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin.

A statement by the Director of the Centre, Prof. I. O. Sanusi, said that the money, which would be used to equip the CILS Gallery, was transferred to the Zenith

Bank account of the Unilorin Consultancy Services penultimate Friday (June 14, 2024).

Prof. Sanusi said that the Governor's gesture would go a long way in defraying part of the expenditure plans of the Centre for the 2022/2023 academic sessions.

The Director pointed out that in the Centre's proposal submitted to the Vice

Chancellor in October 2023, "the sum of N5, 000, 420 was earmarked for the purchase of gallery materials and to conduct public lectures, seminars, and workshops; while the sum of N5 million was earmarked for the acquisition of shelves, wardrobes, and racks to showcase the gallery collections".



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 20TH TO 27TH JUNE 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	1,001,750.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	2,204,390.15
Sundry Other Income	566,200.00
Convocation Souvenir	864,940.00
Boarded Property	2,500.00
Capitation NHIS	15,000.00
Income from Verification/Screening	100,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	3,000.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	12,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	2,000.00
Hire of University Property	40,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	65,500.00
Rent on University Property	215,400.00
Utility Income	476,600.00
Undergraduate School Charges	3,753,757.50
Undergraduate Post UTME	4,400.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	38,700.00
Postgraduate School Charges	7,789,900.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	235,715.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	2,967,700.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	4,359,610.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	82,300.00
Institute of Education Application Form	544,400.00
Remedial Application Form	15,200.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	126,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	851,100.00
JUPEB School Charges	941,350.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦27,279,412.65
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Rastag Global Ltd Renovation of former IOE	1,543,207.33
Ibrahab Global Resources Limited Supply of Furniture	2,290,085.00
Swiftknight Ltd Supply of Office Computer and Equipment	7,874,805.00
Just Interiors Curator Supply of office furniture and Equipment	7,972,038.00
Muluda Nig Ltd Rehabilitation of Road with limited Drainage at GRA Qtrs	7,155,998.73
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	12,775,007.64
Purchase Advance Various	3,923,680.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	1,409,874.00
Staff Training Academic Staff Development Award (CBNTETFUND)	1,500,000.00
Unilorin Guest House Hotel Expenses	1,935,450.00
TSA Charges Various	40,742.50
Total payment for the period	₦48,420,888.20

Signed

ObaAbdulkarki, FCA

Ag Bursar

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mr. Paul Ogidi	Security Unit	Acting Director, Security Unit	21 st June, 2024
Dr. L. A. Olawoyin	Communication and Information Sciences/Telecommunication Science	Acting Director, Centre for Cybersecurity and Sustainable Development (CCSD)	2 nd May, 2024
Prof. R. G. Jimoh	Communication and Information Sciences/Computer Science	Centre Research Coordinator/Lead, Centre for Cybersecurity and Sustainable Development (CCSD)	2 nd May, 2024
Dr Isa Omolabi	Management Sciences/Business Administration	Assistant Director, Centre for Cybersecurity and Sustainable Development (CCSD)	2 nd May, 2024



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Salman, Medinat Folorunso	Science Education	Jun 30
2	Imam, Abubakar Aliagan Ya'Qub	Religions	Jun 30
3	Agbaje, Olanrewaju Michael	Registry	Jun 30
4	Alabi, Anthonia Nkechiyem	Family Medicine	Jun 30
5	Abdulkareem, Sulyman Angulu	Human Kinetics & Health Education	Jun 30
6	Badmus, Hassan Babatunde	Registry	Jun 30
7	Oba, Jamiu Kayode Olayinka	Registry	Jun 30
8	Buhari, Abdulmumin	Registry	Jun 30
9	Abdulkadir, Owolabi Abdulrazaq	Private & Property Law	Jun 30
10	Alabi, Abdulkareem	Registry	Jun 30
11	Onimajesin, Isiaka Salihu	Criminology & Security Studies	Jul 01
12	Agbeye, Adeola Faith	Registry	Jul 01
13	Shehu, Babatunde Muktar	Security Division	Jul 01
14	Gbadeyan, Sunday David	Bursary	Jul 01
15	Opadiji, Jayeola Femi	Computer Engineering	Jul 01
16	Tijani, Abdulfatah Idowu	Chemical Engineering	Jul 01
17	Mukhtar, Lukman Abiodun	Bursary	Jul 01
18	Falola, Abraham	Agric Econs & Farm Management	Jul 01
19	Abdulkareem, Tajudeen Zakari	Microbiology	Jul 01
20	Abdulhameed, Abdussalam	Social Work	Jul 01
21	Aro, Gbenga Michael	Library	Jul 01
22	Salami, Adebayo Wahab	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Jul 02
23	Kadiri, Kelurude Kadijat	Mass Communication	Jul 02
24	Adeniran, Jamiu Adetayo	Chemical Engineering	Jul 02
25	Obaleye, Joshua Ayoola	Chemistry	Jul 03
26	Olanrewaju, Wulemat Motunrayo	Registry	Jul 03
27	Falade, Ayotunde Atanda	Educational Technology	Jul 03
28	Saka, Ajarat	Biochemistry	Jul 03
29	Adeboye, Muhammed Akanbi Nurudeen	Paediatrics & Child Health	Jul 03
30	Balogun, Tawakalitu Raufu	Library	Jul 03
31	Abdulwaheed, Akande Toheeb	Biochemistry	Jul 03
32	Oladosu, Muhibat Odurinde Abeni	Registry	Jul 04
33	Abubakar, Ibrahim Yusuf	Mass Communication	Jul 04
34	Afolabi, Abiodun Shamsideen	History & International Studies	Jul 04
35	Kasim, Lateef Saka	Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Chemistry	Jul 04
36	Olusegun, Roseline Ronke	Health Services	Jul 04
37	Olorukooba, Rukayat Ronke	Legal Services Unit	Jul 04
38	Awe, Grace Kemi	Registry	Jul 04
39	Onigba, Obalowu Babatunde	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Jul 04
40	Azeez, Toyin Yahaya	Security Division	Jul 04
41	Balogun, Adedayo Miftaudeen	Computer Science	Jul 04
42	Ajidagba, Uthman Abdulrahman	Arts Education	Jul 05
43	Afolabi, Raheem Tayo	Registry	Jul 05
44	Fakunle, Shola	Registry	Jul 05
45	Ohworisi, Agatha Ufuoma	Unilorin Staff School	Jul 05
46	Salman, Ramat Titilayo	Accounting	Jul 05
47	Abd-El-Aziz, Abd-El-Latif Adekunle	Educational Technology	Jul 05
48	Arisekola, Ibrahim Kehinde	Registry	Jul 05
49	Babamale, Razaq Oba	Human Kinetics & Health Education	Jul 05
50	Ogunsanya, Oluwafemi Adejumobi	Bursary	Jul 05
51	Mohammed, Idrees Oludare	Surveying & Geo-Informatics	Jul 05
52	Arise, Abimbola Kemisola	Home Economics & Food Science	Jul 05
53	Ibraheem, Akeem Owolabi	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Jul 05
54	Solliu, Hulaimat	Registry	Jul 05
55	Mohammed, Ramat Mopelola	Adult & Primary Education	Jul 05
56	Yahaya, Suleiman Abimbola	Biomedical Engineering	Jul 05
57	Shogo, Khadijat Bola	Procurement & Maintenance Suport	Jul 05
58	Yunus, Abdulrasheed Bolaji	Accounting	Jul 05
59	Balogun, Cleonice Yomi	Training Research & Development	Jul 06
60	Alabi, Mumini	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jul 06
61	Isiaka, Abdulganiyu Olatunji	Security Division	Jul 06
62	Yusuf, Toyin Fatimoh	Health Services	Jul 06

The University Board of Health encourages you to visit the University Health Services for medical check-up on your birthday. Thanks

Open Ph.D. Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1.	FALORE, Sunday Olubusuyi	Life Sciences/Microbiology	Effects of Herbicides and Insecticides on Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria Survival, Metabolic Activities, and their Biodegradability	Friday, 28 th June, 2024/9:00am	Faculty of Life Sciences Committee Room



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- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated members of the University Muslim Community on the occasion of this year's Eid el-Kabir festival.
("Egbewole greets Muslims on Eid el-Kabir", <https://www.thedespatchng.com>; "Egbewole greets Muslims on Eid el-Kabir" <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>, "Egbewole greets Muslims on Eid el-Kabir", <https://gatemash.com>).
- While delivering the 260th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, entitled "In Sickness and Good Health: Pharmacology as System Medicine Research Primer", Prof Olufunke Olorundare of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics of the University of Ilorin has disclosed that her research has discovered a new anti-cancer agent.
("Unilorin Don Discovers New Anti-Cancer Agent", <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>).
- The Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Unilorin Chapter,

- Comrade Alex Akanmu, has joined its counterparts all over the country to urge the Federal Government to urgently attend to the union's request in order to rescue the country's education system from collapse.
("ASUU warns of impending closure of varsities", *New Telegraph*, Wednesday, June 26, 2024, p. 28).
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reacted to the recent hike in electricity tariff imposed by the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC).
("Varsities groan under heavy Electricity bill", *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, June 25, 2024, p.7).
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has lauded the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) for its relentless battle against corruption and financial crimes.
("UNILORIN VC Commends EFCC's Impact in Anti-Corruption Efforts", <https://midlandpost.ng>).



Faculty of Veterinary Medicine University of Ilorin

Presents



ANNUAL LECTURE (MAIDEN EDITION)

IN HONOUR OF

Professor Saka Nuru



Topic:

Navigating the Nexus of Food Security, Safety, and Disease:

A Holistic Sustainable Future and Economic Prosperity

Professor (Chief) Saka Nuru
1st Professor from Ilorin Emirate
BVSc, MPVM., Ph.D., FCVSN, FNSAP, FIAMN
(The Boba-gunwa of Ikoyi Ile)

Host

Prof. Oyebisi M. Azeez
DVM (Ibadan), MSc Ph.D (Lagos), FCVSN
Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Chairman

Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN)
LL.B (Hons) (Ife); B.L (Lagos); LL.M (Ife);
Ph.D (Ilorin); FCARB; Fspsp
Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin



Wednesday 3rd July, 2024



University Auditorium



9:00am Prompt

Special Guest of Honor

Prof. Suleiman Alege Kuranga
Department of Surgery, University of Ilorin &
Fmr Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council
Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria.

Guest of Honor

Hon. Toyosi Adebayo Thomas
Honourable Commissioner for
Agriculture and Food Security, Kwara State.



Guest Lecturer

Dr. Hameed Nuru
UN World Food Programme (WFP), Director of the
African Union Global Office and Representative to the
African Union and Economic Commission for Africa.



Let's explore economic benefits of Archeology, US-based don urges govt

By Mubarak Oladosu

A Nigerian scholar at the Arizona State University, USA, Prof Usman Aribidesi, has urged government at all levels in Nigeria to focus on Archeology as a resource that could plug the revenue gap in the economy.

Prof Aribidesi, a Fulbright Scholar, who is a Specialist in Anthropology and Archeology, noted that cultural and natural resources attract people from across the world and many African countries attract a lot of foreign exchange to their countries through tourism.

The don made this submission at the University of Ilorin Auditorium last Wednesday (June 26, 2024) while delivering the third Faculty of Arts Lecture, entitled "Unearthing the Archeological Past for Sustainable Development".

He noted that archaeological sites like the Nok site, the Ugwuele site at Uturu, Ile Ife, and Igbo Ukwu, among others, are visited by tourists in Nigeria, lamenting, however, that visitors to the country are abysmally low compared to the available archeological resources.

Prof. Aribidesi pointed out that countries like Kenya with Olorgersaille, South Africa with Taung and Sterkfontein, Ethiopia with Hadar, and Tanzania with Olduvai Gorge generate huge sums in foreign exchange from tourism.

He said that when featured as tourist attractions, archeological sites can constitute a lucrative source of revenue for their localities, state and national governments, and also for foreign and local private tourism operators.

The don also opined that development institutions that intend to alleviate poverty and foster community economic development could encourage local inhabitants to participate in maintaining and managing archaeological sites.

Prof. Aribidesi proposed the establishment of village or community museums at the local government areas, saying that "this will help bring the museums closer to the people and their roots and encourage local people to deposit any antiquities in their care in the museums". He added that "local people will be very willing to do this since they will feel greater connection and satisfaction doing so when the museum is in their area than when it is located outside".

He also noted that there is high preference for Nigerian sculptures because of the quality of wood used by Nigerian sculptors. Similarly, Aribidesi asserted that bronze, terracotta, and stone objects from Nigeria are incapable of being penetrated by heat and moisture, which often destroys many other examples of African art, according to studies, and Nigerian works of art are therefore highly priced in the international market.

He revealed that in the 1970s, Benin's artwork was sold for 34,000 Pounds while a Benin Bronze was auctioned for \$2 million in 1989 as reported by Radio Nigeria.

Prof. Aribidesi noted that "Antiquities theft and illicit trade in artworks are significant problems facing cultural resource management in Nigeria today", pointing out that "objects of artistic value, both ethnographic and archaeological, have been stolen and exported illegally while sculpture, which constitutes the bulk of Nigeria's works of art, is often sought after".

He also noted that Nigeria has an abundance of historic sites and monuments such as buildings of historical and architectural interest, including ancient city walls of Kano and Benin, the compound at Keffin Madaki in Bauchi State, Ilojo Bar in Lagos State, the Statutes of 19th century Kings and paramount



■ Prof. Aribidesi

rulers of the Niger Delta including King Jaja of Opobo, Dappa Pepple of Bonny, Chief Oshikoya of Nembe, Obu house at Elu Ohafia, Abia State, Gidan Maitama in Kano, the rock paintings in Birnin Kudu in Kano State, and the Geji Rock paintings in Bauchi State, amongst others.

Prof. Aribidesi frowned at indiscriminate construction and infrastructural development and farming, which do not take archeological sites into account. He suggested that "the Commission for Museums and Monuments must consult with state and local government officials on impending construction projects that threaten cultural resources".

He further stated that "once cultural material is detected, archaeologists should be dispatched to the site to carry out a survey", adding that "when sites and monuments that need to be preserved are identified, the law should be employed."

In his speech at the event, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho, noted that sustainability should be the watch word in the development discourse, especially in Nigeria.

He noted that while only about 3 percent of Nigerians are over 65 years of age and 70 percent are under age 30, the interest of the younger generation must be the priority in the practice of development.

In his address, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof Léré Adéyemi, appreciated the Vice Chancellor for his unwavering support to the Faculty, which has ensured that the Faculty's French and Performing Arts programmes are fully accredited. He described Prof. Egbewole as a worthy role-model who is a pride to scholars in the Humanities.

The Dean also requested for larger language laboratories and Lecture Halls for his Faculty.

Among the guests at the event were the Kwara State Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Dr. Mary Arinde, the Commissioner for Regional Development and Inter-Governmental Affairs, Ekiti State, Dr Kareem Akande, and the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Prof. Ishaq Olanrewaju Oloyede, who was represented by Prof Luqman Zakariyau, among others.

The event featured presentation of Faculty awards to distinguished personalities.