



V-C, ITF, Others Task Students On Conduct At SIWES Orientation

Students preparing for the Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) for the 2012/2013 academic session, have been advised to be disciplined, focused and ensure that they comport themselves as good ambassadors of the University while on their Industrial Training (IT), reports *Mercy Adeniji*.

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New Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Chief Gesi Asamowei paid his maiden visit to the University last Friday. Details next week -Editor



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V-C Inaugurates INRES Governing Board

A Governing Board has been constituted for the Institute of Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development (INRES). The Board which consists of eminent scholars, government officials and industry players selected within and outside Rivers State, is headed by a distinguished *Alumnus* and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Power, Dr Godknows Igali.

Inaugurating the Board at the Governing Council Chambers, Senate Building, University Park, last Monday, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, charged the

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members to provide strategic policy directions, review programmes and activities to assess effectiveness, establish cooperation and partnerships with appropriate agencies, industry and development organisations and undertake other responsibilities that would improve performance and assist in realizing the mission and objectives of the Institute.

Professor Ajenka, who specified the roles of all stakeholders of the Institute which is jointly funded by the MacArthur Foundation through a three-year grant, explained that the University would provide infrastructural requirements for the smooth operation of the Institute, pointing out that it is also expected to generate revenue from fees charged for its

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Do Nigerian Students Still Read?

What is reading culture in Nigeria like? Is it flourishing or dying? These were some of the questions our Correspondent, HUMPHREY OGU, put to respondents on the heels of World Book Day marked a fortnight ago.

Despite the popular belief that reading culture in Nigeria has nosedived, the University Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo, has a dissenting view. She does not believe that there has been a tremendous decline in reading culture among students in Nigeria as it is believed in some quarters. Hear her:

"It depends on the category of students; those who really know why they are here in the University actually maintain good reading habit. Of course, there are some students who get distracted. These ones found themselves in the University by chance. There is nothing anyone can do to make them read, even if you put the best facilities on ground, they will never read. As the saying goes, you can only take the horse to the stream, but you can't force it to drink water. So it is with such students. But in this University, we have more of those who know what they are doing and why

they are here," she pointed out.

The Librarian, who noted that the recent Book Fair held at the Library had great impact on the University, disclosed that "lecturers, students and non-teaching staff were able to buy books for their teaching, research and reading. Some parents bought books for their children. Neighbouring primary and secondary schools also had the opportunity to shop. It benefited the University immensely; we were able to acquire well over N27m worth of books, just as acquired in the previous edition of the fair."

She observed that with the facelift given to the Library recently more and more students have developed interest in regular use of the library. "We are very pleased with the students, they conduct themselves in an orderly manner, especially now that they have comfortable reading facilities," Dr Nwodo said, thanking the Vice-Chancellor for providing the



University Librarian, Dr Nwodo

enabling environment to acquire some critical library facilities.

Meanwhile, a cross section of students, who spoke with our Correspondent, has corroborated Dr Nwodo's view on their use of the library. Both Ayobami Olowokere, a Master's student in the Department of Computer Science, and Ruth Ofoh, a Postgraduate Diploma student in the same Department, confirm that they make regular use of the library.

The same is also true of Dominion Adonye, a Fifth Year student of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Russell Ogu, a Third Year student in the Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Paul Nwaigwe James Gberekeme, Queen Imoniche of the Department of Educational Management, Efosa Oviawe of the Department of Educational Curriculum/Computer Studies, Ose Ibisiki of the Department of Geography and Environmental Management; Olisa Osanekwu of Department of Management and Ikejiolor Izchukwu of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

These were just a select few among many students found reading in the Library. A chat with them revealed that they had varying schedules of Library use, ranging from thrice weekly to daily. This simply shows that reading culture still thrive in UNIPORT, despite the avalanche of distraction in form of European Football Leagues, social networks and movie channel such as African Magic. In spite of a plethora of information on dying reading culture in the country, it is evident that reading culture still flourishes in Port Harcourt, the 2014 World Book Capital!

The culture of reading purely for pleasure may be on the decline, the truth however, is that Nigerian students still read to acquire knowledge and pass examinations. This is in addition to the use of online resources as a few of them were seen with personal laptop computers in line with modern trends in library use. Who says the culture of reading is dying in Nigeria?



Cross section of students reading

Final Year Class, Freshers, Win HOD's Trophy

By Otikor Samuel & Mercy Adeniji

In a bid to encourage friendship and promote sports development among students, the Department of English Studies, Faculty of Humanities organised a football competition for students at various levels of study, penultimate Thursday. The competition which was in both male and female categories, had Final Year Class emerged winners of the Head of Department's Cup for the 2012/2013 edition in the male category, while First Year Class won the female category. President, National Association of Students of English Language and Literary Studies (NASEL), Miss Clara Opara, who spoke to UNIPORT Weekly, said "The football match is meant to enhance unity among students. This year's football match is quite unique,

before now, only male students were in the game, however, both male and female students played in this year's competition. The female students played among themselves in the various classes and also their male counterpart".

Miss Opara added that "Each class is named after a Lecturer who is referred to as the Team Manager, till the next academic year when the cup is handed over to the new winner."

Also speaking, a Lecturer in the Department, Mr Julius Akani, said the competition was for regular students, disclosing that the Head of Department, Professor Nkem Okoh provided logistics arrangement for the competition. Other staff present at the event were: Drs Stephen Anumdu, Michael Nwala and Mr Eze Ebekwe.



Winners of the female category displaying their trophy

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V-C, Prof. Ajenka, flanked by University Librarian, Dr. Obiageli Nwodo, DV-C (Acad) Prof. Igbo Joe (right), ITF Area Head, Mr. Adeniran, Director, SIWES, Prof. Ogali (left), other Coordinators of SIWES UNIPORT, ITF staff and Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim (2nd left)

V-C, ITF, Others Task SIWES Students On Conduct

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Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, gave the advice while addressing the students during this year's SIWES Orientation exercise at the Convocation Arena, University Park, last Tuesday. "While you are on your Industrial Training (IT), you should be serious and focused. IT is meant to equip students with skills, so when you are through, you have the opportunity to be an employer of labour," he said.

Professor Ajenka, who congratulated Management of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) and staff of SIWES for organising the event, charged the students to take their training very seriously and optimise every opportunity that comes their way, adding that as part of his entrepreneurial vision for the University, Management

encourages experienced professionals from the Industry to teach the students as a way of bridging the gap between theory and practice.

In his address, Port Harcourt Area Manager of ITF, Mr. Abdul-Razaq Adeniran, who commended past students on IT Placement for exhibiting maturity, charged the students being mobilized to always imbibe the virtues of hard work in the course of their training.

"As you go out, you have to make your University proud. You are expected to show yourself as true ambassadors of your University. Think more of skills and how you can convert these skills to something beneficial," he said, disclosing that ITF is out to equip students with requisite skills to enable them become industry-ready on graduation.

Also speaking, Director, Students Industrial Work

Experience Scheme (SIWES), Professor Regina Ogali, said: "The Orientation programme is necessary to get the students fully acquainted with the operational guidelines of the Scheme, which is meant to prepare students for future employment. It is a continuation of the students' academic work and not a holiday period.

"Remember that your conduct as IT students may open the door for you as an employee of the company and also open the door of industrial attachment to other prospective IT students from your Department", she advised.

Earlier, during a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, the Area Manager of ITF had commended the authorities of the University for inculcating in the students good virtues, calling on them to continue supporting the students and ensure they have the requisite skills to compete with their counterparts outside the University. He appealed to Management to also look into their curricula and ensure that they are in line with the demands of the Industry.

Also present at the event were: ITF Head of Training, Mr. Emmanuel Isiwu and SIWES Officer, Casmir Ezinma.

CPG, OTI, Invite Applications For Research Fellowships, PG Courses

By Otikor Samuel

with the IFP School, Paris and TOTAL/NNPC Joint Venture.

Professor Etu-Efeotor stated that the mission of CPG is to provide high quality education to give graduates and Fellows a good foundation in the Geosciences and enable them have responsible professional careers in the oil and gas sector, while ensuring the development of local content and capacity.

"In a bold move to fulfil its mandate, CPG seeks to fill the positions of Research Fellows and Doctoral/Post-Doctoral Fellows to support the Centre's activities.

The Fellowships are supported by the United States-based MacArthur Foundation Programme for Higher Education in Africa," the Director said.

He further disclosed that applicants for the position of Research Fellows must possess a minimum of Master of Science (M.Sc) Degree in Geology, Geophysics or Petroleum Engineering, while interested applicants for the Doctoral/Post-Doctoral Fellowship must be candidates undergoing the programme in relevant areas of Geosciences.

Similarly, the Offshore Technology Institute (OTI) in the Graduate School of Engineering and Technology has commenced sale of forms for the Master of Science programmes (M.Sc) in Pipeline and Offshore Engineering.

Director of the Institute, Professor John Okoli, said that the Institute is run in collaboration with experienced scholars, professional bodies and Industry experts, using virtual

library, Internet facilities, Industry software, case studies and field visits to carry out teaching, research and continuous professional development in the offshore oil and gas industry.

The Centre and Institute have, therefore, invited interested applicants to visit their respective websites for detailed information on available programmes.

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COLLEGIATE SYSTEM C'TTEE

Prof. Joseph Okoh, Director, Institute of Education, Faculty of Education, has been appointed Chairman, Committee on Collegiate System. Other members of the committee are: Prof. Enuvie Akpokodje of the Department of Geology, Dr. Chineze Uche of the Department of Educational Management, Mrs. Dorcas Otto, Director of Academic Affairs, Dr. Felicia Ayuwo of Bursary Department, Mr. Promise Simeon of Faculty of Education is to serve as Secretary. The appointments take immediate effect.

OUR ERROR

On page 5 of our last edition, we erroneously referred to the Senate Meeting as the 385th session. It is actually the 392nd Meeting. The error is regretted. Editor



Prof. Etu-Efeotor

The Centre for Petroleum Geosciences (CPG) and Offshore Technology Institute (OTI), have commenced sale of application forms for the 2013/2014 academic session. The application forms for the two programmes would coincidentally end on 28th June, 2013.

A statement issued by the Director, CPG, Professor John Etu-Efeotor, and made available to UNIPORT Weekly, stated that CPG which is an excellence-driven oil and gas sector support academic Centre, is run under the famous Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) in partnership



Prof. Okoli

Artsville Thrills Audience With Dance Drama

By Humphrey Ogu

It was an evening of relaxation and reflections at the University Arts Theatre—*The CRAB*, penultimate Wednesday, as the Institute of Arts and Culture (Arts Village) engaged Senate members and other spectators in a nostalgic dance drama that buttressed the significance of returning to a pristine Niger Delta, devoid of environmental pollution and crises.

Entitled: "We are Rivers", the play, which was directed by Ovunda Ihunwo of the Department of Theatre Arts, chronicled the history of the Niger Delta from the pre-colonial times to the present, capturing the various stages of the development of the region—from when fishing and farming were the main means of livelihood to the discovery of oil, down to the rise of militancy, ending with disarmament.

Reacting to the Dance Drama, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka praised the Institute for successfully enacting what he described as a very engaging and wonderful drama that captured



Scene from the Dance Drama

the history and tradition of the people of the Niger Delta. The Vice-Chancellor urged the management of the Institute to make the performance available for a wider audience, expressing hope that the message of peace highlighted in the play would help to create peace and development in the region.

A major highlight of the play, which was the April edition of the monthly Senate performance, was the honouring of Professor Stella Ibe, who recently retired from the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences. The Director of the Arts Village, Professor Julie Okoh, decorated Ibe with ceremonial ribbons.

Responding to the honour done her, Professor Ibe said: "I have always loved drama. I used to act the role of Napoleon in William Shakespeare's *The Twelfth Night* in my secondary school days. I really love drama and have always appreciated the works of Professor Okoh and this one is very outstanding as it took us down the memory lane of history. It was extraordinarily good."

Director, Centre for Ethnic and Conflicts Management (CENTECS), Professor Mark Anikpo, said of the performance: "It was a very good play that captures a long period of time in a space of an hour or so. It's a story the audience could relate with, because it is a story every one of us had ever read in books or heard."

On his part, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Professor Ozo-Mekuri Ndilemele said: "We have a bunch of talents in this University. What we saw tonight was wonderful. It chronicles about 100 years of our existence as Rivers people, from slavery to palm oil, to petroleum and then to kidnapping and the peace that is about to come. It is history that could be written in volumes, but was performed under an hour. That is fantastic."



R-L: Director, Artsville, Prof Okoh, Prof Ibe, a guest and Dr Adline Noutcha

QAQC Takes Service-Delivery Campaign To Social Sciences Faculty

By Ethel Timi-Johnson



Prof Arinze

In its determined bid to sensitize stakeholders on the need to imbibe professional ethics and quality service-delivery, the Quality Assurance and

Quality Control (QAQC) Unit in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor has joined forces with the Faculty of Social Sciences in the battle against poor service-delivery in the University.

Speaking during an interactive session penultimate Wednesday at the Faculty Auditorium, University Park, Director QAQC, Professor Tony Arinze, who said that professionalism protects integrity of staff and ensures that standards are not compromised, explained that professional codes are not meant to automatically achieve targeted goals, as they were meant to guide and constantly remind staff and students of the goals and core values of the University.

Pledging to ensure that students honour the Oath they took while accepting admission and staff strictly adhere to the affidavit they swore before joining the services of the University, respectively, Professor Arinze remarked that "the Oath you took as students and the Affidavit you swore to as staff

declared that you will do nothing to impugn the integrity of the University or bring its integrity to disrepute at all times".

"Staff and students should ensure that their behaviours and actions are guided by high ethical standards anchored on the core values of honesty, integrity, justice, impartiality, loyalty and faithfulness", the Director advised, reiterating that lack of professional ethics destroys organizations, especially institutions of higher learning and the value systems accepted by society, which may result in the rejection of certificates awarded by Nigerian institutions, amongst other unpleasant consequences. "We need ethic-compliant professionals to avoid such unpleasant consequences", he stated.

Also speaking, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Henry Alapiki, who outlined the achievements of the Faculty since assumption of office, including successful hosting of two Faculty Round-Tables and Public Lecture series, said that the Faculty would continue to set the standard as the leading light in the University. He advised teaching staff of the Faculty to avoid acts of misconduct that could tarnish the image of the University, as well as their individual reputations.

Goodwill messages were presented by senior academics in the Faculty, including the Director, Centre for Ethnic and Conflict Studies (CENTECS), Professor Mark Anikpo, Director, Centre for Continuing Education (CCE), Professor Steve Okodudu and Acting Head of the Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Dr Eme Ekekeve.



Cross section of participants

GSNAMS Plans Collaborative Research

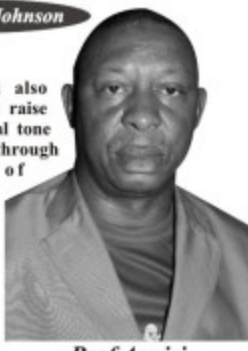
In continuation of its drive to transfer first-rate knowledge to students, the Graduate School of Natural, Applied and Medical Sciences, College of Graduate Studies, has disclosed plans for collaboration with foreign and local universities with a view to expanding research.

Speaking during an interaction with UNIPORT

Weekly, Dean, Professor Gregory Awiri, who disclosed plans to make the School a model for all graduate schools in the country and beyond, said that the idea is to have a research-focused school where students enrol and graduate in record time. To achieve this, he stated that students would mandatorily undertake courses on Research methodology, Paper and Power Point

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

presentation. Professor Awiri also disclosed plans to raise the entrepreneurial tone of the College through introduction of entrepreneurial courses and regular interaction with Industry where Industries would provide practical sessions to boost classroom learning.



Prof Awiri

I Applied Teamwork To Achieve Results ~Ibanichuka

By Mercy Adeniji

Dr Emmanuel Ibanichuka is the immediate past Acting Head, Department of Accounting. On assumption of office, he set himself a target and was able to achieve same with the cooperation of wonderful colleagues and administrative staff he worked with during his tenure which came to an end last October.

Dr Ibanichuka, who recalled his experience while in office, expressed gratitude to God for a successful tenure. According to him, he was HOD for four terms approximately eight years. He said it was not easy at all as he also faced numerous challenges in the line of duty. "I had to draw on my expertise, common sense and maturity to achieve results. Managing people from different backgrounds is not easy; you have to bring in your experience to manage them", he noted, adding that you need to use dedicated people to achieve results".

The former Acting HOD revealed that while in office, he brought his experience to bear on the job, as he made a lot of sacrifices to achieve results, noting that he had to work late most

times, take his official assignments home to enable him complete them on time, especially during computation of results.

Dr Ibanichuka, who described creativity as the core of everything, stressed that he left something for his successor despite the challenge. "I left what we call Result Management System-this is a system in which we store the database of all the students in the Department, which assists in facilitating the computation and completion of results".

He explained that during his tenure, the Department always had full accreditation of programmes, disclosing that plans are on to host the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and the National Universities Commission (NUC) for the re-evaluation of the course content of the Department.

The former HOD said, "I will always be ready and available to share my experience to ensure that my successor achieves his vision in the interest of the Department". He called on Accounting students to always work hard. "If you want to succeed, you have to put in extra effort to record success on graduation". Dr Ibanichuka said.

Dr Ibanichuka

Tributes To Manilla, Atemie

By Obinna Nwodin

Man has made frantic efforts to understand and explain the mystery of life in the context of his daily experiences on earth. Today man is, and tomorrow, he is unfortunately no more. This apparently inexplicable existential dilemma led the Biblical King Solomon declare: "Vanity upon vanity, all is vanity". Are our lives actually defined by share vanity of our actions? What is man's purpose on earth and what becomes of him after his sojourn on planet earth? Indeed, man's life is like that of an actor on a stage. It, therefore, behoves on him to play his part well in order to leave his bold marks on the sands of time.

To Professor Patience Ngozi Manilla of the Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, College of Natural and Applied

Sciences and Professor Josiah Dagogo Atemie of the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, it is on record that they left bold footprints on the

sands of time. Their immense contributions to the overall development of their disciplines and the University will long be remembered. History will certainly be kind to the two as outstanding scholars, who did their best while they still had the time and bowed out after reaching the zenith of their performance in the academia.

In a moving Funeral Oration, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ajienka, noted that "Professor Manilla brought with her, to the academia, an admirable sense of duty, skills, patience, dedication and team-spirit and was very eager to learn and adapt to the excellent academic tradition of an emergent University in Nigeria", following her education Cameroun, adding that like a thorough-bred academic, she was a highly-sought after Consultant to several multinational oil companies and organizations, which recognized her rare professional skills. He described her as a seasoned scholar and avid researcher, who would most certainly be missed by her family, colleagues and associates, students and people everywhere she left her giant intellectual footprints.

In her Citation, Provost, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Professor Nnenna Frank-Peterside, described the deceased "as a dedicated teacher, researcher and a stickler for excellence", noting that she had a passion for teaching and was a highly-principled teacher. "She enjoyed extracting and characterizing natural products from plants. When it became difficult to continue with her research focus because of dearth of facilities, she adjusted to other aspects of research", she said, stressing that Professor Manilla was friendly, compassionate and concerned for the well-being of others, and "always had a smile on her face which apparently deceived many of us, even when she was going through pains".

In a separate Oration, the Vice-Chancellor lamented the sudden demise of Professor Atemie, describing him as a serious-minded scholar, who "threw himself into a life that was defined by quality research and teaching to the admiration of his superiors and subordinates". Professor Ajienka, added that the deceased "made solid contributions to the growth of the Department of Sociology, the Faculty and the University as a whole".

He said that Professor Atemie mentored so many younger academics in the Department and "deployed his best attributes to

serve the University without stint and left no one in doubt as to his competence in the line of duty".

In a Citation, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Professor Henry Alapiki, said that "Professor Atemie had a rich University service experience and demonstrated versatile research skills in Social Demography/Medical Sociology/Statistics", adding that it is on record that he was the sole Supervisor of a study on health institutions and patient attendance in the Statistics Division of the Rivers State Ministry of Economic Development and Planning; Principal Supervisor, Ethnicity and Migrant Adaptation in Nigeria, Port Harcourt, Finima Relocation Study, Level of Family Planning Acceptability in Tombia and Obuama (Harry's Town), Rivers State", amongst others. He also noted that the scope and validity of his research engagement testified to Professor Atemie's competence as a researcher and to other research networks he nurtured, as well as their policy focus and relevance".

These distinguished academics will be greatly missed by those they left behind, but we are consoled by the fact that we shall meet them on the resurrection morning. Adieu, Manilla. Adieu, Atemie.



Late Prof Atemie



Late Prof Manilla

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programmes and source external grants for applied research.

In his speech, Director of INRES, Professor Euvie Akpokodje, recalled that the Institute was established in 2011 with the mission of producing competent indigenous manpower capable of developing and implementing integrated, multidisciplinary and sustainable solutions to developmental, environmental and natural resources management challenges.

Enuvie disclosed that the pioneer set of 23 graduate students admitted into the programme commenced formal lectures on November 19th last year, explaining that the programme which is designed in modular structure for 12 months, is run in collaboration with the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, three Nigerian universities and two research institutes. The Director, who recalled that the Institute organized the first Conference and Symposium on the Nigeria floods last November, disclosed that the

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up-coming Conference with the theme: "Optimizing the Utilization of Natural Resources of the Niger Delta," would hold between November 18th and 19th, 2013. "There are on-going discussions to establish Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) between the Hydrocarbon Pollution and Restoration Programme (HYPREP) and Directorate of Technical Corporation in Africa (DTCA)," Professor Akpokodje revealed. Meanwhile, in his response, Chairman of the Governing Board, Amb (Dr) Igali, who described their appointments as a call to service, urged the members to bring their wealth of experience to bear to ensure environmental sustainability for the next generation. "For this University to set this standard it is commendable. We are proud to be pioneer members of the Board and we will not fail in our assignment to

work to your satisfaction," the Board Chairman said, promising to also come to the aid of the Institute in tackling its challenges.

Other members of the Governing Board are Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey; Executive Director, Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency (RSSDA), Mr Noble Pepple; Director, Environmental Assessment Department, Federal Ministry of Environment, Dr Modupe Odubela, National President, Nigerian Environmental Society, Mr Olu Wai-Ogusu; MD/CEO, ACM Nig. Ltd, Engr Anthony Meribe; President/CEO, Bulwark Services Limited, Mr Lucky Awobasivwe; NUC Distinguished Scholar in Diaspora, Professor Chidi Ibe and Director of the Institute, Professor Akpokodje.



V-C, Prof Ajenka (5th from right), Chairman, INRES Governing Board, Dr Igali, DV-C (R&D) Prof Willie-Abbey, some Principal Officers and other Board Members

Lessons From 2nd UNIPORT Research Fair

Two weeks ago, the University organised the 2nd Annual Research Fair and Exhibition at the Donald Ekong Library Complex. For three days, staff and students from the various Colleges and Faculties showcased their research findings, artworks and scientific products. There were also exhibitions from the Rivers State Polytechnic, Bori.

The event which had "Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Action Path to National Development", as its theme was aimed at showcasing innovative research projects and their outputs from the University and sister institutions; highlighting outstanding works from various Colleges, Faculties, Institutes and Centres; provide opportunities for networking and collaborations among academic researchers, institutions and the Industry, as well as provide a forum for Industry to select research findings for its utilization and further development for mass production and commercialization.

The event featured presentation of papers on sub-themes such as "University-Industry collaboration for

By Obinna Nwodin

National Development; Role of Entrepreneurships for National Development"; "Bridging the Inventor/Investor Relationship for National Development", as well as "Entrepreneurial Education: Roadmap to Job Creation".

It is imperative to point out that as an emergent Entrepreneurial University; there is no gainsaying the importance of this event. Indeed, every academic staff and student, especially postgraduate students need to show their level of productivity through this medium. Research is the hallmark of every university and when it is not taken seriously, it negatively affects the viability of the system.

Expectedly, this year's event was an improvement from the previous one. Apart from the fact that more papers were presented at the Conference and wider participation from Centres, Institutes and Departments, there was also participation by some corporate organizations. The Rivers State Sustainable

Development Agency (RSSDA), Fidelity Bank PLC, The Promise Restaurant, MTN Nigeria and COOL/WAZOBIA/Nigeria Info identified with the University at the event. Their participation added impetus to its overall success. It would go a long way to sustain the "Town and Gown" relationship between the University and the Industry. All over the world, universities thrive in collaborations with the private sector. For the system to continue to grow there must be enhanced relationship with the Industry. This can be achieved through events such as this, as every year; the Industry and public would look forward to new discoveries. It would also help to put all hands on deck and ensure that researchers apply themselves to work in such a manner that they add value to solving societal problems.

It is no longer news that the days when academics carry out research for promotion after which they gather dust on their shelves are gone. Researchers should be able to find solutions to the challenges that confront humanity. It is when this is done that we can say that the value of the researcher has been achieved.

Now that the 2nd Fair and Conference has been concluded, the Organizing Committee should begin in earnest to plan for the next edition. While the Committee is planning ahead, researchers should also prepare ahead to showcase new findings. It would be boring for guests, at the next Fair, to see the same things that were exhibited at this Fair. The preparations must begin now.



College of Engineering stand at the Research Fair

STOP PRESS ORIENTATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The College of Graduate Studies holds its 2nd Orientation exercise for fresh and returning Graduate Students on Tuesday, 14th May, 2013 at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium. Time is 10:00am.

Contact: Dr Agatha Ataga, College Secretary

GUIDE POST

APPOINTMENT

Dr R. Onwuchekwa, Department of Radiology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, appointed *Acting Head of Department*, effective 1st February, 2013 to 2nd February, 2015.

Dr Benson Ewumwan, Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Co-ordinator, Environmental Engineering Technology Programme*, effective 1st February, 2013 to 2nd February, 2015.

Dr Ogoebi Etebu, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Acting Director, Science and Engineering Workshop*, effective 1st February, 2013 to 2nd February, 2015.

Dr Lucky Uyigwe, Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Co-ordinator, Post-HND Programme*, effective 1st February, 2013 to 2nd February, 2015.

ADJUNCT APPOINTMENT

Dr Emmanuel Agomuo, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, offered one year *Adjunct Appointment* as Senior Lecturer, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Hudson Koima, offered *Part-Time Appointment* as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Forestry & Wildlife Management, Faculty of Agriculture, effective on assumption of duty.

PENSIONABLE APPOINTMENT

Dr Ibinabo Amachree, Department of Medical Biochemistry, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, offered *Pensionable Appointment*, as Lecturer II, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Collins Amadi, Department of Medical Biochemistry, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, offered *Pensionable Appointment* as Lecturer II, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Joyce Okagua, Department of Paediatrics & Child Health/Institute of Maternal & Child Health, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, offered *Pensionable Appointment* as Lecturer I, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Akamenwo Ovisike, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, offered *Pensionable Appointment* as Lecturer I, effective on assumption of duty.

Dr Chizindu Alikor, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, offered *Pensionable Appointment* as Lecturer I, effective on assumption of duty.

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Prof Ernest Achalu, Department of Human Kinetics & Health Education, granted *Sabbatical Leave* to Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni, Port Harcourt, effective 1st March, 2013 to 28 February, 2014.

Dr Basil Nnamdi, Department of Philosophy, granted *Sabbatical Leave* to Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa State, effective 1st April, 2013 to 31st March, 2014.

STUDY LEAVE WITH PAY

Mr Humphrey Aigbe, Department of Forestry & Wildlife Management, Faculty of Agriculture, proceeded on a three-year *Study Leave With Pay* to pursue a Doctoral degree programme at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State, effective January 4th, 2013 to December 31st, 2016.

Mrs Helen Aburoma, Department of Nursing, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, proceeded on a nine-month *Study Leave With Pay* to undertake a clinical orientation programme at the Rivers State College of Nursing, Port Harcourt.

Participants At Research Fair Speak On Activities

UNIORT Weekly Correspondent, ETHEL TIMI-JOHNSON, spoke to the Departments of Anaesthesiology, Fine Arts and Design and the Faculty of Dentistry on research activities and products exhibited at their various stands at the just-concluded 2nd Annual Research Fair and Conference which held in the University penultimate week.



Faculty of Dentistry displaying its products



Woven Cloths, African print shoes and bags on display by Dept of Fine Arts and Design

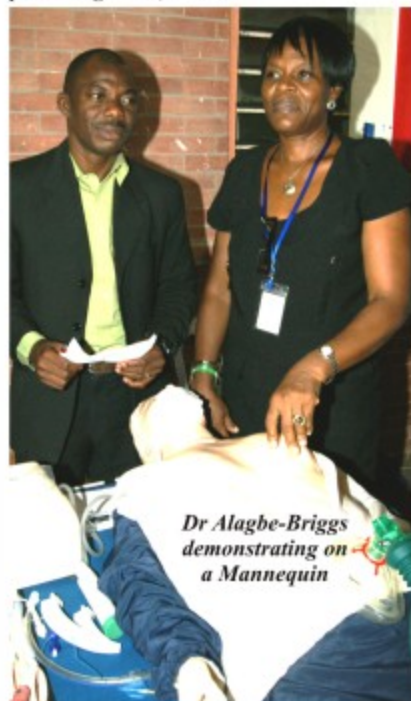
At the Exhibition stand of the Department of Anaesthesiology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Dr Obasuyi Alagbe-Briggs, was on hand to explain the process of resuscitation on a *Mannequin* in a clinical setting using *ambu* or self-inflating bag. Listing procedural steps to resuscitation of critically-ill patients, she added that people who are not well-trained would worsen patients care. Dr Alagbe-Briggs and her team also demonstrated the Mouth-to-Mouth and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), disclosing that the art of resuscitation is meant to sustain a patient while awaiting definitive care. "Internationally, it is advised that everybody learns the art of resuscitation. It could save life before medical care comes".

Mrs Margaret Ajiginni, Department of Fine Arts and Design, Faculty of Humanities, who spoke on fabric knitting, explained the processes involved. "We use looms for weaving and designing. Vertical loom is used for weaving multiple background or one-coloured background. There is also a mixture of mobile

table and four shaft loom used for plain weaving. The plain loom is also used to introduce variation in warp colours. Warp colours enhance aesthetics". Also at the exhibition stand were different African prints reproduced into fashion accessories for women like hair band, shoes, bags, bangles and ear rings. "The whole idea is to show that aside from the traditional two waist wrapper and blouse worn by women, African prints could be used as fashion accessories to complement contemporary

dresses and designs", she stated. The Textile Unit also undertakes printing of fabrics, tie and dye, batik, cloth weaving and bead work.

At the Faculty of Dentistry stand, Virginia Oguwuoke and her team spoke about *Denvit*, an anti-stain formula which is produced by the Faculty. Referring to *Denvit* as professional whitening toothpaste, the team explained that it is used in dental clinics on patients with stained teeth. There were also constructive appliances and dental models prepared by the Faculty in display. "The constructive appliances aid treatment of patients with orthodontic cases, including dental abnormalities like retracted or protruding teeth", she said.



Dr Alagbe-Briggs demonstrating on a Mannequin

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (mm) (pm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 05, MAY, 2013	36.025.0	56	NE	2.0	6:20 6:38	Widely scattered thunder storms expected. Partly sunny and extremely hot day is predicted. Appropriate clothing is advocated.
MONDAY, 06, MAY, 2013	34.0 26.0	66	NE	8.6	6:19:38	Thunder storms expected late in the day. Mostly cloudy and hot day forecasted.
TUESDAY 07, MAY, 2013	33.025.0	66	NE	5.2	6:19 6:38	Thunder storms expected. Day anticipated being cloudy and hot.
WEDNESDAY 08, MAY, 2013	35.0 25.0	57	NE	3.5	6:19:38	Thunder storms expected late in the day. Mostly cloudy and hot day forecasted.
THURSDAY 09, MAY, 2013	33.0 25.0	62	N	-	6:19:38	Mostly cloudy and warm day predicted.
FRIDAY 10, MAY, 2013	33.025.0	58	NE	7.3	6:19:38	A few thunder storms expected. Day predicted to be mostly cloudy and warm.
SATURDAY 11, MAY, 2013	31.025.0	58	NE	12.4	6:19 6:38	Thunder storms expected early in the day. Partly cloudy and warm day forecasted.

2nd UNI^{PORT} Research Fair and Conference

The 2nd UNI^{PORT} Research Fair and Conference held between 23rd to 25th April 2013, at the Donald Ekong Library Complex, University Park. The Fair, which featured exhibitions and paper presentation, also attracted participants from the academia and private organizations. Highlights of the event as captured by our cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU** are presented below:



From L-R: DV-C (R&D), Prof Bene Willie-Abbey, V-C, Prof Joseph Ajiinka and Mrs Blessing Daniel Kalio, representative of Executive Director, RSSDA



V-C, Prof Ajiinka, addressing participants at the opening ceremony



Chairman of the occasion, Mr Noble Pepple, represented by General Manager, Entrepreneurship Development and Job Creation, RSSDA, Mrs Daniel Kalio, giving an address



Keynote speaker, Prof Olusegun Adewoye, delivering his Address



Former V-C, Emeritus Prof Nimi Briggs making a speech



DV-C, (R&D), Prof Willie-Abbey, addressing participants during presentations by Institutes and Centres



Chairman, Research Fair Organising C'ttee, Prof Gregory Awiri and Prof Ebenezer Okonkwo



Participants at the opening ceremony



Keynote Speaker, Prof Adewoye, flanked by Mrs Daniel-Kalio, DV-C (R&D), Prof Willie-Abbey, Emeritus Prof Briggs (right) V-C, Prof Ajiinka and Prof Awiri (left) cutting the Exhibition tape



Guests at the Faculty of Agriculture Exhibition stand



Prof Adewoye and Dean, Agriculture, Prof Love Akonye at the Exhibition



Director, Institute of Niger Delta Studies, Prof Abi Derefaka, explaining a point to guests at the Institute's stand



Chairman, Research Fair C'ttee, Keynote Speaker and other guests at the University Advancement Centre (UAC) stand