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■ Prof. Davenport delivering his lecture

By Mustafa Abubakar and Itunu Olaosebikan

A past President of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons, Prof. Mark Davenport, has appealed to the Nigerian government to invest more on the Children Health Centres (CHC) across the country as they are very important to the country's health circumstances.

Prof. Davenport made the call penultimate Thursday (May 26, 2022) at a workshop co-organised by the Divisions of Paediatric Surgery of the University of Ilorin and the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UIITH) in collaboration with the National Hospital, Abuja and the Kings Hospital, London.

The workshop, held at the Main Theatre of UIITH attracted many Paediatric Surgeons, paediatricians, nurses, radiologists, laboratory pathologists and intensivists from within and beyond the University. *(Contd. on page 2)*



■ **COLLABORATION:** The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age AbdulKareem (5th left) flanked by Prof. Mark Davenport of King's College Hospital, London; Prof. Lukman O. AbdulRahman (Coordinator, HBP Team; the Director, Academic Planning, Prof. G.T. Arosanyin; HoD Surgery Department, Prof. Ademola Popoola and other members of the Tripartite Paediatric Hepatobiliary Surgery Collaboration Team during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor on Friday, 27th May. 2022. The Collaboration is among the University of Ilorin, the National Hospital, Abuja, and the King's College, London.

2 Unilorin students win UNESCO scholarship



■ Alasi Sodiq

By Mustafa Abubakar

Two students of the University of Ilorin have won the prestigious awards of the International Centre for Biotechnology under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) for having good academic records in the organisation's educational

peer review.

The duo, Mr. Samson Oyebamiji of the Department of Microbiology and Mr. Sodiq Alasi of the Department of Food Engineering won the award of UNESCO ICB MSc. Scholarship and UNESCO ICB Final Year undergraduate scholarship respectively.

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■ Oyebamiji Samson

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The Guest Lecturer, Prof. Davenport (middle), and other participants at the workshop

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At the workshop, tagged Paediatric Hepatopancreatobiliary Surgical Workshop", the renowned Paediatric Surgeon, who was the guest lecturer, also charged the government to develop more expertise in the field of Liver diseases in children, stressing that such investment will save the country from total collapse.

Prof. Davenport, who pointed out that the aim of the workshop is to help the participants to improve their skills in the area of child surgery, said, "We organized educational lectures prior to the surgery, we planned to do a surgery on the live child and it was filmed and broadcast as a zoom meeting".

While disclosing that there is generally lack of intensive care of children in the country's hospitals, the Guest Lecturer observed that steps are now being taken to improve it in some quarters.

Prof. Davenport commended the University of Ilorin, stressing that the best part of the town is the

University with huge vast of lands that greatly amazed him.

In his presentation, the Coordinator of the tripartite workshop, Prof. Lukman Abdur-Rahman, observed that many children have jaundice and many with surgical jaundice turn out late for treatment. He said that one of the aims of the workshop is to create awareness for the people on how to detect the ailment early and treat it promptly.

Prof. Abdur-Rahman, who lectures at the Department of Surgery, University of Ilorin and a Consultant Paediatric Surgeon at UITH, said that there is lack of sufficient facilities and lack of paediatric intensive care in the units.

He pointed out that more than 70% cases of jaundice are medical causes and can be treated, adding, however, that "If the medical causes are not addressed properly, jaundice can cause neurological incapacitation and Liver failure".

The renowned Paediatric Surgeon, therefore, implored the government to provide more facilities to be able to conduct child surgery successfully.

Also speaking at the workshop, a Consultant

Paediatric Surgeon from Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital, Ogun State, said that a baby with jaundice will be recognized by yellowish discoloration of the eyes, fever and sometimes discoloration in stool. He further stated that "parents are to desist from using superstitious means to treat jaundice and visit health care centres for proper treatment".

Also, a Consultant Paediatric Surgeon at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), Idi-Araba Dr. Olumide Elebute, who is also a participant at the workshop, advised Nigerians to always take precautions and medical advice, stressing that in a situation whereby jaundice extends to two weeks, one should seek medical attention and should not be taken for granted.

Other prominent participants at the workshop included Prof Emmanuel Ameh, a Senior Consultant Paediatric Surgeon at the National Hospital Abuja; Prof Auwal Abubakar, the Chief Medical Director of the newly approved Modibo Adama University Teaching Hospital, Yola and President of the Association of Paediatric Surgeons of Nigeria.

More than 120 participants registered for the hybrid meeting and operative sessions

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This was contained in a letter dated Friday (October 22, 2021), and addressed to the duo by the body's Scholarships Awards Committee (SAC) that is saddled with the task of reviewing of all applications submitted.

The letter, signed by the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer who doubles as Chairman, Scholarships Award Committee, Prof. Umezurike Linus Opara, and made available to

UNILORIN BULLETIN, read in part, "Thank you for taking your time to apply for the MSc. Scholarship of the UNESCO International Centre for Biotechnology (UNESCO ICB). Based on the criteria advertised, including course of study related to Biotechnology/BioSciences and good academic records, the Scholarships Awards Committee (SAC) reviewed all applications submitted".

"Congratulations! It is our pleasure to award the UNESCO ICB MSc. Scholarships to you, Mr. Samson Oyebamiji of

the Department of Microbiology, University of Ilorin, for N1,014,914.67 and the Final Year Undergraduate Scholarships to you, Mr. Sodi Alasi of the Department of Food Engineering, University of Ilorin, for N500,000.00.

"This award is to support your tuition fee, accommodation, books and living expenses during your MSc. and undergraduate studies at the university.

"Again, congratulations and good luck with your education and career plans now and in the future!"

Unilorin Mass Comm student, Ifekoya, shines at 2022 FCLA

By Tajudeen Babamale

A 300-Level student of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Ms. Aduragbemi Victoria Ifekoya, has won Bronze Award in the globally recognized Future Creative Leaders' Academy (FCLA) of the Pitchers Festival 2022.

The FCLA serves as an early immersion for the students into the competitive world of advertising. It brings together students of Mass Communication across Nigeria for seminars, screening and workshops conducted by a faculty of industry experts.

UNILORIN BULLETIN recalls that another student of the Department, Ms. Omolola Saka, also won Bronze Award in the 2021 edition of the FCLA.

Announcing the result of the contest at the event, which held between March 1, 2022 and May 1, 2022, the Dean of the 2022 Future Creative Leaders Academy, Nnenna Onyewuchi, said Ms. Aduragbemi Victoria Ifekoya came out third place in the keenly contested competition.

According to the report of the event made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN, the CEO of



Aduragbemi Victoria Ifekoya

CHINI Africa, Nnamdi Ndu, commended the participants, saying, "The task given to the contestants was to connect a brand of their choosing to an audience to promote any course to an audience they are passionate about".

He said, "Penultimate students of the Department of Mass Communication, UNILORIN in the persons of Aishat Lawal, Steven Achimigwu, and Aduragbemi Ifekoya came up with an artificial

intelligence adoption strategy plan which will enable people to sit within the comfort of their homes and experience the feels they will get by going to a cinema and playing a game right in their homes just by using Virtual technology. Their ideas were presented and well accepted by the jurors".

Speaking further, Ndu said given that inequality has now become a regular thing in the society, women are constantly faced with discrimination in society and different barriers in politics, the students were then challenged to create a compelling communication on behalf of Creating a Better Africa (CABA) to promote the implementation of SDG 5 at various levels of national and corporate governance.

He said, "Students were then required to deliver a deck that captures their idea and strategy and chosen media platforms and afterward the top five students would be required to present their ideas before the jurors.

"It was all glamorous and exciting to see that out of the 40 contesting students which cut across different universities come up with creative and innovative ideas and among the best five was Ms. Aduragbemi Victoria Ifekoya, who won Bronze Award".



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Bakare, Jibril Ayobami	Registry	Jun 5
2	Aweda, Wahab Yusuf	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jun 5
3	Tunde, Afolabi Monisola	Geography & Environmental Management	Jun 5
4	Ibadin, Sunday	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Jun 5
5	Fawole, Adegboyega Adisa	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Jun 5
6	Olukotun, Amos Oluwale	Registry	Jun 5
7	Boluwade, Funmilayo Christiana	Registry	Jun 5
8	Usman, Salawu Anate	Portal Services	Jun 5
9	Asiegbu, Joy	Registry	Jun 5
10	Enebi, Ojoafedo Emmanuel	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Jun 5
11	Ibrahim, Abdullahi Olarewaju	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Jun 5
12	Memudu, Rasaq	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Jun 5
13	Owolabi, Juliana Toyin	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 6
14	Abdulwahab, Ramlat Abimbola	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 6
15	Abdur-rahman, Lukman Olajide	Surgery	Jun 6
16	Akinfenwa, Olubusola Bosede	Religions	Jun 6
17	Ayinmode, Roseline	Physiology	Jun 6
18	Adewuyi, Yisa Omatayo	Registry	Jun 6
19	Owolabi, Funmilayo Rachel	Health Services	Jun 6
20	Isah, Hajarat Eneye	Health Services	Jun 6
21	Ajakaiye, Mercy Emoshioke	Bursary	Jun 6
22	Nyamngee, Amase	Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	Jun 6
23	Nwosu, Florence Chika	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Jun 6
24	Sambo, Abdulrahman Waziri	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Jun 6
25	Ore, Fatimoh Kikelomo	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Jun 6
26	Shittu, Abdulwahab Danladi	Religions	Jun 6
27	Inotu, Blessing Simbiat	Registry	Jun 6
28	Abdulkareem, Yunus Idowu	Registry	Jun 6
29	Saheed, Soliu	Registry	Jun 6
30	Ibrahim, Dauda Oladimeji	Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry	Jun 6
31	Mohammed, Danjima Mohammed	Bursary	Jun 6
32	Oseni, Babamale Abdulganiyu	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Jun 6
33	Suleiman, Hawawu	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 7
34	Mustapha, Oba Toyin	Plant Biology	Jun 7
35	Ajewole, Funsho Abayomi	Registry	Jun 7
36	Usman, Hajarat Enechezeyi	Registry	Jun 7
37	Atteh, Oluwayemisi Florence	Training Research & Development	Jun 7
38	Eyiolorunshe, Joseph Adekunle	Security Division	Jun 7
39	Amodagbe, Khadijat Busola	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Jun 7
40	Ajidagba, Abibat Omowumi	Registry	Jun 7
41	Adebayo, Bashir	Security Division	Jun 7
42	Sakariyahu, Rihwan Ola	Finance	Jun 7
43	Atolani, Olubunmi	Chemistry	Jun 7
44	Fakile, Oluaseye Grace	Accounting	Jun 7
45	Aniyikaiye, Christianah Olubunmi	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 8
46	Adelakun, Oluniyi Ayinde	Educational Technology	Jun 8
47	Olajugba, Samuel Olumide	Registry	Jun 8
48	Suleiman, Yekeen	Portal Services	Jun 8
49	Salman, Medinah Tanwa	Computer Base Test	Jun 8
50	Olaoye, Joshua Adeyemi	Accounting	Jun 8
51	Mohammed, Saadu Atolagbe	Security Division	Jun 8
52	Mohammed, Waheed	Security Division	Jun 8
53	Kazeem, Muinat Olanike	Microbiology	Jun 8
54	Balogun, Bamitale Janet	English	Jun 8
55	Rasheed, Shofiu Adeniyi	Social Science Education	Jun 8
56	Oyedepo, Sunday Olaitan	Bursary	Jun 8
57	Ghazali, Kudirat Olubunmi	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 9
58	Adefalu, Lawal Lateef	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Jun 9
59	Ayodeji, Shakirat Olajumoke	Registry	Jun 9
60	Alege, Sherifatu Ibrahim	Bursary	Jun 9
61	Ismail, Hadiza Onono	Zoology	Jun 9
62	Ajibola, Taiye Mary	Biomedical Engineering	Jun 9
63	Abubakar, Basheer Muhammed	Registry	Jun 9
64	Ibrahim, Musa	Home Economics & Food Science	Jun 9
65	Olawale, Olatunbosun Hamed	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Jun 9
66	Jemirin, Daniel Oladele	Industrial Chemistry	Jun 9
67	Oniye, Taofiq Omotosho	Registry	Jun 10
68	Ogunbade, Oyelakin Kunmi	Counsellor Education	Jun 10
69	Oluwamukomi, Richard	Sugar Research Institute	Jun 10
70	Ibrahim, Binta Fatima	English	Jun 10
71	Oluwatuyi, Grace Olufayoke	Registry	Jun 10
72	Sule, Danlami	Anatomy	Jun 10
73	Zakariyah, Aishatu Ogaja	Registry	Jun 10
74	Akanbi, Issa Ayinde	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Jun 10
75	Adeyanju, Monishola Oyindamola	Bursary	Jun 10
76	Osaji, Jacob Olasupo	Religions	Jun 10
77	Agbabaiaka, Habibah Eroje	Optometry & Vision Science	Jun 10
78	Yusuf, Abdulganiyu	Surveying & Geo-Informatics	Jun 10
79	Imam, Bashirat Titilope	Science Education	Jun 10
80	Subair, Kehinde Mutiat	Industrial Chemistry	Jun 10
81	Fatoki, Florence Omodunke	Training Research & Development	Jun 10
82	Ohijeagbon, Idehai Olayemi	Mechanical Engineering	Jun 11
83	Amali, Mohammed Otnofu	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Jun 11
84	Omolewu, Olatubosun Christopher	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Jun 11
85	Adedo, Zulkarnain Ibrahim	Architecture	Jun 11
86	Jimoh, Saidu Bolakale	Science Education	Jun 11
87	Ikhuevien, Oyakhire Sylveater	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jun 11
88	Hudson, Olufunke Sylvana eyiwumi	Registry	Jun 11
89	Oloyede, Elizabeth Shola	Registry	Jun 11
90	Ibitoye, Comfort Toyin	Registry	Jun 11

The University Board of Health encourages you to visit the University Health Services for medical check-up on your birthday. Thanks

Adavi, late UNILORIN Anthem composer, for burial June 10

The remains of the late composer of the UNILORIN Anthem, Elder Adavi Tolorunju Abraham, will be committed to mother earth in Lokoja, Kogi State, this Friday (June 10, 2022).

The Thespian, who was also an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, died on May 17, 2022. A burial programme made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN by the deceased family indicated that a

Wake Keep will hold on Thursday, June 9 2022 at his residence, GP460 Secretariat Housing Estate, Lokoja, beginning from 4.00p.m.

According to the programme, Outing/Thanksgiving Service will hold on Friday, June 10, 2022 at the Apostolic Church, Zone 8 Assembly, Behind State Secretariat, Lokoja by

10.00a.m. Interment will follow thereafter at Shetima Street, off Barrack, Zango City Riad, Lokoja.

Among those expected at the funeral programme are the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulymann Age Abdulkareem, top officials of the University, as well as members of the UNILORIN Alumni Association.

Oladiji as the Fresh fervour for FUTA

The news of the victorious emergence of our very own Temidayo Adenike Oladiji, FAS, renowned professor of biochemistry, as the first female, new vice-chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure stirred up an uncommon, ecstatic excitement in many of us. As a friend and colleague we now reckon with as a family member, we were more than proud.

But almost immediately, I remembered Ile-Ife. I remembered the ancient community in relation to a similar announcement for the great citadel of learning, OAU Ife, beclouded by strange decibels of confusion. Some folks who claimed to be Ife people wanted an indigene, by all means, to be VC. It didn't matter to them if their preferred candidate who did not make it this time could emerge next time around. They staged marches in their community going as far as the university campus to flaunt their fetish fangs, but the deed had been done and could not be undone. The university council's decision was final!

Beyond resounding condemnations that the unpopular protesters in Ile-Ife attracted to themselves, the historical reality of FUTA countered the ethnic jingoists. The sitting VC then, Prof Joseph Fuwape, hailed from Ile-Ife, but no one ever bothered about that. FUTA had been on the path of greatness and all everyone wanted was for the leadership to sustain this and possibly boost it.

Unfortunately, the Ife violence merchants seemed to have infected some pseudo-scholars, ironically in FUTA. In the same spirit with the minority Ife locals or so it seemed, Professor Oladiji stood condemned as the winner of the just concluded appointment process. Most distastefully, they found sheer illiterate collaborators in some media with passive or absent-minded editing. Otherwise how do you describe such media lapping up same headline with same story far from aligning with the headline? More disturbing really was the fact that even a particular title that had some of its journalists punished for a similar recklessness in the past got caught up with this! You will wonder for eternity why a news organization supposedly run by trained professionals will deliberately position itself in the path of progress of an ambitious university like FUTA.

Who is not in awe of the excellent job of public image management by our good friend and colleague, Adegbenro Adebajo? What about the indomitability of FUTA's academics, by all means, active researchers combined with the alumni who have been relentless in upscaling the profile of their university globally? Expectedly, the informed voice of ASUU FUTA called out to controvert the earlier rancorous intervention smacking of unmistakable ignorance by folks not familiar with university tradition. How capacity deficient? How else could the council have told the story of how Temidayo Oladiji triumphed over her rivals in the contest for the VC's seat? How much more can we say FUTA needs Oladiji now more than any other time?

From accomplishing groundbreaking researches and winning internationally competitive

grants across assorted disciplines of Agricultural Science to trendy engineering feats, FUTA has been recurrent. As a mentor and father to some engineering budding stars including a doctoral student in environmental engineering in England with a Commonwealth Scholarship up his sleeves, I have more than a passing interest in engineering and allied researches in which FUTA has come to distinguish itself. Time, again, has come for the ambitious university to move higher up on the scale of global ranking. And I make this valid claim based on my evaluation of the profile of the energetic, young VC just clocking 54.

Let's do this again together: Born Adenike Temidayo Folayan, the Biochemistry scholar belongs in the category of first generation of what has come to be known as Better by Far University. It was the same generation that produced the incumbent, high performing Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Lokoja, Kogi State, Prof Olayemi Akinwumi.

Young Adenike bagged a Second Class Upper Honours degree in Biochemistry in 1988. Notwithstanding the hard-hitting economic policy of the Structural Adjustment Programme, SAP, Kwara Breweries in Offa could not resist the brilliance exhibited by the young graduate in the course of examining their potential recruits. She was hired immediately. More than 25 years after leaving the brewery for the academia, Prof Oladiji keeps researching about food, gloriously sustaining the good memory of her humble beginning at Offa. Check out the list of research products developed from herbs by the new FUTA boss: AHRI Sweet Basilspices (listing with NAFDAC); Pangas Anti-anaemic supplement (being processed for regulatory approval); Blosorg Supplement (awaiting regulatory approval); Iron-fortified tomato and pepper paste (awaiting regulatory approval)

Since joining her alma mater, the University of Ilorin, as a lecturer, diligent Oladiji, in addition to being faithful to her primary responsibilities of teaching and researching, has served in several other capacities most meritoriously earning her multiple distinctions and research grants. How else could anyone have been sufficiently prepared for VCship? Take a glance at this:

- i. Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences 2021-Date
- ii. Dean, School of Basic Medical Sciences, Kwara State University, Malete (Sabbatical) 2018-2019
- iii. Director, Central Research Laboratories 2016-2018
- iv. Director, Centre for Research Development & In-House Training 2013-2016
- v. Coordinator, Intellectual Property Technology Transfer Office 2012-2015
- vi. Deputy Director, Centre for International Education 2012
- vii. Board Chairman, National Water Resources Capacity Building Network, University of Ilorin Centre 2013-2016
- viii. Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Unilorin STEP-B 2013-2015
- ix. Acting Head of Biochemistry Department 2008-2010

2010

x. Assistant Hall Mistress (Female Hostel) 2002-2004

xi. Hall Mistress (Female Hostel) 2014-2018

xii. Member, Senate, University of Ilorin 2004-2007; 2011 to Date

xiii. Sub Dean, Faculty of Science.

A Guest Professor at the University of Gambia since 2012, she was at different times a Plenary Lecturer, Uka Tarsadia University in India and a Fellow of the Israeli Agency for International Development Cooperation in addition to being 1989 Federal Government of Nigeria Scholar as well as being a winner of the 1995-97 winner of the University of Ilorin Staff Development Award. It was therefore no wonder she emerged the lead researcher for the over N17 million Naira NNPC Renewable Energy Research Project in 2019. That was even after leading multiple research projects supported by TETFUND.

Though a scientist, Prof Oladiji is as much a public intellectual in a society notorious for patriarchy. In 2019 alone within a very short space of time, she delivered two highly celebrated public lectures. She was the guest speaker at that year's valedictory ceremony of the popular Adeola College Offa. Soon afterwards, she did another major address at the Hooding Ceremony of the College of Pure and Applied Sciences of Landmark University, Omun Aran, Kwara State, to mention only two.

Perhaps most interesting about Oladiji is her clean triumph over typical Nigerian pettiness bothering on religion and ethnicity. Farouk, a professor of telecommunications based in Dutse once confessed to me how motherly, Oladiji was, to her wife when she was supervising her for a postgraduate programme. "She was a mother to our daughter as well as the mother of the baby, my darling wife's.

A most cosmopolitan Prof Oladiji also effortlessly deploys basic Islamic greetings to the admiration of many Muslims on account of her sociability and her vast educational exposure across all the continents. My personal interaction with her frankly betrays a personality without airs in spite of being so heavily credentialed at her age.

It's FUTA's turn to benefit from the thoroughness, speed and vigour of the Midas touch of the world class scholar they never had its like before having been brought in from outside FUTA and especially from a university that has remained the envy of others for several years netting awards from local and international quarters. For instance, Unilorin, Oladiji's cradle and base till date, remains about the most internationalized university in Nigeria.

I can only enjoin FUTA to harvest the best from one of the best in the university system.

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