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NUC Accreditation Teams Praise UniPort Programmes, Make Recommendations For Better Service Delivery



In exercise of its role as the apex regulatory body on academic programmes in Nigerian universities, National Universities Commission (NUC), last week, carried out the latest phase of accreditation in various programmes presented by the University of Port Harcourt, reports *Obinna Nwodin*.

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By Otiakor Samuel

In furtherance of its mandate to meet the needs of the hydrocarbon industry through commitment to excellence in manpower training, the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), has inducted 25 world-class Petroleum Engineers who successfully concluded their Master of Science degree programme in Petroleum

Engineering and Project Development. Induction of the Batch 13 Class and Anniversary Celebration of the Institute held at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, last Thursday with a well-appointed dinner that held at the TOTAL Village later in the evening to round off the weeklong programme. The ceremony also featured the graduation of 16 students who successfully completed

TOTAL's flagship Sustainable Development programme as part of the Batch 8 Postgraduate Diploma in Petroleum Technology. The event which featured Induction of Messrs Victor Bandle, Abiodun Afolabi and Nicolas Terraz as Fellows of the Institute, also witnessed the presentation of IPS Meritorious Award to Mr. Kido Musa, who served as Professional

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MR. CLETUS EGBUZIE

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Reliving 2016 Snooker Challenge

By Williams Wodi

Snooker game is an intrepid art if players and spectators understand the science behind it. The game itself is not amongst those popular recreational activities that engage Nigerians on a good day, but go to the University of Port Harcourt Senior Staff Club and you would be stepping into hallowed territory. You may even be forgiven to believe that Snooker is the number one sport in the world. Don't mention football to Snooker devotees! They are simply hooked on the green covered table.

Quite literally speaking, nothing can be accomplished at the Senior Staff Club without the measured input of the ubiquitous Snooker Board Section that mutates like gangrene. Once inside the Club, you can resist just about anything, but very few can resist the raucous members of the Snooker Board who keep the Club busy and lively every day. It is place where animated men and women; friends and well-wishers, even implacable enemies are offered open invitation to join the Snooker Board without a padded budget.

Three seasons ago, the leadership of the Snooker Board invented a competition with a monetary tag on it. In its fourth season the competition attracted an eclectic mix of devotees who abandoned everything that usually kept them busy on a typical Naija weekend to grace the occasion. It was time well invested on Saturday, November 26, 2016, when the best Snooker players turned out in their spritely colours to be counted in the porting game as part of the grand finale of the Fourth Snooker Board for 2016.

The preliminaries, Mr. Michael Mombere, who stood in for Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Professor Osi Akpogbome, described the game as "an avenue to build bridges, renew friendships and recreate away from the drudgery and boring routine of an academic environment. We are grateful to all those who contributed in making this year's competition a reality and congratulate our members for keeping the spirit of the Snooker Section alive."

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Hakeem Fawehinmi, who declared the competition open on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, spoke of the power and networking capacity of Snooker Board members and their ability to influence the leadership configuration of the University at many levels. He attracted approval and rebuttals at the same time, especially from Snooker Board Barons who did not wish to advertise or overrate their influence on Campus politics.

"Let me on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor; congratulate members of the Snooker Board for making positive contributions to the development of

our dear University. Competitions such as the one we are flagging off today will inculcate the spirit of healthy rivalry, fair play and cement friendships. The administration would continue to support your lawful activities and also wish to invite other staff of the University to join sporting clubs or form one to enable them keep fit." Professor Fawehinmi told the gathering.

Captain of the Snooker Section of Port Harcourt Club, Mr. Smart Echendu, expressed delight at the participation of academics in Snooker, commending them for keeping the game alive. "I am very happy to be here today and I can assure you of our support as you seek to develop Snooker in UniPort. We will reciprocate by inviting your team to the Port Harcourt Club and as a further mark of our support, we will donate three trophies during the next competition," Captain Echendu announced to a cheering audience.

Earlier, Acting Team Captain, Professor Barisua Nwince, had praised members for their commitment to the survival of the Snooker Section, calling for more support to reposition the game in the Club. "We lost two important members this year and our prayers and thoughts are with the families of late Mr. Kelsey Makele and Professor Elijah Iyagba. I bring you greetings from our Life Team Captain, Professor Blessing Didia, who is away on official assignment as Vice-Chancellor of Rivers State University of Science and Technology, but he is with us in spirit," Nwince assured the members.

The moment of truth: Many of the unsung medium-size players who were eliminated from the competition at the preliminary stage got ring-side tickets to join others who cheered from the spectator stand. At the Quarter Final stage, Dr. Friday Nwafor dispatched Mr. Robinson Odum; Mr. Enock Abali dismissed Mr. Gbarance Warior; Mr. Roland Wabali

scarlet white shirt and black bowtie like the other competitors.

Major highlights of the memorable evening were presentation of certificates and mascot to all participants by the Vice-Chancellor's representative under the close supervision of the Team Manager, Professor Anyamebo Okorosa-Oribite. Then came the moment when the Semi-Finalists and Finalists received their prizes and plaques as reward for their endurance and exploits on the Snooker Board. There was more than enough to eat and drink thereafter, including old-time music that reminded the likes of Professors Obiozor Anyagwu, Willie Okowa, Victor Dapper, Oamen Abumere and Major Olusegun Mefey, Mr. Sylvester Ikejiala, amongst other crooners of what they had already forgotten. It was a night to remember.



Overall Winner, Dr. Nwafor (centre) flanked by winners of the 2nd position, Dr. Worlu (right) and the 3rd position, Abali (left)

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Leaders of the various teams showered encomium on the University Management and affected Departments on the high level of preparation for the exercise that cut across thirty-five programmes that were due accreditation in seven faculties.

Programmes accredited included Mechanical, Civil, Chemical, Electrical/Electronic, Petroleum and Gas Engineering; all in the Faculty of Engineering. In the Faculty of Science, the teams evaluated programmes in Biochemistry, Plant Science and Biotechnology, Computer Science, Geology, Industrial Chemistry, including Mathematics and Statistics, Microbiology. The Faculty of Humanities presented Religious and Cultural Studies, Linguistics and Communication Studies, Philosophy, Music, Theatre Arts, Fine Arts and Design, History and English Studies.

The Faculty of Management Sciences presented Hospitality and Tourism Management, Management, Marketing, while the Faculty of Education presented Educational Management, Adult and Non-Formal Education, Business Education, Health Education and Education Political Science. Some programmes in the Faculty of Agriculture also faced accreditation.

Speaking at the Exit Meetings with the various teams, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndawa Lale, expressed gratitude to them for their sacrifices in ensuring that the NUC achieved its mandate of quality programming in Nigerian universities through periodic accreditation exercises. He assured the team members that Management of the University would do

NUC Accreditation Teams Praise UniPort Programmes

everything within its powers to implement their recommendations to the letter for better academic delivery. He further expressed happiness to them for the positive remarks made about the programmes evaluated, including the status of the University.

In their separate remarks, leaders of the various teams commended authorities of the University for the evident infrastructural development and academic output over the years, including programmes and curriculum content, staff mix, as well as other support facilities on ground. They also made valuable observations and recommendations on areas that needed to be strengthened for quality academic delivery to students and in research output. The Vice-Chancellor also praised the professionalism displayed by the various Departments as a reflection of the quality leadership provided by the administration.

Professor Lale had earlier welcomed each team at the Senate Chambers on their arrival in the University, assuring them that Management readily appreciated

their observations and comments on their findings to help strengthen the quality of academic activities in the University.

"We are very happy for the candid observations you made about the various programmes in the University. Rather than being apprehensive about accreditation exercises, we in this University readily welcome them as an integral part of quality control and quality assurance. We have taken your observations and recommendations to heart and you can be rest assured that we will rectify whatever deficiency that you may have observed during the exercises. We welcome constructive criticisms because they are in our own interest and we would always strive to get better," Professor Lale told the teams.

More Faculties are expected to face NUC accreditation teams this week, including programmes in the Social Sciences and Science Laboratory Technology (SST).

Additional report by Williams Wodi



V-C, Prof Lale (arrowed), some Principal and Senior Officers in a group photograph with one of the accreditation teams

Urology Unit Needs Urgent Upgrade To Departmental Status ~Eke

By Humphrey Ogu

Foremost Urologist and Surgeon at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Professor Ndu Eke, has called for urgent upgrade of the Urology Unit of the Department of Surgery into a fully-fledged Department for enhanced service delivery to its growing clients.

Exchanging views with *UniPort Weekly* on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, Eke who was elected First Vice-President of the International College of Surgeons in Kyoto, Japan last October, hoped that the Urology Unit which was currently housed in the Department of Surgery, would soon be upgraded to meet the training needs of more medical personnel in the area.

Professor Eke noted that the Unit currently had enough consultants, other clinical and support personnel to stand as a Department, emphasising the need for the employment of more Urologists to beef up areas of deficiency and acquisition of cutting-edge equipment to boost the capacity of the proposed Department in line with global best practice. He added that the current trend in medical practice was in the direction of super specialisation. Professor Eke listed oncology, stone disease, traumatology, reconstructive procedures, as well as paediatric urology as major areas of specialisation in his field.

Defining urology as a branch of surgery that dealt with the urinary system, as well as sexual function in males, including reproduction and sexual activities, Eke explained that the commonest urinary problems in adults included cancers of the kidney, bladder and prostate. He explained that urinary problems in children could be congenital or acquired, pointing out that among the acquired

ones were traumas which could affect any part of the system.

"In men who are not able to have children may be unable to produce enough spermatozoa or are not discharging enough because there is a blockage caused by infection, injury or trauma. In the case of erectile dysfunction, diagnoses have to ascertain the causes. One of the causes of erectile dysfunction is related to age, like people who are 50 years and above. Other causes include diabetes and hypertension and their treatments," he said.

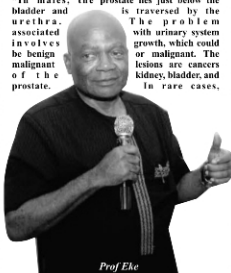
"In males, the prostate lies just below the bladder and is traversed by the urethra. The problem with urinary system growth, which could be benign or malignant. The lesions are cancers kidney, bladder, and prostate. In rare cases,

other parts of the urinary system such as the urethra and ureter can also develop cancers," he further explained to our Correspondent.

"The predominant urological problems all over the world include prostate cancer and benign enlargement of the prostate, popularly known as Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH). It could be caused by inheritance. Only a male child who is castrated before clocking six months is likely not to develop prostate problems, which symptoms manifest at 40 years and above. In very rare cases, it could also manifest below age 40. Another urological problem is stone disease which can either be located in the kidney or bladder. Urological problems, especially prostate cancer, are on the increase, especially among black men," the Urologist warned, stressing the need for early detection and treatment.

"Recently, laboratory and urological facilities have been developed for early diagnosis of prostate complications. Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) is available for the diagnosis and follow-up of prostate cancer cases. PSA is only a guide to urologists on what to do next and does not diagnose prostate cancer. One can have a PSA of two and still have prostate cancer, while another person with a PSA of 10 could be without it. Both prostate cancer and benign prostate enlargement can occur in one person synchronously or consecutively. Treatment options for prostate cancer include hormonal manipulation, radiotherapy and surgery. There are different types of surgery, including castration and prostatectomy," Professor Eke explained, disclosing that new drugs have been developed to tackle the problem.

The Surgeon, who listed poor urine flow, frequency, incontinence, nocturnal and hesitancy as symptoms of BPH, revealed that treatment options, except radiotherapy, were available at the UPTH and elsewhere in Nigeria. He, however, expressed hope that radiotherapy would soon be available in the hospital for effective management of the condition."



Prof Eke

CCGS, NACGOND End Essay Competition For Secondary Schools In Rivers State

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

The Centre for Conflict and Gender Studies (CCGS) in collaboration with the National Coalition on Gas Flaring and Oil Spills in the Niger Delta (NACGOND), has ended a quiz competition on environmental stewardship organised for secondary school students in Rivers State.

Speaking at the Quiz and Environment Essay Writing Competition which held at the CCGS auditorium, University Park on Monday, November 28, 2016, representative of the Vice-Chancellor and Director of Quality Control and Assurance Unit, Dr. Ikechukwu Aghagwa, commended the NACGOND Coordinator for the interest of his organisation in the programme, as well as the initiative to educate young people on the

challenges of a polluted environment and its effects on mankind.

"Environmental problems are not peculiar to Nigeria and the Niger Delta alone; therefore, charge you as participants to take the message of environmental stewardship to your respective schools. Good environmental consciousness is essential for sustainable development of the society, while bad environmental practices hamper economic and political life of any society," Dr. Aghagwa said, congratulating the Centre for the partnership.

Describing NACGOND as a coalition of 26 Non-Governmental Organisations working on environmental and livelihood issues in the region, National Coordinator of the group, Edward Obi, stressed the importance of involving young people in the vanguard of activities that would counter

recurring environmental issues such as degradation.

"An exercise of this nature not only imparts knowledge, but also prepares young ones who experience the effects of the degraded environment of the Niger Delta. The invaluable knowledge that you gain from the competition would stand you in good stead for a prosperous future," he said.

In his contributions, Acting Centre Director, Dr. Fidelis Allen, lauded the Vice-Chancellor for supporting activities geared towards academic excellence in the University, praising NACGOND and the participating schools for drawing attention to the environment through taking the message to young people. "We are here today to guide the children to think in a way that helps the society embrace sustainable development and educate them on the values and importance of preserving the environment," he noted.

A total of nine schools participated at the quiz competition which had Community Secondary School (CSS) Ohirikom emerging winners with five points, while Community Secondary School (CSS) Kalio-Ama and Legacy International College, Bonny, carted away the second and third place prizes, respectively.

During the essay competition, Godspower Ichi of Kings College, Okochiri, emerged overall winner. Second Runner and Third Runner up places went to Chinonyerem Nmasinachi and Coterrell Obaziri of Zelta International Education Centre and Deeper Life High School, respectively.

Expressing gratitude to the organisers of the event for affording them the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the environment, Ichi and Privilege Ofjel, promised to put what has been learnt to good use on behalf of the students.



Ag Centre Director, Dr. Fidelis (arrowed), the pupils and instructors of participating Schools

The Authorities of the University of Port Harcourt have expressed their willingness to strengthen on-going partnerships with the private sector for mutual institutional benefits. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, gave the assurance when he received a joint delegation from the Nigeria Content Monitoring and Development Board (NCMDMB), Technip Nigeria Limited and TOTAL E&P in his office last Wednesday.

The Vice-Chancellor, who expressed gratitude to them for their willingness to contribute to the development of the University through valued partnerships, called for closer ties that would result in mutual institutional benefits. "It is our desire to continue to grow our partnerships in order to enhance the quality of service delivery to the various publics we serve in the University and the larger society," Professor Lale also stressed the importance of fully developing the Offshore Technology Institute (OTI), hoping that in a few years to come, the Institute would develop to an enviable standard as the only one of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa. Also speaking, leader of the delegation, Mr. Tobin Spiff, disclosed that they were in the University to monitor the activities of students under sponsorship at the OTI. He commended the willingness of the University to partner the private sector in the development of

Lale Assures Offshore Technology Partners Of Closer Institutional Collaboration

By Obinna Nwodin

offshore technology, saying that it was the objective of the NCMDMB to ensure that local content was developed to full capacity as a means of saving valuable foreign exchange and enhancing capacity of Nigerians to participate in technology transfer.

Earlier in his address, Director of the Centre, Professor John Okoli also expressed gratitude to the delegation for their interest in the growth and

operations of the Institute. "The Institute has on-going partnership with market leaders in the offshore technology business, FMC in Subsea Engineering. We currently have three students under sponsorship by Technip Nigeria Limited and we hope to expand our capacity to take on more students in this rare specialisation. We are appealing for more sponsorships and partnerships that would position us to spread the benefits of offshore technology to more clients," the Director said at the occasion.



V-C, Prof Lale (centre from row) flanked by Registrar, Mrs. Dorcas Obo, DV-C (Acad), Prof Fawehinmi, Director, OTI, Prof Okoli, Bursar, Mr. Yhaili Alled (right), DV-C (Admin), Prof Ibe, Univ. Librarian, Dr. Susan Umorior (2' left) and the delegation

Finally, celebrated literary titan and elder statesman, Dr. Elechi Amadi, was buried at his modest country home in Mbodo, Aluu, last Saturday amidst encomiums from family, contemporaries, friends, well-wishers, particularly colleagues in the academia and pen fraternity, including the Rivers State Government which gave him a befitting state burial. It was a momentous event as the final journey of *Mr. Concubine* took him literally motionless through *The Great Ponds on The Road to Ibadan* conquering *The Slaves*, who fancied *The Dancer of Johannesburg*. He did not forget a taste of *Pepper Soup* after *Isiburu* laid siege for *The Woman of Calabar*. There was also a little *Speaking and Singing* on the way as the literary prodigy paused to ascertain *When God Came*.

The above is a cursory glance at the literary escapades of a distinguished statesman who bestride the stage of life like a colossus and left giant footprints that cannot be erased for a long time in the hearts of his uncountable devotees.

The series of eye-turning activities that marked Elechi Amadi's burial commenced with a world press conference; and later the staging of his play, *Isiburu* and adaptation of his second novel: *The Great Ponds at the Obi Wall*. International Conference Centre along Airforce Road, Elioza. There was also the launch of his biography entitled, *Elechi Amadi: A Quintessential Giant* co-authored by yours truly, a Book Fair and

Arts Exhibition; Literary Day and Colloquium, as well as a Mock Executive Council Session at the Cabinet Chambers of Government House, Port Harcourt.

Earlier, members of his primary constituency, the Rivers State Chapter of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA) had organised readings in his honour at both the Rivers State University of Science and Technology (RSUST) and the Port Harcourt Polytechnic to celebrate the giant literary strides of Elechi Amadi.

The master craftsman and intrepid story teller, wordsmith, teacher, surveyor, retired soldier, administrator, educationist, community leader, traditionalist and philanthropist, was given the rightful honour that befit his towering status, despite the modesty and simplicity that characterized his life. He gracefully rose to limelight when his peers were still finding

their feet and like every mortal, his sun dramatically set on that fateful Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

Here in the University of Port Harcourt, Elechi Amadi was a distinguished Honorary Alumnus and appointed Writer-in-Residence in recognition of his immense

and breadth of the shores of this country. No wonder the United States-based Sierra Leonean Literary Critic, Eustace Palmer, once stated that "Elechi Amadi ought to be where he belongs, right in the first rank of African novelists. It is difficult to think of a more accomplished craftsman." How true! Born on 12th March, 1934 in Aluu, Elechi Amadi attended Government College, Umuahia and took a degree in Physics and Mathematics at the University College, Ibadan. After working as a Surveyor and Teacher, he enlisted into the Nigeria Army and later resigned to return to his first love, teaching. During the Nigeria civil war, he re-joined the Army in dramatic circumstances and served with the dreaded 3rd Marine Commando. He left the Army at the end of the war to work for the Rivers State Government as Permanent Secretary and served in several Ministries and Parastatals until he voluntarily retired.

He was also a two-time Commissioner in Old Rivers State, serving as Commissioner of Education and later Lands and Housing. He also served as Lecturer and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the then Rivers State College of Education, Rumuolumeni.

Elechi Amadi was not only a prolific writer, but acclaimed for working in all the three genres of literature. He wrote prose, play and poetry with equal devotion. In 2012, he published his first science fiction, *When God Came*. He was truly a man of many parts who lived by

what he preached, as opposed to prescribing high standards for others while living a hypocritical lifestyle.

Elechi Amadi led a simple, humble and pious life that distinguished him as a rare gem in a society that has sold its soul to the devil. First time visitors to his modest country home in the rural Mbodo community in Aluu experienced his simplicity and disdain for the rapacious lifestyle that has taken over the Nigerian space.

Although he lived an ascetic life, Elechi Amadi was celebrated by people from all walks of life, who admired his Spartan lifestyle in a hedonistic society. His remains were interred last Saturday, December 3, 2016 in his modest country home in Aluu, Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State.



Elechi Amadi

Sunset On A Literary Titan

By Obinna Nwodin

contributions to the growth and development of literature and the arts in general. He was part of the University, particularly his contribution to its location largely in Choba Community. At various times, he had taken part in very important functions in the University, including delivering a Convocation Lecture—a rare honour reserved for true academics and thinkers. It was also in the University that he was conferred with the distinguished Fellowship of the Nigeria Academy of Education. Elechi Amadi added colour to the numerous activities that took place in the University during his momentous lifetime.

Late Elechi Amadi was no doubt a distinguished Nigerian of international repute as his fame transcended the length

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Venture to the outgoing students and a Valedictory Address delivered by Miss Chinyere Ofori, who carried away 14 prizes out of the 23 on offer to emerge as Best Graduating Student.

Delivering the Induction Lecture entitled: *Bridging the University-Industry Dichotomy in a Lean Economy*, General Manager, Operations Technical Subsurface Production of Mobil Producing Nigeria, Mr. Cletus Egbuzie, pointed out that universities primarily focused on carrying out core research with long-term goals, as well as training personnel and building capacity, a mandate which he said revolved around striving to meet industry needs.

"The industry focuses attention on efficiency and profitability. The university focuses on training manpower and building capacity of people to meet industry needs. The industry brings in skills, but the academia finds it difficult to apply those skills. The academia wants the industry to buy into its research findings, but the industry is not readily buying into the research," the Induction Lecturer noted, pointing out that the gap in realising the need of others amplified the dichotomy between the two groups.

Acknowledging the dichotomy, Mr. Egbuzie stated that to bridge the gap, "Universities should leverage their assets and also deliver returns on industry investments. They should identify gaps by asking industry for topics of mutual interest and form mutually beneficial alliances. The industry can share with the academia the vision of how collaborations can help their operations. Industry can help upgrade research centres to become centres of excellence and innovation hubs by inviting faculties to invest in their industries through Sabbatical Appointments, Seminars, Workshop and other training programmes."

He congratulated the University and TOTAL/NNPC Joint Venture on the collaboration which established the Institute of Petroleum Studies, stating that the IPS model which the University replicated in other Centres and Institutes such as the Emerald Energy Institute met international standards in training and applied research in oil and gas.

Mr. Egbuzie further advised the new graduates to diligently translate the knowledge they acquired during their training to better the industry and society at large. "I challenge you not to rest on your oars; avail your knowledge to tackle challenges in the industry. Be open and critically-minded and bring solutions to the society," the Lecturer told them.

In his welcome remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, who congratulated major partners that contributed to the successes of the Institute, expressed happiness that the IPS success story proved that



A group photograph of V-C, Prof Lale (arrowed), some Principal and Senior Officers of the University, TOTAL/NNPC, other industry partners and the new M.Sc. graduates

Nigerians could deliver results in an enabling environment.

"It is worthy of note that the Institute of Petroleum Studies has come of age and has continued to expand to areas of research not initially envisioned at the inception of the programme in 2003. The Institute has become a flagship Centre of Excellence in the University and the country at large. Other universities and centres look up to IPS as an operational model.

"Our collaboration with the famous IFP School in Paris, France, that delivers a twelve-month Master's Degree programme in Petroleum Engineering and Project Development has been tremendously successful, particularly in the quality of graduates that are turned out of the programme each year. As a University, we are very grateful for this exemplary partnership that is now being replicated elsewhere in the country," Professor Lale said.

In his speech, Director IFP School in France, Professor Philippe Pinchon, expressed satisfaction that IPS has grown tremendously into a world-class Institute in developing requisite manpower in the hydrocarbon industry.

"We want to restate our commitment to produce more Petroleum Engineers who will continue to work hard. I

urge the new graduates to show diligence, a sense of responsibility and break new grounds in advanced research," Professor Pinchon said. He commended the major partners for working so hard to record milestones that were celebrated at the 13th Induction ceremony. In their contributions, Managing Director of TOTAL E&P Nigeria Limited, Mr. Nicolas Terraz and Executive Director, Human Resources and Corporate Affairs of TOTAL and new Chairman of the Governing Board of IPS, Mr. Abiodun Afolabi, said the 13th Induction ceremony offered them an opportunity to celebrate a successful partnership that had continued to foster research, knowledge transfer and sharing of the fruits of the benefit of all parties.

Also speaking, Coordinator of the IFP School in IPS, Francis Fuster, praised the success of the Institute since its inception, expressing satisfaction that the Institute has grown into a world-class centre in the training of manpower for the oil and gas industry. Fuster also commended the partners for keeping the partnership alive, congratulating the new inductees for successfully completing their studies.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, Director of IPS, Professor Dulu Appah, disclosed that IPS had graduated a total of 242 Petroleum Engineers and making remarkable contributions to the petroleum industry. He showered encomiums on the founding fathers and his predecessors for the success story of the Institute.

"The IPS is a typical example of internationalisation of higher education at its best. We have learned valuable lessons in international and corporate partnerships and delivering on the dream of sustaining the IPS legacy in these dire times," Professor Appah said, expressing commitment to sustain the legacy even in the midst of biting economic recession.

Other major highlights of the Induction ceremony included the presentation of awards and prizes to deserving persons, induction into professional societies, goodwill messages from institutional partners, career fair, novelty football match and Induction/Award Dinner at TOTAL Village.



Miss Ofori (middle), her mother Ngozi and uncle

Taxation Institute Admits Harcourt, Owhonda-Wopara, Woko Into Fellowship

By Williams Wodi

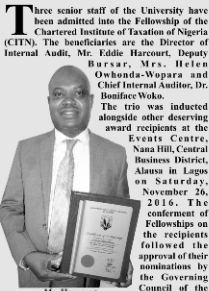
Institute.

The memorable ceremony held alongside the Institute's Annual Dinner/Merit Awards programme at the expansive Events Centre that offered a friendly atmosphere for social interaction among members of the Institute and invited guests to the investiture night.

The Fellowship Award letters jointly signed by the President of the Institute, Dr. Olatunji Somorin and Registrar/Chief Executive Officer Institute, Mr. Adefisayo Awogbade, congratulated the award recipients, urging them to serve the Institute with renewed vigour.

In their separate reactions to the Fellowship Awards, Mr. Harcourt, Mrs. Owhonda-Wopara and Dr. Woko, expressed gratitude to the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria for the honour done them. They promised to contribute their individual quota to the accelerated

development of the Institute and professional practice.



Mr. Harcourt



Dr. Woko (left) and Mrs. Owhonda-Wopara

GUIDE POST

APPOINTMENT

Dr. John Onyere, Department of Special Education, University of Ibadan, offered *Temporary Appointment as Senior Lecturer* in the Department of Human Kinetics and Health Education, effective on assumption of duty.

Mr. Johnson Ajezi, offered *Temporary Appointment as Clerical Officer II*, effective on assumption of duty.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT

Professor O.O. Dasuma, Department of Restorative Dentistry, Faculty of Dentistry, College of Health Sciences, granted a one-year *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment*, effective September 21, 2016 to September 20, 2017.

Dr. E.N.O. Uwaga, Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Technology, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, granted a one-year *Renewal of Appointment as Adjunct Senior Lecturer*, effective March 29, 2016 to March 28, 2017.

Mr. Damidi Bala, Department of Pharmacognosy and Phytotherapy, granted a one-year *Renewal of Contract Appointment as Adjunct Chief Technologist*, effective May 10, 2016 to May 9, 2017.

REVIEW OF STATUS

Mr. Wilson Ofogbea, Department of Management, Faculty of Management Sciences, granted *Review of Status* from Graduate Assistant to Lecturer II, effective June 2, 2015.

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Professor Josephine Ebong, Department of Educational Management and Planning, Faculty of Education, resumed duty from *Sabbatical Leave* at Michael Opara University of Agriculture, Umuahia, Abia State, effective October 20, 2016.

Professor Victor Inoka, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, proceeded on a one-year *Sabbatical Leave* to the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, Akwa Ibom State University, Uyo, effective September 30, 2016 to August 31, 2017.

SABBATICAL APPOINTMENT

Dr. Abdulisalami Koso, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Department of Chemical Engineering, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State, granted a 12-month *Sabbatical Appointment as Senior Lecturer* in the Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, effective on assumption of duty.

STUDY LEAVE

Mrs. Joy Lale, Health Services Department, granted a two-year *Study Leave with Pay* to enable her pursue a Master's degree in Education in the University of Port Harcourt, effective 2015/16 to 2016/17 academic sessions.

CHANGE OF NAME

MRS. NAOMI OWAMMA CHRISTIAN: Former Mrs. Naomi Owamma Anadi of the Examinations and Records Unit, Registry Department, now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs. Naomi Owamma Christian. All documents bearing her former name remain valid.

MR. EDWIN NNA DIKE: Former Mr. Edwin Nna Chukwu of the Student Affairs Department now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mr. Edwin Nna Dike. All documents bearing his former name remain valid.

MRS. BLESSING ISANG IDEME: Former Miss Blessing Chisa Eziwofe of the Department of Chemical Pathology now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs. Blessing Isang Ireme. All documents bearing her former name remain valid.

SIWES Zonal Coordinators End Meeting In UniPort

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Zonal Coordinators in charge of Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) from Rivers and Bayelsa States have ended their fourth quarterly zonal meeting in the University, with a call to students participating in the scheme to be serious with the scheme.

Addressing the Zonal Coordinators at the meeting which held at the Seminar Room of the International Students' Centre, University Park on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, Head of Training of the Industrial Trust Fund (ITF), Yenagoa Area Office, Ebirien Otunne, said that the meeting would enable participants synergize on how to achieve the objectives of SIWES in providing hands-on knowledge to students to enable them blend with real work situations on graduation from the University. "We have gathered to review and proffer solutions to many challenges facing SIWES Units in our various universities and how they can function optimally," he said.

Reiterating that the Industrial Trust Fund also provided an avenue for training programmes to facilitate human capital development, Otunne stressed the need for regular workshops and other training programmes for Coordinators in the zone for the effective discharge of their functions. He urged them to ensure adherence to the scheme's professional guidelines. "Plans are underway for the upgrade of facilities to kick-start the online registration process for participating schools and their students," Otunne disclosed at the occasion. In his own contribution, Head of Training of ITF,

Port Harcourt Area Office, Abel Okwori, appealed to the zonal coordinators to advise their students on good conduct, including attending orientation programmes that precede the SIWES exercise proper. He frowned at cases where students forged their institution's stamps to evade the scheme, rather than engaging in the compulsory work experience meant to expose them to hands-on experience.

In his report on SIWES activities in the University, Acting Director, Dr. Adedapo Aiyelaja, commended the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, for supporting SIWES programme in the University. He equally praised the Area Managers of Rivers and Bayelsa States for effectively managing the zone. "We wish to thank the Vice-Chancellor for renovating and handing over a dedicated building to the SIWES Unit. This kind gesture has impacted positively on our activities," he said.

Highpoint of the zonal meeting was presentation of the report of activities by coordinators of participating universities which included College of Education (Technical), Omoku, Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa State, Ken Saro-Wiwa Polytechnic, Bori, Port Harcourt Polytechnic, Rumuola, Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Ndele Campus, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Ngolu-Oroworuko, Port Harcourt and Federal Polytechnic Ekeke, Bayelsa State.

Another highpoint of the meeting was the adoption of a motion for timely commencement of zonal meetings and the need to ensure that students undertook their industrial trainings in establishments that were relevant to their courses of study.



Ag Director, SIWES, Dr. Aiyelaja (4th left), Heads of ITF Bayelsa and Rivers, Mr Otunne and Okwori (5th and 6th right) and other Zonal Coordinators

Stop Press

INRES, Powell Chair Hold Workshop Dec 6

Preparatory to an International Conference planned for UniPort in 2017 to create awareness about the Mangroves and Coastal Zone Resources of the Niger Delta Region, the Institute of Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development (INRES) in conjunction with the C.B. Powell Chair on Hydrobiology/Fisheries is inviting stakeholders to join the scoping workshop.

A letter of invitation jointly signed by INRES Director, Professor Ben Nduku and Occupant of the C.B. Powell Chair, Professor A.I. Hart which was made available to *UniPort Weekly*, stated that the workshop will take place at the C.B. Powell (AEB) Building, University Park at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

UPWA WEEK 2016

The University of Port Harcourt Women Association (UPWA) has announced activities lined up for her 2016 Week. A statement dated November 29, 2016 and signed by President of the Association, Mrs. Joy Lale, disclosed that the Week commenced last Saturday with the Vice-Chancellor's Children Party at the V-C's Lodge. Other events lined up for the Week are: UPWA School Party at the Seinye Lulu Briggs Children Park scheduled for Friday, December 9, Excursion to Nigerian Ports Authority, NBC and SPAR on Tuesday, December 13, while Health Outreach holds at the Seinye Lulu-Briggs Children's Park on Wednesday, December 14. The Week will also feature Community Visits to Rumuosi, Rumuckini, Ozuoba and Rumualogu and V-C's Adult Party at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge.

CDRMDS MOVIE PREMIER

The Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRMDS) hosted a movie premier on environmental management with the theme: "Nowhere to Run: Nigeria's Climate and Environmental Crisis." The event was facilitated by a coalition of Civil Rights groups under the auspices of the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Foundation on October 13, 2016 at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium. It was attended by partners from the academia, civil society organisations and other stakeholders. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU** captured highlights of the event as displayed below:



Dr-C (Admin), Prof. Anthony Ibe handing over souvenirs to the EU Ambassador, His Excellency, Michael Arion



Prof Ibe making opening remarks



Ag. Centre Director, Dr. Prince Mnom welcoming participants



Head of Delegation of the European Union, Michael Arion delivering the keynote address



A cross-section of participants



Rev Nnimmo Bassey making remarks



Former President of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP), Mr. Ledum Mitee making a contribution



Country Director, Stakeholder Democracy Network (SDN), Mr. Inemo Samiama speaking



Rev Bassey (left) and Mr. Mitee in a tete a tete



Another cross-section of participants



Rev. Bassey, Samiama and a guest in a chat



A group photograph of Principal Officers and lead speakers after the courtesy visit



A group photograph of the participants