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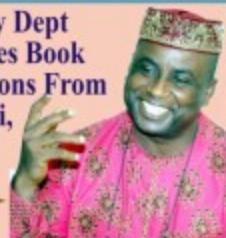
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A rare fish species continue to face extinction as a result of climate change, unrelenting harvest and other disruptive human activities, an Animal and Environmental Biologist, Professor Francis Sikoki, has stressed the need for government and other regulatory agencies to make deliberate effort aimed at reversing the dangerous trend.

Delivering the 100th Inaugural Lecture of the University titled: *By Humphrey Ogu* "Fishes in Nigeria Waters: No Place to Hide", at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium last Thursday, Professor Sikoki, who teaches in the Department of

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Animal and Environmental Biology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, disclosed

that "the 2006 International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, names 1,173 fish species world-wide that are threatened with extinction." These, according to him, include the cod, devils' hole pup fish, the coelacanths and the great white shark, adding that "many freshwater fish are particularly threatened because they live in smaller water bodies that are more prone to pollution and habitat degradation." Sikoki disclosed that fish has been an important source of protein throughout history, stating that "the Food and

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SSANU Commissions New Secretariat In Delta Park



The newly-commissioned SSANU office. (Inset) SSANU Chairman, Mr Syder

In fulfillment of part of his electioneering campaign promises, Chairman of the University of Port Harcourt branch of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities, (SSANU), Mr Bikume Syder has refurbished, equipped and commissioned a New Secretariat in Delta Park.

Speaking with *UNIPORT Weekly* last Monday on the development, Mr Syder recalled his electioneering promises, stating that the Union is working to ensure that members are carried along in its activities. He noted that there were few things the Union tried to do last year, such as increase in welfare for deceased family members among other issues, expressing satisfaction that some of such plans would soon come on stream.

On recent happenings in the Union, Mr Syder disclosed last December, the Association officially commissioned and dedicated the Union's Secretariat, where its activities would

By Mercy Adeniji

henceforth take place, as well as address issues bothering members. "We know that for some years now, SSANU has not been privileged to have a visible office complex; so as we promised when we were coming on board, we had to ensure we deliver on our promise". On assumption of office, "We observed that

there were a good number of issues that required to be addressed, but since we came on board we have been able to clear such matters", he said. "We also want to establish a Co-operative Scheme like the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU). This way, we can encourage members to develop the attitude of saving for the rainy day", he said, stressing that the association presently has an understanding with Haier Thermocool to assist its members procure state-of-the-art electronic appliances, where members can collect and pay on installment basis.

He appealed to Management to give the union the necessary support to enable it render quality services to its members.

The Chairman commended Staff of the Information, Publications and Public Relations (IPPR), Unit of the University for their dedication to service and efficient dissemination of information on Campus, charging other staff to emulate the Unit in diligent performance of their duty schedules. He further emphasized the need for members to be productive at their duty posts and comply with Managements directive to improve on their attitude to work.

Mr Syder called on Management to provide an enabling working environment for staff for them to deliver on their jobs, as well as address other areas of need facing workers so as to encourage greater productivity.

STUDENT WORLD

I Love Industrial Pharmacy ~Nwachukwu

Our Intern, ADEOLA OJO, had a chat with PRETTY NWACHUKWU, a third year student in the Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. She discloses her passion for Industrial Pharmacy and how she hopes to be the best in the Research World, as well as discover more drugs to battle resistant disease strains in Nigeria.

"University of Port Harcourt has been my choice of school right from my Secondary School days. Due to the love I have for the University, I decided to apply through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and fortunately, I was admitted into Unique UNIPORT. Being in my Third Year, I have come to a conclusion that we are the best in the country," she said, adding that her favourite Lecturer is Pharm. Omosho Abayomi, as he is intelligent and approachable.

Miss Nwachukwu reads at least six hours a day and visits the Faculty Library two times a week. "Due to the work load in my Department, I hardly keep late nights. I prefer staying in the hostel, but the University authorities stopped other levels, apart from the First Year students from securing accommodation in the hostel and that took me off-Campus, which costs a lot of money. Transportation to and from the University costs me eighty naira per day, which is not

convenient for me," she said, appealing to the Authorities to provide hostels for Pharmacy Students, as it is in the case of Medicine and Nursing, to enable them study in a conducive environment.

Nwachukwu prefers going on corporate wears and surfs the Internet almost every day to do her research work and assignments, but visits Social Networks once a month to chat with friends. "I will love to go into Industrial Pharmacy and also be an active hand in the Manufacturing of drugs," she said, disclosing that if time permits, she would take up Interior Decoration and Make-up as part-time jobs.

Nwachukwu

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ASSETS

DECLARATION FORM

Staff of the University, who had been issued Assets Declaration Forms from the Code of Conduct Bureau since last August, are advised to return them without further delay. They are advised to return the forms immediately as the 30 days stipulated for the processing and return of forms had since elapsed, thereby, breaching part of the laws regulating the Code of Conduct for public officers. Affected persons are warned to act immediately to avoid the full wrath of the law.

Contact: Director of Personnel Affairs

UPWA GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of the University of Port Harcourt Women Association (UPWA) holds on Wednesday, 6th February, 2013 at the Gladys Cookey International Nursery School, University Park. Time is 1:30 pm prompt. Old and intending members are cordially invited.

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NISLT Inducts 326 Lab Technologists

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, made the disclosure in his address at the ceremony held last Tuesday at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, affirming that the graduands met all stringent conditions specified by Senate of the University for the award of the Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) degree and Associate Membership of NISLT which qualified them for the Induction.

A breakdown of the figure of the seven options in the School showed that 34 students graduated from Biochemistry/Chemical Technology, 108 for Biomedical Technology, Geology/Mining Technology (56), Industrial Chemistry/Petrochemical Technology (46), Microbiology Technology (54), Physics with Electronics Technology (26) and Physics with Production Technology (2).

Professor Ajienka, who commended the graduands, some of who took additional step to enroll and pass out successfully in the international certification examinations conducted by the American-based National Registry of Environmental Practitioners (NREP), expressed delight with the professional bodies for collaborations aimed at producing quality graduates from the University.

"I encourage you to strive towards the ideals of diligence and excellence in service to your community, workplace and humanity. You must ensure that the best industry practices are maintained at all times in your professional practice. That way, you would have justified the huge resources expended on you by the University and your parents as you prepare to render service to mankind," the Vice-Chancellor told the graduands, recalling that as the first Nigerian university to run the Science Laboratory Technology as a Faculty-based programme, the University would continue to give priority to the welfare of students to bring out the best in them.

In her welcome message, Provost, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Professor Nnenna Frank-Peterside, stated that: "As you step fully into the



V-C, Prof. Ajienka (4th from left), Director-General, NISLT, Dr. Ijagbone, Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, DV-C (Acad), Prof. Igbo Joe, Dean, SSLT, Prof. Ataga, DV-C (Admin), Prof. Nduka (right) Univ Librarian, Dr. Nwodo, Ag Bursar, Mr. Vitalis Aliezi and an officer of NISLT after the Courtesy Visit

larger world, kindly remember at all times and in all circumstances that you are an ambassador of the Unique University; you are not only a graduate in learning, but also in character. The eyes of the world are now permanently fixed on you, hoping and trusting that every step you take will culminate in giant strides on the side of positivity for your own good, that of your family, *Alma Mater* and Nigeria."

Presenting the Keynote Address on "Science Laboratory Professional Ethics," Mr. Anthony Mumuni, charged the new Inductees to strictly comply with the ethics of the profession. "Duly registered members are bound by the provisions of the code of conduct, so at all times make principled choices in your decision. Dilemma may arise when ethical issues conflict with extant laws, in the event of such issues, consult colleagues, consider alternative decision by bringing your competence and responsibility to the Institute to the fore," the Keynote Speaker advised.

Earlier, pioneer Dean of the School, Professor Anthony Ataga, had disclosed that out of the 326 graduands, 38 of them came out with Second Class

(Upper Division), 263 with Lower Division, while 25 graduated with Third Class Honours degree, revealing further that 97 out of 98 of the graduands, who sat for NREP Certification passed in flying colours.

"Today, we are going to honour Mr. Ima Godwin Airehua, a retiring Chief Technologists in the Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry with the first SSLT Merit Award for his role in the training of Technologists, Scientists and landmark inventions of chemicals that are now widely used in the oil and gas industry," the Dean said, praising the Management of NISLT for its support and partnership, as well as staff of the School for dedicating themselves to their job schedules.

Highlights of the Induction included the administration of Oath by Director-General/Registrar of NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo Ijagbone, presentation of merit award to Mr. Airehua and prizes to deserving graduands. Miss Bridget Ogwu of Microbiology Technology Option emerged the Valedictorian with a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 4.37 on a scale of five points.

V-C Addresses Press Today On 29th Convocation Ceremony

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka will address the media this morning at the Governing Council Chambers inside the Senate Building, as part of activities earmarked for the 29th Convocation Ceremony of the University.

Already, events lined up to mark the ceremony commenced last Tuesday with the 3rd Induction of the School of Science Laboratory Technology (SSLT). A Musical Concert by the Department of Music, *Jumat Service* at the University Central Mosque and novelty football match are some of the build-ups to the ceremony that will climax on Saturday with the conferment of Certificates, First, Higher and Honorary Degrees, including Postgraduate Diplomas and Prizes to deserving persons adjudged by Senate of the University to have met the stringent criteria for such awards.

At *Chapel of The Annunciation*, Catholic Chaplaincy, Christian brethren held an Interdenominational Service yesterday. Class Day Activities and Tree Planting exercise by the Best Graduating Student (BGS) and Vice-Chancellor's Dinner with First Class Graduands and Graduands, who had Distinction from the College of Health Sciences will hold tomorrow.

The Founders' Day Lecture to be delivered by Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Dr. Godknows Igali, the Foundation-Laying ceremony of the Faculties of Law and Social Sciences buildings, Research Fair, Alumni Day Activities and Drama Performance will hold on

By Otikor Samuel and Williams Wodi

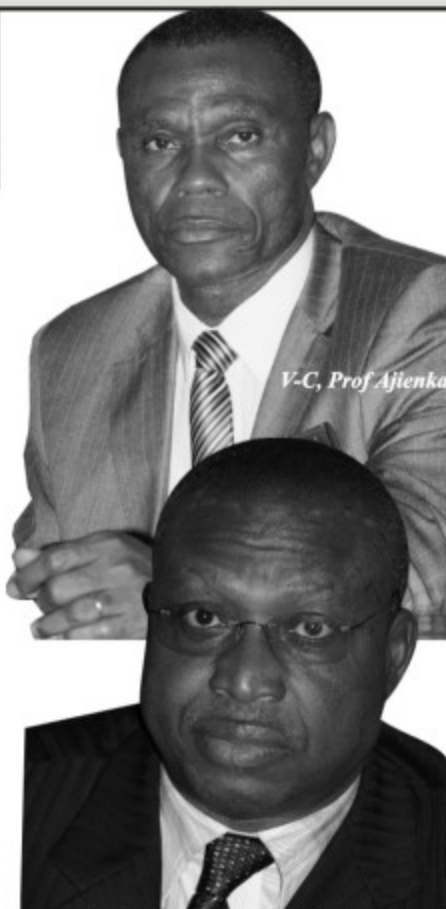
Wednesday.

The Programme of Activities signed by Chairman of the 29th Convocation Committee, Professor Igbo Joe, further revealed that the Convocation Lecture on the "Idea and Uses of the University in the 21st Century", by Professor Anya O. Anya and Command Performance of the play: "Marriage Coup", are scheduled for Thursday, 7th February, 2013.

Launching of the Library Integrated Management System (LIMS) at the Donald Ekong Library and Chancellor's Dinner/Distinguished Service Awards are lined up for Friday, the same day the Alumni Association has set aside for the Foundation-Laying ceremony of its National Secretariat besides the International Students' Centre.

The Convocation Ceremony for the conferment of Postgraduate, Higher, Honorary Degrees, Certificates, First Degrees and Prizes will take place on Saturday, 9th February, 2013 at the Convocation Arena. Those to be conferred with Honorary Doctorate Degrees are: Alhaji Aliko Dangote, Emeritus Professor Tekena Tamuno, Mr. Lamine Diack and Prince Yemisi Shyllon.

To this end, the graduands are advised to pay for their gowns at U&C Microfinance Bank and collect same before the close of work on Friday, 8th February, 2013. Return of gowns after Friday, 15th February, 2013 would attract penalty.



V-C, Prof. Ajienka

Prof. Joe: Convocation Chairman

Movie lovers in Nigeria and beyond will soon have the opportunity of seeing *Who is Afraid of Job Interview?*, which until now was a stage play written by the Director, Institute of Arts and Culture Professor Julie Okoh.

Briefing *UNIPORT Weekly*, on the development, Professor Okoh said: "the play was actually a screenplay from the very beginning and I envisioned that it would go to the big screen one day. First of all, it was created for the screen, then we adapted it to stage and now we are taking it back to the screen, where it was originally intended."

"I feel great and anxious to see how it turns out on the screen and I hope that it works. I am quite impressed with the effort of the crew so far and I wish that most of our students will come and really see how to produce a film," Okoh noted, adding that "the play was necessitated by the need to educate people, especially young graduates on how to conduct themselves during interviews. Most Nigerians do not know how to perform in interviews, whether it is for employment within or outside the University."

"In companies a typical company setting, most applicants or interviewees fail to secure jobs, not because they are not qualified, but because they do not know how to prepare themselves for such interviews. They do not have the technical know-how to handle interview questions or how to comport themselves during interviews. These are basic things that they should know, so we hope to educate them through the film. The play is basically meant to

Okoh Takes Play To Nollywood

By Humphrey Ogu & Henrietta Otonnah

educate," she pointed out.

"The Director, Mr Lancelot Imaseun, did the sourcing of the actors and actresses. I just invited the people that acted it before on stage in the past. In line with our Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph



Director, Arts Village, Prof Okoh and Director, Imaseun

Ajenka's stance on the involvement of industry, foreign aids and local content on

projects, we involved external hands, especially professionals from the industry, but we involved more of home-grown people," Okoh said.

On her plans for the academic programmes at the Institute, she said: "I am going to invite people from the industry, to collaborate with the Arts Village. We want to spread ourselves everywhere not just locally. The best way to do that is to involve experts in the field, who would help us to actualize our goals and give real training to our students. We intend to start our creative writing programme soon in the Arts Village, then go into film later."

UDPS Alumnus Donates To School

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

A 1982 Alumnus of the University of Port Harcourt Demonstration Primary School (UDPS), Mr Ikechi Nwogu, has returned to his *Alma-Mater* with a donation of sporting facilities as part of his contributions to the advancement of the School that gave him a head-start.

Nwogu, who is currently a Mathematics Lecturer at the Rivers State College of Arts and Science (RIVCAS), recalled with nostalgia, his experiences at the School as a pupil. "I am in the School to appreciate the efforts of my teachers, who nurtured me to greatness and also to ascertain the condition of my *Alma Mater* in general", he said.

Describing UDPS as a mother, who nurtured him to maturity, he urged other Alumni to identify with the School to take it to loftier heights. "This is the time to ensure the overall development of the School by contributing our quota as ex-pupils", a visibly excited Mr Nwogu said, eulogizing his former teachers, some of who are still working in the School for their uncommon commitment to duty and care for the pupils.

Commending Nwogu for the donations which included football, volleyball and net, pump, whistle, badminton rackets and packets of shuttles, a very proud Headmistress, Mrs Georgina Umeogu, observed that following series of restructuring, the standard of the School has improved tremendously, describing the donor as a worthy role model to pupils of UDPS. She urged other Alumni of School to emulate the good example of Mr Nwogu, by returning to give back something to the institution that gave them identity and a ladder to climb to the top of their career lines.

Agric Econs Dept Partners FADAMA Project

By Mercy Adeniji

The National FADAMA Development Project (FADAMA III) in Rivers State, has given the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension the green light to form a FADAMA User Group (FUG) to drive the on-going formation of FUGs amongst farmers in the University's host communities.

New Acting Head, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, Dr Samuel Olatunji, who made the disclosure to *UNIPORT Weekly*, said the partnership is a project from the Ministry of Agriculture. The welcome was in an earlier time to be fully into the project is focused on



Dr Olatunji

extension services-related and it is part of our Agricultural Extension Community-Outreach Programme", he noted, expressing delight that the Department solicited assistance from the Management of FADAMA III Project to give it another slot based on its proven track record of working with local farmers through its robust extension services.

Dr Olatunji disclosed that as part of the Department's responsibility to nurture Co-operatives in the agricultural sector, it set up an Outreach Village Project in concert with Rumuekini women group to disseminate information on

modern agricultural trends, adding that the programme has since been expanded to embrace other women farming groups. "We also interact with the community by training farmers on different areas of agriculture, such as snailry and fisheries. Our students also learn from the rural farmers as part of efforts to translate classroom theory into practical field experiences."

On his plans for running the Department, Dr Olatunji said, "I intend to bring a change in the manner our students do their Industrial Training under the Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES)", expressing dissatisfaction with the current job description of the students. The Acting Head of Department, who regretted that what students from the Department engage in was not relevant, as he plans to restructure their field experience to give them proper hands-on skills. "I want our students to visit the Agricultural Development Programme (ADP), to enable them have an insight of activities that go on in the organization. When they return, they can combine the theoretical aspects of the business with practical agricultural insight", he added.

"We want them to study the organogram of the ADP, interact with the extension agents and other staff of the organization. I want them to be able to analyze feasibility studies, data techniques and also acquire skills in marketing and analyzing farm enterprises in terms of profitability and prepare farm records", he disclosed, stating that he also wants to ensure that students can publish their projects on graduation.

He called on Management of the University to dislodge illegal business operators, who he said are disrupting the activities of the Department, making it difficult for staff to work in an enabling environment.



Mr Nwogu, shaking hands with a pupil, while the Headmistress, Mrs Umeogu and Mrs Maduafokwa look on

V-C Receives Local Accreditation C'ttee Report



V-C, Prof Ajiienka (middle), DV-C (R&D), Prof Bene Willie-Abhey, DV-C Admin (2nd from right) and members of the C'ttee

By Obinna Nwodin

In readiness for the 2013 Accreditation exercises in the various Departments, the University-Wide Accreditation Committee has submitted its report to authorities of the University.

Making the presentation to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, Chairman of the Committee, Professor Sylvanus Udoiem, said that the Committee embarked on local resource verification to ensure that all the basic requirements for the various Departments that are due for accreditation were met before the

actual exercise by the National Universities Commission (NUC), adding that a total of 48 Departments were visited and their needs assessed. He said that the aim of submitting the Report was to ensure that preparations should commence in earnest, thanking the Vice-Chancellor for constituting such a Committee with dedicated and active members, despite the challenges they faced in the process of completing the assignment. Receiving the Report Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, who commended members of the Committee for embarking on such a very important assignment, said that the submission was timely as the Governing Council had scheduled an Emergency Meeting, where the Report would be presented for deliberation. He advised them to also embark on post-accreditation monitoring to ensure that equipment put in place in the various Departments were effectively utilized. "We need to have proper documentation of all the things we put in place, as well as have proper inventory of all the things on ground, so that we can be in a position to assess how well we have used what we have already put in place," he stated.

History Dept Receives Book Donations From Alumni, Staff

By Obinna Nwodin

In advancement of the University's bid to attract support from its diverse stakeholders, the Department of History and Diplomatic Studies has recently received a steady stream of book donations to help improve the standard of teaching and research. Making the disclosure to *UNIPORT Weekly*, Acting Head of the Department, Dr Ate Okorobia, said that the Department has attracted such book donations from its Alumni and divers stakeholders as a result of recent mobilization of support from staff, students and alumni. He said that the response was indicative of the willingness of individuals and groups to support the Department to enable it render improved service delivery.

Dr Okorobia disclosed that recently, a graduate student, Mr Saturday Okunodior, on behalf of his colleagues in the African History and Development Studies, donated office furniture worth N800, 000.00 to the Department, while an out-going Bachelor's Student, Chinedum Isaac, also donated 33 books worth N114,000. Other donations received by the Department include: 30 books from the undergraduates U2008 Set worth N151,953, U2009 Set, 59 books and journals worth N52,000, as well as U2010 Set, which donated 35 books worth N145,950.

Others include the donation of 10 books by the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Victoria Island, Lagos. Dr Okorobia disclosed that the Department



Dr Okorobia

ment also received donations from Professor Adaye Orughani, Professor Ben Naanen, Professor Ozo-Mekuri Ndimale, Professor Abiye Derefaka, Professor John Enemugwem and Dr Ate Okorobia, which he said have contributed to lifting the academic tone of the Department.

Other donations were received from Mr David Okeokoh, Mrs Basil Uzoma Ugochukwu, Mr Jeremiah Mbadiwe and Mr Okachukwu Ebere. He said that the Department now has a Library that is well-stocked with current books and journal, adding that the challenge was that of space to stock the books, as well as provision of other facilities that would create a conducive learning environment.

The Acting Head of Department also stressed the need to engage more academic staff to take up the enormous academic work in the Department, particularly in the Graduate programme.

Nollywood Star Hits UNIPORT Taekwondo Pitch

He may not be very popular in the sporting arena, but he is better known on the screen, particularly the Nigerian movie industry—Nollywood. When *UNIPORT Weekly* Correspondents, HUMPHREY YOGU & OGHENETEJIRI ODUBU, spotted this film star, Emeka Nwafor Jude, on Campus amidst contingents to the National School Sports Festival (NSSF) for primary and post primary pupils, held partly in the University, they sought to know his mission in UNIPORT. Read on:

Dressed in a light yellow tracksuit, the movie star, also known as *Barclays*, was surrounded by school pupils in sports attires. And what was he doing in the University in the first place? Barclays, who disclosed that he was in the University because of the NSSF, said: "I'm a Taekwondo Instructor; I have a team of primary and secondary school pupils with me from Anambra State for the competition."

How long has Barclays been in the business of nurturing future Taekwondo medallists? The Instructor, who is currently a Master of Arts candidate in the Department of Mass Communication at Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka, Anambra State, said: "I started Taekwondo in 1980 at Uwani, Enugu. After my Youth Service in 1992, I got trained and branched into the Movie industry in 1999. The first movie I starred in was "Onwa" and "Wasted Years" with Teco Benson."

On how he is able to combine professional acting and Taekwondo, he said: "They are closely related as they both have to do with people. I read Mass Communication, which is all about intrapersonal or interpersonal communication; it is also about inspiring people through movies and sporting competitions."

Barclays, who noted that he is passionate about picking children up and transfer them into better citizens, disclosed plans to produce a movie titled: "Nollywood Ninja", in which some of the kids he is training in Taekwondo would perform martial arts. He promised movie lovers maximum satisfaction with the movie when it hits the big screen.

The film star did not end the

interview without a parting word for youths, who may wish to combine different professions and excel in all, as he advised them to believe in themselves. "My advice for everybody is that they should believe in themselves. When you believe in yourself, you can do anything. Anyone who gives up easily will not go far in life," he advised.



Jude

Sikoki Tasks Regulators On Aquaculture Conservation



The Inaugural Lecturer, V-C and some Professors before the Lecture

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Agriculture Organisation...2012, estimated that total fish imports exceeded USD 100 billion in 2008. The value of exports was placed a little lower at USD 99.5 million. Of this figure, approximately half originated from developing countries, while approximately 80% of world imports went to the developed countries.

"Fish plays an important role in global food supplies and its demand is expected to increase considerably as living standards increase in Asia and population grows in Africa," he pointed out. He listed control of fishing fleets, enforcing limits on catches, stakeholder participation, technology transfer and community awareness, as key factors in the drive to establish good fisheries governance, recommending monitoring of fisheries, control and surveillance, protection of fish stocks from environmental degradation, adoption of traditional approaches to fish conservation,

reduction of waste, introduction of value-added products, amongst others, as remedial measures against rapid stock depletion.

The Inaugural Lecturer, whose research interest and contributions to knowledge covers such areas as enhancement of Aquacultural production, environmental pollution and degradation and assessment of fish stocks, disclosed that his current research centres on evaluation of pollution trends in the coastal waters of Nigeria, assessment of aquatic ecosystem integrity in the Niger Delta basin, studies on utilisation of nuisance aquatic resources for wealth creation, amongst others. Sikoki, who is the National Coordinator of the Federal Government of Nigeria Project RAF/7009 on Marine Pollution Monitoring and Seafood Safety, under the auspices of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), observed that some seafood, are not safe for human consumption, on account of their excessive exposure to radioactive substances that

endanger human health, citing water snail and shrimps as examples of marine species that are receptive to pollutants.

In his remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who expressed delight at the quality of the presentation, described Professor Sikoki as a fine scholar. "He is an example of the kind of scholars the University is advocating to have in every Department. We would like to encourage him to move from research to development. Some of his research work could be converted to marketable products in line with our vision to capitalize knowledge that would benefit both the researcher and society", the Vice-Chancellor said.

The Vice-Chancellor, who noted that Professor Sikoki's Lecture was the first in 2013; the first to come from the newly-created College of Natural and Applied Sciences, and the first from the emergent Faculty of Biological Sciences, described it as one of the best-attended Inaugural Lectures in the University.

UNIORT, TMC, Sign MoU On Film Academy

By Obinna Nwodin

Seven months after Trend Media City (TMC), owners of Trend Cable TV, and authorities of the University of Port Harcourt began to work out plans for collaboration in establishing a world-class Film Academy, both parties have sealed the pact with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at actualizing the mega project.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, said that the proposal and opportunities presented by TMC was in tune with the vision of the University, re-stating the willingness of the authorities to play their own part to achieve the essence of the collaboration. He said that the policy of the University was to ensure that all partnerships brought mutual benefits to interest groups.

Professor Ajienka, who said that the University was engaged in various partnerships with industry and other professional bodies, stated that the Institution was the first in Nigeria to outline a clearly stated mission to be an Entrepreneurial University, adding that to achieve this, research must be very active in order to add value to the society. The Vice-Chancellor said that the proposition by TMC's proposal fits clearly into

the vision of his administration to capitalize research.

In his remarks, President and Chief Executive Officer of the company, Engineer Uzoma Udemba, commended the open arms with which authorities of the University embraced the proposal. He said that the collaboration was important because universities are beginning to realize that doing business is part of the system. "Universities make money for not only itself, but for the communities themselves through such partnerships", he said.

In a presentation, Strategic Business Development Adviser of TMC, Philippe Vermade, said that the vision of the organization

was to develop intelligent cities in Nigeria that would become creative hubs, and leading centres for innovation and serve

as home to the world's best talents and entrepreneurs.

Earlier in her address, Acting Director of the University Advancement Centre (UAC) and Chairman of the Implementation Committee, Dr Ngozi Odu, assured TMC that the University was in a position to drive the project from conception to actualization stages.

Other members of the Committee are: Professor Henry Njoku, Professor Julie Okoh, Professor Emmanuel Emasealu, Dr Julie Umukoro, Dr Innocent Ohiri, Dr Tony Gyapong, Mr Adela Onyedibia, while Mrs Otami Akubom served as Secretary.



L-R: Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nwodin, V-C, Prof Ajienka, CEO, Trend Media City, Engr Udemba and Strategic Bz Dev Adviser, Philippe Vermade, signing the MoU

GUIDEPOST

APPOINTMENT

Professor Chukwudi Onyeaso, Department of Child Dental Health, Faculty of Dentistry, appointed *Dean of Faculty*, effective 16th January, 2013 to 17th January, 2015.

Professor Omotayo Ebong, Department of Pharmacology, College of Health Sciences, appointed *Chairman, Governing Board, College of Continuing Education*, effective 21st January, 2013 to 21st January, 2015. Other members of the Board are: **Professors Mike Onyekonwu, Steve Okodudu, C. Monago, Drs Clifford Ofurum, Baridisi Isaac, Fidelis Allen, C.N. Ogbuji, B.O. Ebuomwan, Mrs Agatha Ataga, Mr T.J. Ayotamuno, Mrs Helen Ohwonda-Wopara, Mr Ejike Ichendu, Mr D.L. Nwikebe and Mr Isaac Ewa.**

Professor Joel Ogbonna, Department of Petroleum and Gas Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, appointed *Acting Director, Emerald Energy Institute*, effective on assumption of duty.

Professor Michael Horsfall, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, appointed *Director, Central Instrument Laboratory*, effective 29th January, 2013 to 29th January, 2015

Dr F.O. Ajayi, Department of Animal Science and Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, appointed *Acting Head of Department*, effective 25th January, 2013 to 26th January, 2015

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Professor Samuel Ibadje, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 16 April, 2013 to 15th April, 2014.

STUDY LEAVE

Mr Igbinosa Aigbe, Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, Faculty of Agriculture, proceeds on a three-year *Study Leave with Pay*, effective 1st January, 2013 to 31st January, 2016.

Mr Ebieto Celestine, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, proceeds on a three-year *Study Leave with Pay*, effective 1st February, 2013 to 2nd January, 2016.

Mr Chinedu Ngobiri, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, proceeds on one-year *Study Leave with Pay*, effective 1st March, 2013 to 30th November, 2013.

Mr Ebianga Sofimicari, Department of Electrical/Electronics Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, proceeds on a three-year *Study Leave with Pay*, effective 4th February, 2013 to 4th January, 2016.

Mrs Caroline Ake, School of Science Laboratory Technology, proceeds on One-year *Study Leave with Pay*, effective 1st July, 2012 to 1st July, 2013.

Mr Uduma Idika, Department of Marketing, Faculty of Management Sciences, proceeds on one-year *Study Leave with Pay*, effective 1st January, 2013 to 31st December, 2013.

SABBATICAL APPOINTMENT

Dr Nnam Ohia, granted *Sabbatical Appointment* in the Department of Curriculum Studies and Educational Technology, Faculty of Education, effective on assumption of duty.

AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP


Dr Sunday Ossat, Institute of Education, Faculty of Education, invested *Fellow*, Nigerian Academy of Management and Administration on 6th December, 2012.

PASSAGE

Dr Victor Anyelechi Woyike

The death has been announced of **Dr Victor Anyelechi Woyike**, a Lecturer I, in the Department of Human Physiology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences. He was aged 35.

Late Dr Woyike, who died on 15th January, 2013, was buried in his home town Rumuewhor, Odegu, in Emohua Local Government Area of Rivers State last Saturday, 2nd February, 2013.



Late Dr Woyike

SSLT Graduands Relive Experiences

After five years of assignments, field trips, projects and assessments, a total of 326 graduands of the School of Science Laboratory Technology (SSLT), cutting across seven subject options, were successfully inducted last Tuesday by the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT). In this interview with ETHEL TIMI-JOHNSON, some of the Inductees relive their experiences.



Ogwu

BRIDGET OGWU
(Best Graduating Student and Valedictorian)
"I DIDN'T STUDY TO BE THE BEST"

I dislike failure so much that any time I fail, I feel disappointed, but the determination to make my parents proud spurred me to work hard. My philosophy in the programme was to do my very best with all my might and it worked wonders for me. I never really studied to be the best. I excelled doing what I know how to do best-studying. Having a goal in mind made me focused, despite the challenges I faced in the programme.

ANYAKA CASHMIRE

It could be described as a rough beginning with a glorious ending. The most tasking part of the programme was taking combined courses in Engineering and the Sciences. It turned out to be a worthwhile experience. I intend to pursue a Master's degree programme in Mechanical Engineering here in UNIPORT.



Cashmire

IBIWARI FRANK

It was a stressful experience combining lectures and assignments with field trips. In a nutshell, I would describe it as stressful, but successful as there were no carry-over courses. The next plan in my agenda is proceeding for a Master's degree in Petroleum Engineering or Geology to make myself truly marketable.



Frank

CHUKWUMA OKONKWO

It was quite a challenging programme that enabled me to realize that I can achieve any goal I set for myself. The field work



Okonkwo

provided me an opportunity to interact with people from diverse backgrounds. It was a stressful programme that brought out the best in me.

OZIOMAOWUAMALAM

It was a very strenuous programme, but extremely interesting given its professional focus which is quite different from the regular programme. I enjoyed all the professional courses in Scientific Instrumentation, Laboratory Technique and Safety. I also enjoyed the field trips to states like Ebonyi, Enugu, Edo, Kogi and Delta. I am dreaming of becoming a Lecturer in SSLT after a successful Master's degree in Petroleum Geophysics.



Ozuamalam

SAM EDIKAN (Best Graduating in Geology/Mining option)

This is a programme I wish to recommend to serious-minded students. It is scientific and technological at the same time with 90 per cent of the time spent in the Laboratory and the remaining 10 per cent shared between field trips and the classroom. Being inducted into the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology was the turning point of my five-year SSLT experience.



Edikan

ROSEMARY ENIREMADU

I am very grateful for the training I received in the SSLT programme. Yes, it was challenging at the beginning, but it ended very well for me. Being celebrated today by the University and the society indeed reminds me that the journey of a lifetime starts with a step. Presently I am thinking of a Master's in Petroleum Geology.



Eniremadu



R-L: Director, Institute of Petroleum Studies, Prof Mike Onyekonwu, representative of V-C, Prof Joseph Ajenka and DV-C (Acad), Prof Igbo Joe, Dr Egbogah and Univ. Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo

Egbogah Ends Expert-In-Residence Programme

Former Special Adviser to the President on Petroleum Matters, Dr Emmanuel Egbogah ended the first annual Expert-in-Residence programme in the University from Monday, 21st to Thursday, 24th January, 2013. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU**, captured highlights of the week-long event.



Pioneer Expert-in-Residence, Dr Egbogah in a handshake with Prof Joe



Dr Nwodo exchanging pleasantries with Dr Egbogah



Prof Onyekonwu welcoming the foremost Petroleum Engineer and former Special Adviser to the President



Deputy Director of IPS, Prof Joel Ogbonna in a handshake with the Resident



Dr Egbogah (standing), addressing guests at one of the Lecture series



Guests rise to cheer Dr Egbogah after a presentation



5th V-C and Chairman of one of the sessions, Emeritus Prof Nimi Briggs, Prof Ndaka, Dr Egbogah (right), Profs. Adesole Dosunmu and Ben Naanen



Prof Ndaka (standing) flanked by Dr Egbogah and Emeritus Prof Briggs



Emeritus Prof Briggs presenting a Certificate to Dr Egbogah, while DV-C watches on



Rep of IFP School in IPS, Mr Francis Fusier and Prof Dosunmu



Cross-section of Scholars, students and guests



DV-C (Acad), Prof Joe (2nd from right), Dr Egbogah, University Librarian, Dr Nwodo, IPS Director, Prof Onyekonwu, other Professors and stakeholders