

## **UniPort Seeks Industry Partnership** On W'Bank Proiect collaboration with the Institute of

By Otikor Samuel and Nneka Onvenkou ice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Alienka, has solicited the support of industry players in the oil and gas sector towards building an effective centre for the emergent World Bankfunded African Centre of Excellence in Oil Chemical Field Research. Professor Ajienka, who made the call in his address during a one-day Sensitization Workshop organized by the new Centre in

Petroleum Studies (IPS) at the Emerald Energy Institute, penultimate Tuesday, said when fully operational, the Centre would harness the potentials in the sector

to the benefit of all stakeholders, "We know the challenges in the industry: challenges about drilling fluid, production chemical and environmental problems



amongst others, and so from the University side, we have neonle from Chemistry. Physics, Environmental Studies and related disciplines. We are all here because oil field chemical is not just about petroleum engineering; it is about chemistry, environment and raw materials substitution that will help us solve

peculiar problem of industry. So this meeting is very timely: we need to brief you on what we have done so far, so that you buy into it," the Vice-Chancellor said, adding that the programme was also designed to train people

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## UniPort Pledges Support For NAPE Confab

By Obinna Nwodim uthorities of the University of Port heating of 2014 Conference of the National Association of Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Allenka, gave the assurance when he received a delevation of the Association

reparedness for the event. Represented by Denuty Vice



Professor Ethelbert Nduka. the Vice-Chancellor stated that the Geology but had pool of experienced professionals that make professionals scheme, pointing out that it is a good succession plan worth emulating and strategic future," the Vice-Chancellor said, assuring the Association that the University will continue to show In her speech. Leader of the delegation and President

that they were in the Institution to assess the level of preparedness for the programme, stated that objectives of the Association was to advance noncioners, experially as they relate to netroleum resources; promote the technology of exploring for exploiting and producing petroleum; inspire and maintain a bich standard of professional conduct on the part of members; provide the public with means of recognition of adequately-trained and responsible netroleum professionals, as well as advance the professional well-being of its members.

University and members of the Association pose for a group photograph Obstisse Akinginlola, said that the Project provided students with opportunities for technical development, education support as well as access to indestry and natential employers In his remarks, Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee, Professor Mike Oti, who thanked the authorities of the University for its support so far, particularly with the special interest shown by the Vice-Chanceller, disclosed that he was personally present at the Conference in Ibadan during the bid for the bestine right, adding that the pesture demonstrated Professor Ajienka's unflinching

### Also speaking, Chairman of the University Nkwocha, George, Charge LCS Students On Professional Conduct Delivering a keypote address titled: "Prospect for

... As NIPRSA Hosts Maiden AGM By Rita Obi, Nneka Onyeukwu Excellence in the 21" Century," as its theme. and Celestina Ovona stressed the need to adhere to professional codes of conduct regulating public relations and

tudents of the Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies in the Faculty of Humanities, have been advised to strictly observe provisions of their professional code of conduct on completion of their studies. Head of Corporate Communications, Indorama Eleme Petrochemicals, Mr Jossy Nkwocha, gave the advice at the maiden Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the University of Part Harcourt Branch of the Niorrian Institute of Public Relations Students' Association

(NIPRSA) at the International Students' Centre,

University Park, penultimate Friday,

journalism practices in the country, lamenting that "Professionalism and excellence in iournalism is fadine off gradually. He restated that public relations plays vital role in determining the good fortunes or negative publicity of any organization, describing the profession as a key that opens doors to both external and internal members of the publics of any organization. Mr Nkwocha used the egoertunity to present a gift to a Final Year Student of the Department, Joseph Okwudiri who won the best essay writing during NIPRSA's

George, who resystted the economic challenges facing media workers, noted that most young journalists on into practice because of elamour and fame, adding that Public Relations requires hard work and dedication. Mr George listed specialized areas where graduates of the Department could be relevant on graduation including: Editors of publications, research officers, media relations, broadcasters, videographers, social media officers and community relations officers. The keynote speaker emphasized the need for

Young Practitioners in a Growing Economy," a Member of the Governing Council and Fellow,

Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, Mr Karibi

students to be grounded in communicative. persuasive and team skills, urging them to passess vast knowledge across boards to be able to do well in the field. Also speaking, Chairman NIPR, Rivers State, Mr Samuel Oseloka advised members of NIPRSA to "be prepared to defend the profession anytime, anywhere Major highlights of the AGM were presentation of awards and honour to members for their



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Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) for mounting the training, said that it was important to enhance capacity, pointing out that "we most take appropriate to act locally and let impact be globally." In his remarks, Special Adviser to Governor of Bayelsa State on Culture and Group Managine Director. Bayelsa Agriculture Development Company, Dr Rodger Obubu, who said that the CTA was established within the framework of a cooperation arrespont (ACP) and European Union (EU) added that "it acts as rmation between organizations and professionals canacity and skills in information and communication, Dr Obobs, who was also CTA Monager in charge of

Opportunities is to improve the skills of academics

retrieval, collaborative generation of content

challenges in the country was the thrust of the 2

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Professor Alienka, who commended the Technical

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## Ibru Legacy Lecture Series Gambo Calls For Improved Media Practice In Nigeria



Ales Ibru Legacy Lecture held Delivering a lecture entitled The Audacity of the Pew in a Danjama Gambo, stressed the

courage of the media in conflict management all over the world is the professional calling of journalism as a service He called on communication scholars, journal media and professional organizations to revisit current curricula in the nation's tertiary institutions in line with current trends in the profession , adding that " perceived and real interests in the present security challenge, journalists in Nigeria need to develop a robust global partnership to face it," charging the Nigerian and co-ordinating trainings and re-orientation rofessor Jeseph Allenka, noted that the lecture was critical to the development of the media in Niceria

"From a social responsibility perspective, journalists have of responsibility that enables dialogue and peaceful eventual resolution," adding that "the muscle in the

Use Of IT Enhances Research ~ Imafidon By Friday Marcus

Scholar, Professor Chris Implides, ha Professor Imatidos, who is a multi-disciplinary research made the observation during an interactive session with Graduate Students at the Seminar Room, College of Information Technology in the 21' century education information available on the Internet. The benefits of using information technology are coormons," Professor research, which is not practicable enough to solve the

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and recommendation to solving them. He further guided the participants on how to source research material from the internet through the search engine. In her speech, Pervote, College of Graduate Studies, Frufessor Rustline Kunya, expressed hope that the participants will not the how ledge and skills they acquired in contrast of the interactive sosions to enabaris on quality research that weald solve problems is society.

Also present at the interactive session were Deans
Graduate School of Arts, Education and Social Science (GSAESS), Professor Martin Heamsche and Graduste School of Natural, Applied and Medical Science (GSNAMS), Professor Gregory Asviri; College Secretary School of Natural, Applied and Medical School (GSNAMS), Professor Gregory Anviet; College Secrets Dr Anatha Atam and some Senior Officers of the College



presented by the Director, Centre for Rese Chancellor described UniPort as an entrepreneuria University, emphasising the need for academics to always to tackle burnan challenges, adding that "there is an In her speech, Chair Occupant, Ibru Chair for professionalism in the media, especially in the area of adherence to ethics, apprepriate use of language, amongs University to encourage, motivate, and support Maiden Ibru, described the title of the lecture as apt stating that "for the pen to be effective it has to be that a person's obligation to his country is for greater than

Others who spoke at the lecture which also featured a

Council, Mr Opaka Dokubo and, Chairman of Local Organising Cammire, Dr Walter Ibejirika and Dr UniPartable !

## niPort Seeks Industry Partnership On W'Bank Project

Cont'd from all outside Nigeria in oil field chemical is such that the industry is actively involved from project definition, project supervision and throughout the entire process. So we want you to be actively involved in what we are doing here. We want you to work

project new represents the oil and gas arious universities across the country will

be involved in what we are doing and I are sure that the World Bank will be proud of our effort. I assure you that by next year when we go for the Society the impact of this Centre by way of advanced level research, publications, technology and putent," African Universities (AAU), explained that the African



he project.

n his PowerPoint presentation. Director of the mergent Centre, Professor Juel Oghunna, said the centre has the mandate of producing industry-ready raduates to fill existing gap in the labour market

funding has hampered IT investment in Nigerian

ording to the communique, the objectives of the

universities," the Communiqué stated,

Participants drawn from the academia and experts it nescures. Welcoming participants to the opening ceremony, Vice

Chancellar, Professor Ajjenka, disclosed that the

the forum would provide apportunity for the

participating universities to ferry a common front that

cratitude over hospitality shown by the authorities

said, that the objective of the exercise was to capture

## NgREN Participants Seek Council Support

ly Otikor Samuel and Friday Marcus Tays of expessing stakeholders in the Nigerian universities to operations of the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NeREN) thrust of a two-day Workshop held at the Information and Communication Technology Centre (ICTC) in the In a communiqué issued at the end of the Werkshop held between 5" and 6" May, 2014, and made available ersities embrace the NgREN initiative to seek the

use of ICT to bridge the perceived gap between universities within the country and their counterparts elsewhere in areas of research, teaching, learning and \*Universities should art to assert ownership of the Network by enlisting and participating as active members of the Network. The NgREN Team should endeavour to brief the Committee of Pro-Chancellors of Sirerian Universities on the NeREN to ensure Governing Council support, Inputs of ICT Directorates buildings to ensury ICT countinger of all buildings in the universities "read part of the recommendations There has been an inadequacy of broadband IT resources in support of academic pursuits compared to declared open by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Denuty Vice-Chancellars, Directors of Academia Communication Technology Centres and Directors of

Workshop included: familiarizing NgREN members Major highlight of the Workshop was the apps with the current status of the Network, discussing some officers into working groups for the Port Harcourt medalities for advancing research and qualitative Operations Working Group); Professor Anthony Ibe W.A. Ignodala (Communities of Practice Working

## **Enlighten Staff On Retirement** Plan. V-C Advises PENCOM ommission, Mr Usman Bunza, who expressed

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Vice-Chinectioe, Professor Joseph Ajicaka, his
advised the National Possions

exceptional, describing it as the best Centre he has ever University for the Annual Verification Exercise, last Represented by the Denuty Vice-Chancellar Other members of the delegation were: Edward (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka, the Vice-Expension of the South-South Zonal Office of the Chancellor said that "we want the Commission to Commission and Brailogha Inimgha of the Protocol consider taking staff Division in the Director General's Office.



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### **PJC-GWDS Marks Int'l Women's Day**

The Centre for Gender and Women Development Studies (PGC-GWBs) in collaboration with the University of Port Harcourt Women Association (UPWA) joined the world to celebrate the 2014 International Women's Day on 25° March, 2014, Our Cameraman, HEADMAN AU, captured highlights of the event as shown in the pictures below:









