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Unilorin hosts WAUG in January 2012



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The 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) to be hosted by the University of Ilorin will now hold between January 11 and 22, 2012. This change is the outcome of a meeting held by the Executive Committee of WAUG with the authorities of the University Ilorin recently.

The WAUG shifted the date in order to avoid clashes with examinations of many participating universities during the period and further ensure the overall success of the Games. Based on the new time table, the arrival date is Wednesday, January 11; the opening ceremony comes up on Saturday, January 14; the closing ceremony holds on Saturday, January, 21 while the departure is the day after (i.e. Sunday, January 22, 2012). *(Contd. on page 2)*

Stop force-feeding babies, Ojuawo tasks mothers

A clarification call has been made to nursing mothers to stop force-feeding their babies because such practice can lead to aspiration, pneumonia and death.

This call was made last Thursday (July 28, 2011) at the University of Ilorin by a Professor of Paediatrics, Ayodele Ojuawo, while delivering his inaugural lecture, the 95th in the series, entitled "The Child's Gut and its Guts" at the Science Lecture Theatre.

According to the don, who is a Consultant to World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children Education Fund (UNICEF), among others, force-feeding babies not only insults the sensibility of the gut, it also challenges its attempt at protecting itself.

The don therefore tasked mothers to be aware of the inherent dangers in the practice stressing that "if a baby is not eating well, it is an indication of ill-health, the cause should be looked for and treated and the appetite will return." *(Contd. on page 4)*



CHILD HEALTH: Prof. Ojuawo delivering his inaugural lecture last Thursday

Unilorin will perform excellently – by WAUG Exco

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At the end of meeting, both the authorities of the University and the WAUG Executive Committee agreed that the change was necessary and no effort should be spared to ensure that the Games will mark an unforgettable experience for all the stakeholders. The WAUG committee noted that the presence of seasoned sports scholars, technocrats and administrators in the University of Ilorin gives all assurance that the event will be successful.

According to a statement issued at the end of the meeting, “WAUG expressed satisfaction with the level of preparations made so far. Noting the calibre of members on the LOC, the WAUG officials had no doubts that the University would set the bar for hosting and performance”.

It would be recalled that the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, during a courtesy visit to the Governor of Kwara State, Alh. Abdulfatah Ahmed, briefed the State Government on the efforts of the University towards hosting the event.

About 60 Nigerian universities will participate in the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG), to be hosted by the University of Ilorin between January 11 and 22, 2012. The games will attract over 5,000 athletes from 88 universities from the West African competing for laurels in 15 events.

We can surpass the developed countries - VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has charged Nigerians to pursue excellence in all their various callings saying that Nigerians can equal and even surpass the developed countries of the world if “we are committed to pursue excellence”.

The Vice-Chancellor gave this charge while receiving the report of the University delegation to Virginia State University on Friday July 22, 2011.

Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellor of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), opined that as Nigerians are not inferior to others elsewhere, lecturers and administrators of the University should replicate and surpass everything they saw in Virginia State University (VSU) in the University of Ilorin while assuring them that the Administration is fully committed to standardising its facilities and imbibing global best practices.

The Vice-Chancellor thereafter directed that all Faculties should immediately begin to upgrade lecture rooms while expressing his expectation to see a significant improvement in the standard of classrooms in the next three months.

The immediate past President of the Association of African Universities (AAUO expressed his appreciation to the members of the delegation, who are now constituted into the “UNILORIN/VCU Forum” and tasked them to continue to keep alive the spirit of collaboration between the two universities. “I thank you all for the sacrifice and for giving a good account of yourself while you were there. We are happy you represented the University very well”.

Speaking further, the Vice-Chancellor said it is time to start planning to receive the delegation from Virginia State University who will be visiting the University next year. He therefore called on the Forum to design quality programmes that will ensure that the University hosts VSU delegation successfully.

The leader of the delegation, Dr. A. O. Omotosho, thanked the University for the opportunity to visit VSU adding that the experience would impact positively on the University.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the report of the delegation were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. K. L. Ayorinde, the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi and the Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola.



The Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede

How Unilorin scales up research with DVC (RTI)

The role of research in bringing development cannot be over-emphasised because without it, humanity cannot progress. This explains why research ranks high among the functions that many universities, among which the University of Ilorin ranks high, are expected to perform.

Essentially, the University of Ilorin Decree 1979 (Section 1 (3) (c)) and the University of Ilorin Act of 2004 (Section 1 (3) (c)) both identified one of the objectives of the University in relation to research as “to encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in all fields of learning and human endeavour.”

It is part of the quest to raise the banner of research in Nigeria to a higher pedestal that the Senate of the University of Ilorin recently approved the establishment of the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Training and Innovation) for the University as obtainable in several other world class universities. The mandate of the DVC (RTI) will essentially be to drive the research activities of the University and strategise towards contributing more meaningfully through research to nation building.

This commitment was reiterated last Monday (July 25, 2011) when the University received leaders of the Ilorin Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE) who paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor.

While expressing his pleasure to welcome the Institute, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, said that the aims of the Institute and the University are similar as research is central to development in agricultural engineering and other fields.

The Vice-Chancellor said that “the University stands for the promotion of excellence and is intensifying effort in the area of innovative research.” He stressed that cooperation is necessary for the diffusion of ideas towards the promotion of knowledge. His words: “There is much to gain from interacting with one another and cooperation should be mutual”. He assured the delegates that the University would support them wherever possible including in hosting the 11th international conference of the Institute, themed Conference, themed “Agricultural Engineering for Economic Transformation” taking place between October 17 and 20, 2011 at the University.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Institute, Dr. K. A. Adeniran, thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the warm reception his delegation was accorded saying that the purpose of the visit was to intimate the University of the establishment of the Ilorin Chapter of the NIAE. He stated that the objectives of the Institute include the promotion of science and art of Engineering in Agriculture and promoting Agricultural Engineering Education. He added that the Institute seeks to advance in every possible way the standard of Agricultural Engineering and the promotion of intercourse of Agricultural Engineers among its members and allied technologists, among other objectives.

Other members of the Institute delegation included Prof. A. O. Ogunlela, Dr. C. J. Ejieji, Dr. K. J. Simonyan, Engr. B. A. Jackson, Engr. K. O. Yusuf, Dr. J. O. Olaoye, Engr. O. O. Abifarin and Engr. (Mrs.) Sameila.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive members of the Institute were the Dean of Engineering and Technology, Prof. J. A. Olorunmaiye, the Deputy Bursar, Mr. B. O. Badmus and the Deputy Director Information and Protocol, Dr. M. A. Adedimeji.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- At least, 50,000 of the cells in your body will die and be replaced with new cells before you finish reading this sentence.
- When glass breaks, the cracks move faster than 3,000 miles per hour.
- A human being loses an average of 40 to 100 strands of hair per day.
- A foetus acquires fingerprints at the age of three months.

Sign National Health Bill, don urges Mr. President

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Citing UNICEF figures of 2009, Prof. Ojuawo painted the “consistently, persistently and abysmally low” picture of basic health indices in Nigeria, stating that “under 5 mortality ranking, 18th position from the rear; under 5 mortality rate, 138 per 1000 live births; percentage of under 5 who are underweight, 24%; percentage of under 5 who are severely malnourished, 9%; percentage of under 5 with wasting (WHO Standard), 11%; percentage of under 5 with stunting (WHO Standard), 43%; percentage of the population using improved drinking water source (2008), 58%; percentage of under 1 receiving DPT 41%; percentage of routine EP 1 vaccines financed by government, 79%; percentage of household sleeping under ITNs, 8% and percentage of under 5 sleeping under ITNs, 6%”. He stressed that the indices given are below expectation for a positive impact on the health of children.

Prof. Ojuawo gave five pieces of advice to mothers viz: 1) if you notice anything unusual in your child, report at a health facility for proper assessment of your child, delay in presentation invariably leads to complications, and is more expensive; 2) breast milk remains the best food for the infant. Frequent stooling with active breast feeding is normal and does not require any treatment; 3) malaria kills, desist from self-medication. It is not all conditions causing fever in the baby that may be deadly; 4) ensure your babies are fully immunized to prevent communicable diseases that put a lot of stress on the immune system of a child. Immunization is safe and effective; and 5) good nutrition prevents illness”.

The Professor of Paediatrics recommended that there is the need for the provision of better nutrition for the children who are the leaders of tomorrow; strengthening of routine immunization against the communicable diseases which predispose to malnutrition and its attendant problems. He also called on the drug regulatory body to reconsider the criteria for the registration of drugs in the country such that effective drugs with proven efficiency are readily available and affordable.

Other recommendations by Prof. Ojuawo to the Government include: “the provision of very potent anti-malarial drugs such as the artemisinin based drugs should be giving free to children...; the laws regulating the activities of the patent medicine dealers need to be reviewed, paying special attention to appropriate qualifications and requirements for licensing and making health and nutritional information materials available to mothers and potential mothers at no cost.” He also urged the President, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, to sign into law the National Health Bill as passed by the Legislature in order to promote and improve medical care to the citizens especially the children.

“Children are the leaders of tomorrow and an investment in the health of a child is an investment in the future of the country. It is the right of a child to have good health, good nutrition and all the other rights of the child as enacted in the article of the Organization of African Unity on the ‘Rights of the Child’”, he concluded.

Speaking at the end of the lecture, which was attended by traditional rulers, including the Arinjale of Ise-Ekiti and current Chairman of Ekiti State Council of Obas, former Vice-Chancellors, Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital and other dignitaries from the academia and the larger society, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, described Prof. Ojuawo as a man who has guts and who is well known for his humility. He also commended the brilliance of the inaugural lecturer saying that he is an accomplished scholar and rigorous researcher, the qualities of which were further demonstrated in the lecture delivered.

Lasisi delivers 96th inaugural lecture

The 96th inaugural lecture of the University of Ilorin comes up this Thursday (August 4, 2011), at the Science Lecture Theatre of the University beginning from 5:00p.m.

The topic of the lecture is “The Image of Africa: Rhetoric and Reality in Afro-European Relations” and it will be delivered by Prof. Rasid Oladoja Lasisi of the Department of History and International Studies.

Members of the University community and the larger public are cordially invited.

10 Nigerian varsities make webometrics Africa's top 100 list

The dream of the University of Ilorin to inspire many Nigerian universities to rank well on the international league table is becoming true as the July 2011 edition of the well-known webometrics ranking of world universities has 10 Nigerian universities in the African top 100 category. It is the first time since 2004 that Nigeria would have such a number in the league table.

According to the latest edition released last weekend (Saturday, July 30, 2011), there are nine federal universities and one private university in the top 100 category while no state university is on the list.

More details will be provided next week.

Apply for ETF scholarship, academics told

The application forms of the Education Trust Fund (ETF) scholarship are available for the qualified academic staff of the University of Ilorin.

According to a statement issued by the Deputy Registrar (Academic), Mrs. F. M. Olowoleni, the forms are available for collection from today (August 1, 2011) and the completed forms are due for submission latest by Monday August 8, 2011 at her office.

Lecturers who are on their Master's and doctoral programmes are advised to take advantage of the opportunity by acting immediately.

Lecturer wins Fulbright award

A lecturer in the Department of Biochemistry, University of Ilorin, Mr. Musa Oyewole Salawu, has won the Fulbright Visiting Researcher award to the University of Wisconsin, Madison, United States of America, in aid of his ongoing Ph.D. programme.

The nine-month fellowship begins on September 1, 2011 when Mr. Salawu is expected to resume at the Institution and will end on May 30, 2012, when he is expected to return to the University of Ilorin after the programme.

Another lecturer of the same Department, Mrs. Faoziyah Adenike Sulaiman, has just completed the same Fulbright programme at the Department of Genetics and Development Biology, University of Connecticut Health Centre, Farmington, Connecticut, USA.

Cooperative Society elects new officers

The Unilorin Resources Managers (MCS) Cooperative Society Limited has elected a new set of officers to run its affairs for the next two years.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society held last July 19 at the University, a new Executive Committee under the Presidency of Mr. S. A. Ademola was inaugurated.

Other members of the leadership are Mr. J. U. Agbede (Vice-President), Mr. Samuel Iyanda (Treasurer), Mr. Kayode Adeyemi (Secretary), Mr. Samuel Ehinmidun (Assistant Secretary), Mr. Amusa Lawal (Chairman, Supervisory Committee), Mr. A. Mohammed (Secretary, Supervisory Committee) and Mr. S. K. Sobande (Member, Supervisory Committee).

Others are Mrs. K. O. Omeiza (Chairman, Credit Committee), Mr. Kayode Kadejo (Secretary, Credit Committee), Mr. Kareem A. Yusuf (Member, Credit Committee), Mr. E. A. Adebisi (Ex-Officio) and Mr. M. J. Akanbi (Ex-Officio).

PhD Defence

A PhD defence of the University of Ilorin will hold as follows:

S/N	Candidate	Title	Department	Date
1.	Umaru Haliru Alhaji	“Influence of Gender on Job Performance and Managerial Effectiveness of Registrars in Nigerian Universities”	Educational Management	August 10, 2011

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Sadiku, Joseph S.	Computer Science	1 st August
2.	Saraji, Rabi O.	Security	1 st August
3.	Adetoro, Jacob T.	Anatomy	4th August
4.	Afolabi, Ahmed O.	Central Administration	4th August
5.	Amuda, Saliu J.	Works (P&G)	4th August
6.	Fasan, Elijah A.	Library	4th August
7.	Muhibbu-Din, Ismail E.	Chemical Engineering	4th August
8.	Yusuf, Ibrahim T.	Civil Engineering	4th August
9.	Abdulraheem, Muyideen	Library	5th August
10.	Carxton-Martins, Ezekiel	Anatomy	6th August
11.	Jimoh, Saheed B.	Library	6th August
12.	Kayode-Kadri, Sherifat O.	Information and Protocol	6th August

Unilorin in the News

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- While speaking at a pre-Ramadan lecture organised by the NTA Ilorin, a retired don of the University of Ilorin and Coordinator of the Council of Muslim Organisations in Kwara State, Prof. Shehu Jimoh, has said that those opposed to the proposed Islamic banking are ignorant of its great benefits to the economic development of the country.
(‘CMO drums support for Islamic banking...warns traders against inflating prices of commodities during Ramadan’, same as above, p.18)
- Dr. Badmus Lanre Yusuf of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, in an interview with *The Herald* newspaper has charged Muslims to prepare for the month of Ramadan spiritually and not materially.
(‘Make spiritual preparation for Ramadan, Muslims told’, *The Herald*, same as above)
- A columnist, Nasir El-Rufai, has lamented the state of education in Nigeria claiming that the ranking of world universities indicate that only five Nigerian universities, led by the University of Ilorin, are in the league of the best 100 in Africa.
(‘Why education can’t wait’, *This Day*, Friday, July 29, 2011, back page)

LAUGH LINES

The teacher asked the class 5 history class, “When was Rome built?” and called on Sam to answer first. “Rome was built at night” was his straight answer.

“At night?”, asked the teacher, holding her ruler firmly in her boney-knucled hands. “How ever did you get such an idea?”

“Well”, gulped the pupil, hoping his answer would satisfy her, “everyone knows that Rome was not built in a day!”

Unilorin in the News

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- A consultant Obstetrician and Gynecologist at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Dr. Khadijat Raji, has warned that married women who engage in extra-marital affairs are prone to cervical cancer while speaking at a Seminar organised by Al-Muminaat in Ilorin recently.
(‘Women with multiple partners prone to cervical cancer - Don’, *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, July 26, 2011, p.49)
- While receiving the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation team of the MBA programme, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has stated that the University is set to establish a world class Business School.
(‘Unilorin set for Business School’, *This Day*, Wednesday, July 27, 2011, p.48; also see *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, July 28, 2011, p.26, *National Pilot*, Thursday 28 – Sunday 31 July, 2011, p.9)
- At the 220th Senate Meeting of the University of Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has revealed that subscribing to the ‘Research Africa’ facility is part of measures taken towards positioning the University and its scholars on the top list of the global research system.
(‘Varsity subscribes to research facility’, *The Nation*, Thursday, July 28, 2011, p.28, also see *National Pilot*, Thursday 28 – Sunday 31 July, 2011, p.9)
- A thief, Bamidele Olalekan, who posed as a candidate seeking admission has been apprehended by the security division of the University of Ilorin for stealing 7,000 naira belonging to Mr. A. A. Ahmed of the Bursary Department.
(‘Thief caught on campus’, same as above, also see *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.26)
- At a seminar organised on Islamic Banking by the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, in conjunction with Al-Barka Trust Fund, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was the chairman at the occasion, has described opponents of Islamic Banking as ignorant and advocated the education and enlightenment of critics to appreciate the importance and value of the system. (‘I will open account with Islamic Bank- Agbakoba SAN, opponents are ignorant, says Oloyede, Unilorin VC’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 28 – Sunday 31 July, 2011, p.2)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has expressed the commitment of the University towards the successful hosting of the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG), which is scheduled to hold soon.
(‘Unilorin is prepared to host WAUG-VC...explains shift in tournament date,’ *National Pilot*, Thursday 28 – Sunday 31 July, 2011, p.24)
- At a seminar organised on Islamic Banking by the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, in collaboration with Al-Barka Trust Fund, the Special Adviser to the Central Bank Governor on non-interest (Islamic) Banking, Dr. Bashir Umar, has revealed that about 28.45 million Muslims are excluded from conventional banking.
(‘Over 28 million Nigerian Muslims excluded from banking’, *The Punch*, Thursday, July 28, 2011, p.21)
- While delivering his inaugural lecture at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Ayodele Ojuawo of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health has urged President Goodluck Jonathan to sign the National Health Bill into law saying that the law will impact positively on the health of the Nigerian children. (‘NTA Ilorin’, news @ 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 29, 2011)
- The Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) Dr. Abdulwaheed Olatinwo, has said that the problem of traffic congestion along Sango road, which leads to the UITH, would soon become a thing of the past.
(‘UITH tackles traffic jam’, *The Herald*, Friday, July 29, 2011, p.5)

Unilorin in the News

- While delivering his inaugural address entitled 'The Way Forward', the new President of the Students Union of the University of Ilorin, Musa Surajudeen, has outlined the policy thrust of the Students Union under his leadership.
(‘Unilorin SUG President unfolds agenda’ , *The Guardian*, Sunday, July 24,2011, p.28)
- The National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED) University of Ilorin has invited interested and credible companies to apply for pre-qualification as contractors for the execution of various projects of the Centre under the 2011 capital projects.
(‘Invitation to Pre-qualification’ , *The Punch*, Monday, July 25,2011, p.61; also see *Daily Trust*, same date, p.51)
- The University of Ilorin has invited the general public to its 95th Inaugural Lecture to be delivered by Professor Ayodele Ojuawo of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health.
(‘University of Ilorin: Inaugural Lecture’, *The Herald*, Monday, July 25,2011,p.12; *Daily Trust*, same date,p.62; also see *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, July 26,2011,p.7) *The Nation*, Thursday, July 28,2011,p.28)
- The University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital has been directed to pay some money as fine by the Federal High Court sitting in Ilorin for negligence which led to the death of an in-patient, Ernest Abegun, in 2008.
(‘Court fines hospital 8.5m for patient’s death’, *Nigerian Compass*, Monday, July 25,2011, p.12; also see *Daily Trust*, same date, p.10)
- While delivering the graduation lecture to the outgoing students of the University of Ilorin Secondary School, Prof. I. B. Bello-Imam of the Department of Political Science and Conflict Resolution, Al-Hikmah University, has declared that despite the challenge of insecurity confronting the NYSC Scheme, scrapping it is not the right step to take.
(‘Insecurity: Scrapping of NYSC not the solution-Don’ , *National Pilot*, Monday 25-Wednesday 27 July, 2011,p.5)
- The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Zakariyah Oseni, Dr. Lanre Yusuf Badmas and Dr. Abdulmajeed Alaro are among notable academics expected to educate the Muslim Ummah during the Ramadan Lecture Series.
(‘National Pilot editor speaks on objective media reporting’ , *National Pilot*, same date p.13)
- In a message delivered by Prof. I. B. Bello-Imam of the Department of Political Science and Conflict Resolution, Al-Hikmah University, at the graduation ceremony of the University of Ilorin Secondary School, the Nigerian youths have been challenged to pass through the vicissitudes of life confronting them while they have also been urged to shun all forms of social vices.
(‘USS graduation: Reappraising the role of youths in re-branding Nigeria for sustainable development’ *National Pilot*, Thursday July 28 – Sunday July 31, 2011, p.5)

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Quotes of the Week

I have a simple philosophy: Fill what is empty. Empty what is full. Scratch where it hitches. – Alice Longworth Roosevelt

The superior man blames himself. The inferior man blames others. – Don Shula

You can cage the singer but not the song.
- Harry Belafonte

Within our dreams and aspirations, we find our opportunities. - Sugar Ray Leonard

Knowing thyself is the root of wisdom.
– Socrates.

All serious daring starts from within.
– Eudora Welty