

## Kiri Gives Update On Fake Drugs Research

In an effort to set up a multi-disciplinary approach in the research against fake drugs in Nigeria, a preliminary application has been made to the United Kingdom-based *Welcome Trust* for the funding of the first phase of the project in fulfillment of a two-stage application process that would ensure proper commencement of the project, reports *Obinna Nwodin*.

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Institute of Niger Delta Studies held a Public Lecture on Good Governance last Wednesday. Details next week.  
~Editor

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## Stakeholders Brainstorm On Oil Field Chemicals At CPRT Confab

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Stakeholders from the petroleum industry and the academia gathered in the University between last Monday and Wednesday to discuss issues bothering on oilfield chemicals and flow assurance. The landmark event was an international Conference organized by the Centre for

Petroleum Research and Training (CPRT) under the auspices of the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS). Welcoming participants to the three-day Conference at the Emmanuel Egbogah Auditorium of the Emerald Energy Institute for Energy Economics, Policy and Strategy (EEI), Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajlenka, described the gathering as part of the advantage of

the Triple Helix Plus drive of the University aimed at boosting collaboration between industry, government and professional bodies. "The idea is to turn out industry ready graduates that would add value chain to the oil and gas industry," he remarked.

Describing the resource persons as highly knowledgeable in their areas

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# Graduate Students Shower Praises On CGS At Interactive Parley

By Otiakor Samuel

**G**raduate Students were unanimous in showing appreciation and showering praises on the Management of the College of Graduate Studies (CGS) for the quality of training they received at the Postgraduate, Master's and Doctor of Philosophy programmes offered by the College.

The Graduate Students, who took turns to speak at an interactive session organized by the College ahead of the just-concluded 30<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony of the University at the Seminar Room on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, commended the Provost, Professor Roseline Konya and her team for introducing some innovations which contributed to the timely graduation of students and accelerated growth of the College. Addressing the students, Professor Konya, who urged them to be good ambassadors of the College and the University at all times, also commended them for their understanding and cooperation which resulted in the amazing growth witnessed under the Collegiate system.

The Provost disclosed that a total of 5,326 Graduate Students were processed for the Convocation, stating that 450 candidates met the stringent requirements for the award of the Doctor of Philosophy degree, 2,660 for the Master's degree, while 2,216 completed their Postgraduate Diploma programme.

"Our concerted efforts aimed at ensuring your prompt graduation is now bearing fruit with the increased number of graduates we have been turning out in the last few years. You now have the



A cross section of the Graduate Students. Inset: Provost, Prof Konya and her team

responsibility of jealously guarding your Certificates by being our good ambassadors out there. In some universities abroad, there is what is called legacy endowment, so the College would be proud of those of you who may wish to give back to it now or in the future," the Provost assured them.

Deans of School in the College present at the occasion: Professor Martin Ifeanchi (Graduate School of Arts,

Education and Social Sciences), Professor Chinduro Efirim (Graduate School of Management, Business and Trade) and Professor Adewale Dosunmu (Graduate School of Engineering and Technology) in their separate speeches enjoined the students to adhere strictly to the ethics of their profession and make integrity their watchword to succeed in the competitive labour market.

## IBS-GNI Ends Quarterly Meeting In UniPort

By Mercy Adeniji

**T**he International Biometrics Society Group Nigeria (IBS-GNI) has ended its Quarterly Meeting in the University with a call on new entrants into the discipline to contribute their quota towards the advancement of the Society's goals.

Declaring open the group's Meeting held at the International Students' Centre on Friday, June 19, 2015, Provost of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Professor Nenna Frank-Peterside, who was represented by Dean of the Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, Professor Anthony Ekine, commended the group for opting to hold the meeting in the University. "We welcome you to

the University of Port Harcourt and we hope that the results of your deliberations would be beneficial to the University and the society at large," he told participants, promising total support from the Management of the Institution. In his speech, Chairman of the Organising Committee, Professor Oseibi Asiribo, expressed gratitude to the Institution for supporting the group, disclosing that IBS-GNI holds its meetings on various related themes on an annual basis. According to Professor Asiribo, "the group focuses on certain problems in the Biological Sciences and determines how we can solve them for the benefit of society. Each time we meet, we have seminar presentations from our members on their current research areas and how we can contribute to what they are doing in the

advancement of the frontiers of knowledge."

Professor Asiribo disclosed that the meeting served as a platform to welcome new members and also plan modalities for the 2015 SUSAN Workshop scheduled for Ibadan.

Also speaking, Acting Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Dr. Mary Iwundu, commended the group for giving University of Port Harcourt the opportunity to host the group, explaining that IBS-GNI had membership that cuts across the world.

"We have people in biometrics, comprising Statistics, Pharmacy, Music, Medicine, Agricultural Science and other related disciplines in which data is processed. We have been exposed to different kinds of software and techniques by different speakers," she disclosed. Highlight of the Meeting was a business session and paper presentations by members on various topics.



Chairman, Organising Committee, Prof Asiribo (arrowed), immediate past DV-C (Admin), Prof Ethelbert Nduka, Dean, Faculty of Physical Science & Information Technology, Prof Ekine (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> left) and other participants

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### FARM PRODUCE FOR SALE

**T**he Commercial and Research Unit of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, Faculty of Agriculture, announces the sale of farm produce, including eggs, rabbits, vegetables, high quality cassava, plantain suckers, ornamental plants and tree crops of different varieties. A statement dated June 2, 2015 and signed by Mr. Hamber Thomas, disclosed that staff of the Commercial Unit would mount sales outlets at the premises of Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium between 12:00 noon and 2:30pm on Mondays and Faculty of Agriculture Demonstration Farm, Choba Park, from Mondays to Saturdays between 9:00am and 4:00pm, each day.

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Professor of Epidemiology and Visiting Scholar to the University of Port Harcourt, Victor Kiri, made the disclosure during a Public Lecture he delivered at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park, last Wednesday.

Professor Kiri, whose lecture was entitled: *A Multi-Disciplinary Research Approach on Fake Drugs in Nigeria—An Update*, said that the first phase of the study was to classify drug dispensing units into three categories to reflect heterogeneity in practice and estimate the prevalence of counterfeit drugs for each category with the purpose of subsequently designing a pragmatic site-based surveillance systems that would enable researchers tackle identified problem in the second phase of the project.

Professor Kiri, who is of the University of Limerick, Ireland, stated that although NAFDAC was a national drug regulatory Agency with a set of guidelines for the manufacture, importation and distribution of prescription drugs, the reality on ground, in terms of actual implementation of these guidelines, revealed absence of clearly defined and standardized channels of practice. According to him, drugs get into Nigeria from a variety of sources which made effective regulation almost impossible, adding that the importation and distribution of drugs were mainly conducted by a diverse network of private businesses, many of which had little or no regard for stringent regulatory procedures.

Professor Kiri stated that "although the problem of fake drugs in Nigeria is well recognized, there are as yet no reliable statistics on its prevalence or any effort to assess its impact on the health of the

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Prof Kiri

population largely due to the absence of appropriate structures and facilities for obtaining such data," advising that there has to be the will to address some of these shortcomings, with a view to providing some insight as to the likely impact of counterfeit drugs on the health of Nigerian paediatric population in particular. "We will use our estimates of the scale of the problem, as well as the experience gained from the application of the *Truscan* hand held device to develop pragmatic

surveillance systems suitable for implementing the different strata of drug dispensary units in Nigeria as identified in the first phase," he stated.

In his remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who was represented by Chairman, Research and Development, Professor Bene Willie Abbey, said that the University was very interested in high impact research, adding that the only way any country could develop was by paying serious attention to research and development. The Vice-Chancellor regretted that Nigeria had depended on others for solutions to her problems for too long, stressing that the essence of the Lecture was to create awareness on the importance of research. He added that with such level of awareness on the relevance of multi-disciplinary research, Nigerians would begin to see things differently. In his contributions, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Professor Okeka Udeala, said that the issue of fake drugs was a real problem in Nigeria that must be tackled head on, adding that such a research required high level integrity from all concerned parties.

Also speaking, Visiting Scholar, Professor Vincent Idemvor, submitted that the fake drug business was worth over \$70 billion, which made it a difficult business to combat, adding that despite apparent hurdles on the way, concerted efforts must be made to fight the scourge to safeguard the health of Nigerians.

The event which featured a question and answer session was attended by staff and students of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, amongst other interested participants.

## UniPort Doctoral Candidate Represents Nigerian Varsities At OPEC Seminar

Stories by Otiakor Samuel

A Doctoral candidate in the Department of Geology, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Miss Fortune Nwokocha, has described her experience at the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of an International Seminar organized by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) for member countries as very worthwhile and enriching. She participated in the Seminar as the only student

representative from Nigeria.

Speaking to *UniPort Weekly* on arrival from the event which had "Petroleum: An Engine for Global Development," as its theme and held between June 3 and 4, 2015 at the OPEC headquarters in Vienna, Austria, Miss Nwokocha disclosed that Ministers of Petroleum from 12 OPEC member countries attended the Seminar which addressed challenges in the petroleum sector.

On the relationship between the activities of OPEC and her Department, Nwokocha, who is also a staff of

the Department of Geology, said while OPEC was into exporting oil, Geology studied how to find oil.

"The experience was a worthwhile one; it was an exciting meeting that attracted high level speakers that made presentations. The experience no doubt, has boosted my professional experience," she explained, commending the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka and her immediate past Acting Head of Department, Dr. Akaha Tse, for facilitating her participation at the OPEC Conference.

## Ake Chair Holds Public Lecture Thursday

The Claude Ake Professional Chair of Political Economy has announced the presentation of a Public Lecture entitled: Labour and the Nigerian Economy, for the leadership of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC)

from Rivers, Bayelsa and Abia States. The event also targets managers in public and private economic enterprises, senior civil servants and civil society organizations.

The Lecture which would be delivered by a former staff of the Department of Economics of the University of Jos, Dr. Peter Ozo-Eson, is scheduled to hold at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park, this Thursday.

A statement obtained by this publication, disclosed that the Lecture would be part of activities initiated by the Chair Occupant, Professor Eme Ekeke to enhance the quality of governance and contribute towards the emancipation of African countries from the shackles of poverty and ignorance.

"The Claude Ake Professorial Chair was endowed by the Rivers State Government in 2014 to immortalize the memory and work of late Professor Claude Ake, who was pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Port Harcourt. An internationally acclaimed scholar, Professor Ake was one of the foremost authorities on development and governance issues and the economy," part of the statement said. The statement invited the University Community and the general public to attend the event.



Dr. Ozo-Eson



Miss Nwokocha

The University of Port Harcourt literally moved to the majestic Intercontinental Hotel, Victoria Island in Lagos between Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, as the Governing Council utilised the 2015 Retreat to evaluate the institutional performance of the University in the past twelve months. The event was designed to ascertain where the University is now as the Professor Joseph Ajienka-led administration begins to wind down and where it seeks to be under the incoming era of Professor Ndowa Lale.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Engineer Gosi Asamawel, struck the right chord with a commencement speech that captured the essence of the Retreat. Reminding participants that the event was neither a jamboree nor a get-together exercise, the Council Chairman recalled that a similar Retreat in Uyo last year strengthened the capacity of the outgoing administration of Professor Ajienka to fine-tune its operational modalities for peak performance.

"As we settle down to brainstorm in this Retreat, I urge all participants to proffer workable solutions to the problems bedevilling public sector educational institutions in Nigeria. I am confident that our recommendations will be fully implemented for the continued growth and development of the University of Port Harcourt—and by extension—all other publicly-funded universities in our dear country," the Pro-Chancellor hoped.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ajienka, who was very astute with words at the gathering, said his administration tried to reposition the University with a string of creative and innovative ideas that reduced the 'dead hand' of bureaucracy in running a public institution. "The major challenge facing the University system today is how to convince parents to pay token charges that would keep public Universities afloat. We also have to tackle the culture of mediocrity through discipline and resolute leadership. We need to work from answer to question and also align our activities with industry players to remain relevant in a knowledge economy," he was done.

Four insightful presentations by diverse resource persons focused on aspects of the challenges facing the University as it braces up to receive a new helmsman. Before the presentations, Retreat Facilitator, Dr. Segun Ogunkole, led participants on a 'strategy assessment' which identified gaps in the form of finances, stakeholder engagement, resource mobilization, faculty, staff and students, including commitment to research and image management. Other areas included ranking-based competition, local, regional and global outlook, socio-political, economic and technological perspectives.

The common thread that ran through the presentations at the three-day Retreat centred on sustainable Internet implementation, accountable leadership, change management, alumni relations, document management, poor maintenance culture, checking plagiarism, student-lecturer contact hours, inadequate municipal services, budget implementation

and expenditure control, including staff and students' welfare.

It was agreed that identifying the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) would mean focusing on strategies that work in the specific operational environment of the University. Effective leadership was linked to the right character, attitude and commitment at all levels. A visionary leader should look out for subordinates taking action and not those sycophants who follow him around out of pecuniary interest. Efficient staff work on their job schedule, while mid-level staff work on the leader to cover up their inadequacies.

Before the presentations commenced, the Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, charged participants to identify issues that could

By Williams Wodi

impede the implementation process of some University activities with a view to fine-tuning strategies to correct them. "Let our works begin to speak for us. It is time to translate theories into action on a creative platform. The Resource Persons must now show us the way, rather than revealing in mere postulations," she advised.

One of the Resource Persons, Mr. Johnson Ugwu was very creative in his solution to the problem: "If you want to get better, you must look up to the best models for inspiration." The University needs to focus on product differentiation through effective utilization of scarce resources and periodic self-assessment

to determine where it is and its preferred destination.

Former Barsar of the University of Benin, Professor Ifeoma Nwye, who dwelt on resource management, stressed the need to reduce the cost of governance through strategic financial management and a people-centred system that is open, accountable and transparent. "Universities must seek alternative sources of funding and engage in transparent budgeting models to build trust in the system," she said, stressing the need to integrate them to their operational environments to achieve organizational direction.

On her part, Dr. Benedicta Dauda of the University of Jos narrowed down the issue to

monitoring and evaluation of institutional activities through effective data and information management, with a view to correcting observed lapses in the implementation process. "Institutional goals must result in impact, while objectives should lead to output right from the planning stages. There should be sectoral allocation of responsibilities to guarantee success."

Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Professor Musbau Akanji, who spoke on strategies for achieving a 21<sup>st</sup> Century University, compared private and public institutions in Nigeria and submitted that ranking depended on funding and quality of research output. "Our universities have become Local Government Councils that must

generate all their municipal services. The quality of staff and students is dwindling by the day, while the over-hearing influence of Unions poses serious challenge to administrators." He advocated openness in financial transactions, appointment of the right personnel and democratization of benefits to reduce institutional bickering, including constructive engagement with the political class.

The Retreat which came amidst the much-anticipated change of leadership in the University, afforded the outgoing and incoming Vice-Chancellors a veritable platform to deeply reflect on where the University is coming from, where it is now and where it is headed under the emergent dispensation. Participants were filled with a sense of eager anticipation of a new dawn, while taking stock of the last five years under the administration of Professor Ajienka. The Retreat was a moment of truth for everybody.



Dr. C. (Admin) Prof Anthony Ike in a handshake with Pro-Chancellor, Engr Gosi Asamawel

Incoming V-C, Prof Ndowa Lale (left) and V-C, Prof Joseph Ajienka

Engr Asamawel reading his welcome address

Council members Ebenezer Ezeani, Prof John Ikimalo, Barrister (Mrs) Joyce Broderick-Busimo, Dr. Nelson Okonji, Barrister Obachukwu Ajienka and Ataji Mohammed Ogiye



A cross-section of participants listening to the Retreat Facilitator, Dr. Segun Ogunkole, standing in the background

Resource Persons, Mr. Johnson Ugwu and V-C of FCT, Minna, Prof Musbau Akanji

Former Barsar of Uniben, Prof Ifeoma Nwye delivering her paper

Resource Person, Dr. Benedicta Dauda (standing), Dr. Ogunkole (left) and Deputy Registrar Information, Williams Wodi



Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, Prof Broderick-Busimo

L-R: Dr. C. (Acad) Prof Igbo Joe, Prof Lale, Engr. Asamawel, Prof Ajienka and Prof Ike

A cross-section of the participants at the Retreat

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of specialization, the Vice-Chancellor who noted that the University could facilitate employment and wealth creation through high impact research and development, commended the Directors of Centres affiliated to the Institute of Petroleum Studies for contributing tremendously to the advancement of the University through globally benchmarked research and teaching. He also expressed hope that the Conference would become an annual event that is capable of building research bridges between the University and industry players.

Chairman of the Conference and Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Emerald Energy Resources Limited, Dr. Jude Amaefule challenged the participants to come up with meaningful research initiatives that would translate knowledge to wealth. "The Academia is an exciting place where ideas are grown and nurtured for the advancement of society. The Conference is an avenue for people in the academia and their counterparts in the industry to cross-fertilize ideas to build a brighter future for humanity and personal fortune for themselves," he stressed, reminding young researchers that industry players were prepared to write fat cheques for innovators with brilliant ideas that can solve problems and not story tellers.

In his address, CPRT Director, Professor Joel Ogburn, who described the Conference as the realization of the World Bank expectation for the Centre to groom young academics within Nigeria and other African countries, commended the University Management, Addax Petroleum Development Nigeria Limited, the Petroleum Technology Trust Fund and the Nigerian Content Monitoring and Development Board for sponsoring the activities of the Centre, calling on other players in the hydrocarbon sector to come on board.

Keynote Speakers including Visiting Scholar to the University, Professor Vincent Idemeyor; General Manager, Development and Asset Management, Addax Petroleum Development Nigeria Limited, Chikorie Nwosu; Dr. Jude Amaefule of Emerald Energy Resources Limited, spoke on University-Industry

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V-C, Prof. Ajienka (arrowed) and other stakeholders from the academia and industry in the oil and gas sector

*Partnership in Research and Development: A Catalyst for Local Content Development, Petroleum and Energy of the Future and Productivity Enhancement Solutions for Damaged Horizontal Wells: Niger Delta Case Histories, respectively.*

Professor Idemeyor called for partnership that would impact significantly on teaching and learning in the University. Professor Nwosu and Dr. Amaefule stressed the need for the energy policy of the Federal Government to be revisited in the light of recent developments to ensure a holistic approach to addressing future energy requirements of the country, including renewable sources of energy.

Other Keynote Addresses included *Oilfield Chemicals Development in Nigeria: Opportunities and Challenges, Duplication of Emerging Deep Water Operations and Flow Assurance, Nanotechnology in Integrated Science and Engineering Applications and A New Paradigm in Nigerian University Education System: A Case Study of the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS).*

The two-day Conference was the result of a partnership between the World Bank African Centre of Excellence for Oilfield Chemicals Research of the University of Port Harcourt, the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) and University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

## UniPort Scholar Screens Herbicides For Bayer CropScience

By Humphrey Ogu

In line with the University-Industry initiative canvassed by the outgoing Professor Joseph Ajienka-led administration, Dr. Udensi Udensi of the Department of Crop and Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, has pioneered the screening of two new products for a leading international research company in agricultural industry, Bayer CropScience.

Briefing UniPort Weekly on the project, Dr. Udensi, said: "We are collaborating with Bayer CropScience on crop protection and production. I am screening two of their newly-produced herbicides. One is called Lagon 5758C; the other one is called Lantid 6185C. These products are for weed control in maize and cassava. Lantid is for weed control Post-Emergence in maize at certain leave stages of the weed, while Lagon is for Pre-Emergence control in maize and cassava.

"We are trying to screen these two herbicides to

ascertain their efficacy level. The two products are different from conventional herbicides, because their active ingredients are at lower rates compared to other existing herbicides products in the country. They are very economical to use and we are screening them against other herbicides in the country. At the end, we will do partial budget analysis to determine which of the herbicides is more effective," he said.

"The visit of officials of Bayer CropScience to the University is to commence monitoring what activities to put in place in this regard. We are going into planting and spraying after marking out the field with the aim of harmonizing the activities and ensure that they meet international standards," he told our Correspondent.

Udensi, who noted that the University of Port Harcourt was the only institution screening the product, said the Institution was chosen because of the expertise available here. "We met at a conference where I presented a paper and they

found out that I came from the University of Port Harcourt. Based on that, they indicated interest in doing business with us and that is how we came to work together," he said.

Also speaking, Registration and Development Manager of Bayer CropScience in English Speaking West and Central Africa, Mark Segbefia, said: "We came to UniPort to evaluate an ongoing partnership project between us and the Faculty of Agriculture with Dr. Udensi as our contact person."

"Our ongoing test on maize is to determine the efficacy of two herbicides from Bayer. The first one is a Pre-Emergence Herbicide for the control of weed in maize production, which would help reduce the workload of farmers in future. The second one is a Post-Emergence Herbicide for the control of weed in maize production by farmers who were not able to control it from the early stages," he said.



Dr. Udensi (3<sup>rd</sup> right), some staff and student of Faculty of Agriculture and representatives of Bayer CropScience

"We believe this collaboration will help farmers attain higher yields. One application is enough for the whole year without any weed problem. If you do not apply before they germinate, and you have maize and weeds growing, you can apply a small portion and all the weeds will be dead within one week to enable you have a beautiful harvest," Segbefia said.

Segbefia who came from Ghana was joined by the Development and Registration Manager, Bayer Middle Africa Limited, Ahmed Bello and Technical Representative, HarvestField Industry Limited, Amangbo Byron and some staff of Faculty of Agriculture.

# GUIDEPOST

## PROFESSORIAL PROMOTION

**Dr. Henry Ughoma**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, effective December 3, 2013.

## APPOINTMENT

**Professor Johnson Nna**, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, appointed *Head of Department*. The two-year appointment which took immediate effect terminates on May 29, 2017.

**Dr. Sunday Ousut**, Department of Educational Foundation, Faculty of Education, appointed *Acting Head of Department*. The two-year appointment which took effect from June 2, 2015 terminates on June 5, 2017.

**Dr. Bartholomew Eke**, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, appointed *Acting Head of Department*. The two-year appointment which took effect from June 2, 2015 terminates on June 5, 2017.

## ADJUNCT APPOINTMENT

**Professor Cyril Ndifon**, offered appointment as *Adjunct Professor* in the Faculty of Law, effective on assumption of duty.

**Dr. Eni Aboho**, offered appointment as *Adjunct Senior Lecturer* in the Faculty of Law, effective on assumption of duty.

**Dr. Edem Udoaka**, offered appointment as *Adjunct Senior Lecturer* in the Faculty of Law, effective on assumption of duty.

**Dr. Imo Udofo**, offered appointment as *Adjunct Senior Lecturer* in the Faculty of Law, effective on assumption of duty.

**Dr. Ayebeasin Beredugo**, offered *Part-Time Teaching Appointment* as *Senior Lecturer* in the Faculty of Law, effective on assumption of duty.

**Dr. Reuben Okonkwo**, offered a one-year *Contract Appointment* as *Senior Lecturer* in the Faculty of Law, effective on assumption of duty.

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**Dr. Silva Opusunju**, offered *Part-Time Teaching Appointment* as *Lecturer II* in the Faculty of Law, effective on assumption of duty.

**Mr. Thompson Oyeneyajua**, offered *Temporary Appointment* as *Research Fellow II*, effective on assumption of duty.

**Ms. Aleema Kamenebali**, offered *Temporary Appointment* as *Assistant Research Fellow*, effective on assumption of duty.

**Dr. Tammy Alalabo**, offered a one-year *Adjunct Appointment* as *Lecturer II* in the Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, effective on assumption of duty.

## CONVERSION

**Miss Henrietta Nnadi**, Department of Biomedical Technology, School of Science Laboratory Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, converted from *Senior Medical Laboratory Scientist* to *Assistant Lecturer*, effective May 21, 2015.

## My Tenure Was Quite Challenging ~Dr Nwakanma

By Mercy Adeniji

**I** Immediate past Acting Director of the Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies, Dr. Prince Nwakanma, has described his two-year tenure as quite challenging, but very rewarding as it afforded him a rare opportunity to work towards achieving the mandate for which the Centre was established.

Dr. Nwakanma, who reviewed the performance of his two-year tenure in an interview with *UniPort Weekly* on June 3, 2015, disclosed that on assumption of duty, "I noticed that the Centre needed to be properly focused and retooled, given the important role it was designed to play in preparing students to be self-employed on graduation. It took me sometime to lay my hands on the National Universities Commission's BMAS GST document on Entrepreneurship Studies."

Dr. Nwakanma, whose tenure elapsed in May, 2015, regretted that the Management of the General Studies (GST) on Entrepreneurship Studies at the Undergraduate level was wrongfully domiciled in the General Studies Unit at the inception of the programme in the University, expressing disappointment that several years after the Centre was established, the anomaly had inexplicably persisted.

He commended the Senate of the University for directing that "the Management of GST Entrepreneurship at the Graduate level be domiciled in the Centre, hoping that the move would breathe life into the GST Entrepreneurship Studies at both the Undergraduate and Graduate levels in the University." Dr. Nwakanma appealed to Management to favourably consider the request he made for the appointment of Coordinators for the Faculties to facilitate the Management of GST Entrepreneurship by the Centre to enable his successor, Dr. Edwinah Amah to effectively manage the programmes.

Speaking on his achievements while in office, the immediate past Acting Director recalled that the Centre participated in the

maiden edition of the Annual National Entrepreneurship Week (ANEW) organised by the NUC on his watch. The Centre also succeeded in organising the first ever Entrepreneurship Forum in the University, which brought together practising entrepreneurs, including distinguished alumni to speak to staff and students on growing businesses, adding that during his tenure, the Centre entered into partnership with VTB Consulting Limited, TransConsult Limited, ENACTUS, UniPort and African Leadership Forum (ALF).

Dr. Nwakanma disclosed that the University established the Centre in compliance with a directive by the Federal Government in 2002 that Entrepreneurship studies be introduced into the curriculum of Nigerian universities, stressing the need for Management to assist the Centre to fulfill the reason for its establishment. He expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor; Professor Joseph Ajiinka, for the opportunity afforded him to serve as the third Acting Director of the Centre.



Dr. Nwakanma

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT WEATHER OBSERVATORY

### FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28 – SATURDAY JULY 04, 2015.

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SUNDAY 28 JUNE, 2015	30.0 24.0	76	NE	5.5	6:23 18:47	Widely scattered thunder storm expected. Mostly cloudy day forecast.
MONDAY, 29 JUNE, 2015	29.0 23.0	82	NE	28.7	6:23 18:47	Heavy rain expected. Mostly cloudy day expected.
TUESDAY, 30 JUNE, 2015	30.0 23.0	79	NE	9.4	6:24 18:48	Light rain expected. Mostly cloudy day anticipated
WEDNESDAY, 01 JULY, 2015	30.0 22.0	76	NE	4.5	6:24 18:48	Thunder storms expected early in the day. Mostly cloudy day forecast.
THURSDAY, 2 JULY, 2015	30.0 22.0	76	NE	4.5	6:24 18:48	Light rain shower expected. Mostly cloudy day expected.
FRIDAY, 3 JULY, 2015	30.0 22.0	76	NE	4.4	6:24 18:48	Thunder storms expected early in the day. Mostly cloudy day forecast.
SATURDAY, 04 JULY, 2015	30.0 22.0	76	NE	6.5	6:24 18:48	Isolated thunder storm expected. Mostly cloudy day forecast.

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## SERVICOM CORNER

Service failure is a universal phenomenon. In one way or the other, one must have been a victim. This observation informed the establishment of SERVICOM in all organs of the Nigerian system. The purpose is to provide an improved and effective/efficient service delivery, nationwide. The whole idea of SERVICOM is to identify areas of service failure, with a view to ensuring that service delivery is commensurate with investment. Some of the responsibilities of SERVICOM Unit include:

- Formulate the Service Charter which depicts the services the University would render. The Charter among others shall project and protect the rights/entitlement of stakeholders and customers.
- The Unit would provide opportunity for complaints with a view to redressing them promptly.

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## First Class Dinner

**F**orty one students who made First Class and Distinction for the 30<sup>th</sup> Convocation ceremony of the University were treated to a sumptuous Graduation Dinner at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. Pictorial highlights of the events were captured by our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU** and showed below:



V-C, Prof Joseph Ajenka welcoming the First Class graduands and other guests to the Dinner



Incoming V-C, Prof Ndawa Late speaking



DV-C (Admin), Prof Anthony Ike presenting goodwill message



DV-C (Academic) and Chairman, 30<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony, Prof Igbo Joe making a speech



R-L: Dean, Student Affairs, Prof Andrew Efemini, immediate past DV-C (Admin), Prof Ethelbert Ndaka and Bursar, Mr. Vitalis Alixi



Some of the First Class graduands helping themselves at the buffet table



Head, Department of Music, Prof Onyee Nwankpa (left) and Deputy Registrar (Information), Williams Wodi on the dance floor



Students of the Department of Music playing at the Dinner



Some Senior Officers of the University at the Dinner



Best Graduating Student, Mr. Dickson Ibangi giving a Vote of Thanks



Incoming V-C, Prof Late, member of Governing Council, Prof Owanari Georgeswill and others at the Dinner



A group photograph of the First Class graduands



V-C, some Principal and Senior Officers of the University with the First Class graduands