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Unilorin bags TETFund's award for outstanding performance

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin has received another award of recognition for its outstanding performance in the utilization of TETFund National Research Fund.

The award presentation, which held penultimate Thursday, (December 16, 2021) at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja, was part of the activities organised to mark TETFund's one decade of transformative intervention in public tertiary institutions.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, who was represented by the University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab Olanrewaju Issa, received the award on behalf of the University. (Contd. on page 4)



■ The University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab O. Issa (right), presenting the TETFund award plaque to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem (left), in his office

Merry Christmas



and happy New Year
to all Unilorites

Salle, Salman appointed KWASU's Registrar, Librarian

By Abubakar Imam

In appreciation of the towering status of the University of Ilorin as a great citadel of learning and oven of leadership, two staff of the institution have been appointed into top management positions by the authorities of the Kwara State University, Malete.

The two are Dr. Kikelomo W. Salle and Dr. A.A. Salman, who were respectively appointed as the Registrar and University Librarian.

Dr. Salle, who was a Deputy Registrar at the University of Ilorin before her current appointment as the Registrar of the Fountain University, Osogbo, while Dr. Salman is a former University Librarian at the same Fountain University and currently an Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Ilorin. (Contd. on page 3)

Oyewumi, Yakubu make list of top global Scientists

By Idayat Hassan

The Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kayode John Oyewumi and the immediate past Director, Central Research Laboratories, University of Ilorin, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu, have been listed among the top most productive Scientists in the world.

This development is contained

in Elsevier BV based in Stanford University, United States of America, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN BULLETIN**.

Speaking on the development, Prof. Adewumi welcomed the rating. He noted that researchers' ranking has become a global tool for evaluating intellectualism, academic prowess, research excellence and impact in the 21st century.

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■ Prof. Oyewumi

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Egbewole canvasses curriculum review for legal education

By Abubakar Imam



■ *The honoree, Mr. Yakubu Maikyau (middle); Prof. Egbewole (to his immediate left) and other dignitaries at the public presentation of the 25th edition of 'The Jurist', by the Unilorin Law Students' Society last Monday*

A Senior Advocate of Nigeria and University of Ilorin Lecturer, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, has said that for the nation's judicial sector to be more vibrant, the curriculum of the nation's legal education system should undergo thorough reviews for it to meet contemporary and future needs.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (December 20, 2021) while delivering a lecture, entitled "The Future of Legal Profession in Nigeria: Quo Vadis?" at the public presentation of the 25th edition of "The Jurist", a publication of the Law Students Society, University of Ilorin held at the institution's Auditorium. The publication was dedicated to the celebration of the professional accomplishments of the Chairman, Welfare Committee, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Mr. Yakubu Chonoko Maikyau, SAN.

Prof. Egbewole said that one major challenge that the profession needed to critically look into is that of the curriculum that is being run in the different Faculties of Law in Nigeria.

He explained that the curriculum was not only due for critical review but also needed surgical appraisal to bring it in line with the 21st century legal training and the growing expectations of the people who see the judiciary as the last hope of the common man.

Prof. Egbewole insisted that the present situation cannot take the profession to the next level and, therefore, efforts must be made to ensure the design of a more sustainable, enduring and homegrown curriculum for the training of new entrants into the profession.

The don, who teaches at the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, University of Ilorin, said that he envisaged a judicial system that would be peopled by well trained professionals who would not be corrupt and who would specialise in different aspects of law with utmost efficiency.

Prof. Egbewole also canvassed a greater embrace of technology, saying that it is awkward that the nation's judiciary is not yet technological driven. He added that the legal profession must take deliberate, coordinated and conscious steps towards the full automation of judicial dispensations as being witnessed in some law firms, which had since done away with the archaic ways of doing things.

The don, who was a former Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, recalled the golden roles played by the Bar and the Bench in national development, charged stakeholders to ensure that future legal professionals are brought up in the best of tradition for them to play their roles efficiently and effectively.

Prof. Egbewole congratulated the honoree, Mr. Maikyau, SAN, for being found worthy of the honour by the students body of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the occasion and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, congratulated members and students of the institution's Law Faculty for multifaceted achievements over the years.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. Tajudeen Lanre Ajibade, described

the Faculty of Law as one of the Faculties that have brought tremendous glories and honours to the University despite its punctuated history.

Prof. Abdulkareem urged the Faculty to continue to excel as he also congratulated the honoree for being found worthy of joining the league of outstanding professionals and statesmen previously honoured by the University of Ilorin Law Students Society.

In his address, the President of the University of Ilorin Law Students Society, Mr. Ibrahim Ismail Mojosola, said that his Association would continue to work for the progress of the nation's legal practice through quality interventions.

He also thanked the authorities of the University of Ilorin and the management of the Faculty for their support to his society, saying that without their supports the numerous achievements of the Society would have been impossible.

The event was graced by the honorees and several leading lawyers including Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN; Alhaji Adebayo Adelodun, SAN; and Mr. Kehinde Kolawole Eleja, SAN; as well as Mr. Mobolaji Ojibara, a former Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association, Ilorin Branch.

Also in attendance were the Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Hakeem Ijaiya; the Director, School of Preliminary Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Abikan and the Director, Open and Distance Learning, University of Ilorin, Prof. Bashir Omipidan and Dr. Azubuike Onuora-Oguno, among others.

Salle, Salman appointed KWASU's Registrar, Librarian

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The appointments of the duo were made known in a statement issued by the University following their successes at recent selection interviews conducted to fill the two vacant positions in the University.

With the appointments, Dr. Salle and Dr. Salman, respectively emerged as the fifth substantive Registrar and second University Librarian, respectively, of the 13 years old University.

Meanwhile, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has welcomed the appointments of Dr. Salle and Dr. Salman at the Kwara State University, Malete.

In a statement signed on his behalf by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, the Vice-Chancellor described the development as a great end of the year gifts to the University.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the management, staff and students of



■ Dr. Salle

the University of Ilorin were not surprised with the appointment of Mrs. Salle and Dr. Salman considering their erudition, competence, professionalism and experiences acquired over the years.

Prof. Abdulkareem urged the duo to remember that they are ambassadors of the University of Ilorin and must therefore continued to exhibit probity, diligence and



■ Dr. Salman

transparency for which the University of Ilorin and its constituents are renowned.

While saying that the University of Ilorin remains very proud of the duo as diligent professionals and administrators of great status, the Vice-Chancellor expressed the conviction that they would do much better in their new positions.

Oyewumi, Yakubu make list of top global Scientists

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“While many ranking bodies are questionable and generally unacceptable, an emerging reputable and distinguished ranking body based in Stanford University has for the first time named two UNILORIN Dons, Prof. Kayode Oyewumi and Prof. Yakubu, a Professor of Biochemistry among the world's top 2% Scientists”, he stated.

Prof. Oyewumi added that 180,000 Scientists were selected from the more than 8 million active Scientists worldwide in 22 major scientific fields and 176 subfields.

The list published by the authors in the giant and reputable publishing outlet, Elsevier, was led by Prof John P. A. Loannidis of Stanford University with the use of verifiable data drawn from SCOPUS database.

The method adopted for the ranking, according to the publication, involved the use of a complex algorithm based on ranking parameters such as SCOPUS documents (1960-2020), citations (including distinct citing papers),



■ Prof. Yakubu

mh-index (not h-index), co-authorship (including first authorship), citation quality (with/without self-citation, composite scoring in alia. The long list contained few Nigerian Scientists drawn primarily from Universities and research institutes globally.

The Dean described the inclusion of himself and Prof. Yakubu in the report as a reflection of the valuable impact of the

University of Ilorin's researchers on the global research platform.

In an acknowledgment of the feat, some of the members of the accreditation team from the National Universities Commission, that visited the University recently for the accreditation of Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry programmes duly recognised the UNILORIN dons that made the list.

The Dean further added that “Obviously, the recent achievement of the two dons is certainly inspirational to young Faculty members and research scholars. It is hoped that the next edition of the ranking will feature more Scientists from UNILORIN and Nigeria”.

The two dons have been constantly positioned in the top Scival-ranked 500 researchers in Nigeria on the 2021 Scival ranking.

Ten Years TETFund's existence, blessing to Unilorin - VC

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The University of Ilorin, which has received several awards in recent time, was the only University which got the award in the North Central geopolitical zone.

Meanwhile, Prof. Abdulkareem has said that the institution is a great beneficiary of the intervention agency's support in infrastructural development, academic research, and human capacity development in the last one decade.

Prof. Abdulkareem made this remark penultimate Thursday (December 16th 2021) in an interview with journalists on the sideline of an event to mark the Fund's 10th anniversary in Abuja.

Represented by the University Librarian, Prof. Issa, the Vice-Chancellor described the ten years existence of the Fund as a good thing to the nation's institutions of higher learning, especially the University of Ilorin.

The Vice-Chancellor, said "For tertiary institutions in this country in general, and in particular, the University of Ilorin, we are a great benefactor of the largesse from TETFund over the last 10 years and these are very evident in the structures and the capacity building, that is, the human capacity building and several other areas. If you go into the area of infrastructural development, this has been very significant because every of its infrastructural facility in the University bears the name TETFund".

Commenting on how the University benefitted in the realm of human capacity development, the University administrator said many staff of the University had had the opportunity of going for their Masters and Ph.D. programmes on TETFund scholarship. He added that many of them also attended conferences every year and participated in manuscript development, among other benefits, on the sponsorship of the intervention agency.

Speaking in his capacity as a University Librarian, Prof. Issa said that he can discuss with confidence the impact of TETFund intervention in library development, saying, "For me as a University Librarian, I can tell you that evidently, the University of Ilorin's Library had benefited significantly from the largesse of TETFUND. The 2015-2018 library intervention that I heard was about N134 million Naira. Presently, I have received approval in principle for 2019/2020 and that is to the tune of N75 million".

He, however, wished that TETFund would continue to support the advancement of higher learning activities in Nigerian institutions, adding that continuous intervention such as the TETFund would continue to play a great role in the life of an institution such as the University of Ilorin.

Religious tolerance, major ingredient for peace - Olademo

By Abdulquaddri Abubakar, Abdullahi Ogundipe and Hikmat Oladuntoye

The Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Oyeronke Olademo, has said that religious tolerance is a key ingredient for peaceful coexistence.

Prof. Olademo stated this last Wednesday (December 15, 2021) at the maiden symposium organised by the Association of Students of Peace and Strategic Studies (ASPASS), University of Ilorin Chapter, entitled, "Inter-religious Tolerance: A Means for Creating Peace".

Prof. Olademo, who stated that the theme of the symposium was very germane to the current situation in Nigeria, encouraged participants to embrace peaceful coexistence in order to have a serene environment that can guarantee unity among Nigerians.

The Director, who is a former Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, urged participants to pay adequate attention to the programme, adding that whatever learnt from the forum should be put to proper use.

"Our focus today is very germane to our contemporary experience as a nation. Our nation is in damn need of peace right now, and religion is a very prominent component of our search for peace. Therefore, the focus of this programme is germane and appropriate. So, I encourage you to be attentive and have a heart for learning, and implement whatever you learn here", she noted.

In her presentation, the Guest Speaker, Dr. Hasanat F. Abubakar, explained that Islam

encourages Muslims to tolerate other peoples' religions and not to see non-Muslims as enemies that must be fought.

Quoting several portions of the Holy Qur'an, Dr. Abubakar said that Islam should not be forced on anybody, stressing that acceptance of Islam should be by choice and never by compulsion, since all human beings have been given thinking faculties to differentiate right from wrong.

To buttress the need for peaceful coexistence, the don reiterated the position of the Holy Quran on the fact that "whoever kills a soul would be seen as someone who kills a whole nation", adding that it is unjustifiable for any Muslim to kill a non-Muslim because of religious differences.

She added that Prophet Mhammad said, "Any Muslim who does not respect his neighbours is not a true believer in Allah".

Dr. Abubakar narrated one of the traditions of Prophet Muhammad as regard the story of two Muslim women one of whom the Prophet said was admitted into paradise because of her care for a dog and the other condemned to hellfire simply because she killed a cat out of wickedness.

The don explained that for peaceful coexistence to be established in our society deliberate efforts must be made towards avoiding "making jest of others' religion and unnecessary religious arguments" as she also enjoyed being kind to everyone.

Corroborating the position of Dr. Abubakar, the second Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Taiye, explained how the Bible encourages tolerance of others' religion, stating that, "If

there is no tolerance, the relationship won't be intact". Tolerance, according to him, is about accommodating, understanding and allowing others to be who they are or want to be. "You have no right to force another person to be like you or practise your religion. You allow he or she to practice in his or her own way", Dr. Taiye said.

The Reverend noted that one of the major causes of religious conflict is misunderstanding and misrepresentation of religious doctrines.

"Understand the doctrine of your religion and practice it. And if you live by it, you will know that, tolerating others won't be a problem. If you are a Muslim, live like a Muslim and if you are a Christian live like a Christian. One thing that will be very, very fundamental is that you hold to the right doctrine of your religion. When you have proper book of your religion and hold on to it, you will be able to tolerate others", he said.

Rev Taiye, however, stated that unhealthy competition, uninformed representation, distorted interpretation of religious doctrines and misguided indoctrination of followers are some of the reasons for religious conflicts.

The Coordinator of ASPASS, Dr. Biola Adimula, in her goodwill message, encouraged the body to organise more of such programme so that its impact can be felt in the society.

PG school honours Bello, 8 others

By **Mustafa Abubakar, Testimony Agbojo , Hikmat Oladuntoye and Abdullah Ogundipe**

The Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has honoured its immediate past Dean, Prof. Raji Bello and eight other staff of the School for their selfless services towards moving it to greater heights.

The event, which held last Tuesday (December 21,2021) at the PG Boardroom, was the highlight of the end of the year activities of the School.

Those who were honoured along with Prof. Bello were Mrs. Sherifat Famakinde, Mrs. Ruqayat O. Akanbi, Mr. M. N. Abdul, Mr. A. Abdulkadir, Mrs. Dorcas O. Adu, Mr. Adeboye Peter Sunday, Mrs. Rose E. Evizu, Mrs. A. Abdulkadri and Mrs. Shehu Nimota.

In her opening remarks, the Dean of the School, Prof. Moji T. Bakare-Odunola, commended Prof. Bello, for his diligence and selflessness, which she said gave birth to the various developments being witnessed at the School.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola also thanked other honourees for their support to the former Dean as she urged them to keep doing their best to deserve more celebrations.

The Dean also wished the honourees and other staff of the School and the University of Ilorin at large merry Christmas and happy New Year in advance as urged them to prepare to worker harder in the coming year.

Also speaking, the Sub-Dean (Academic) of the School, Dr. S. A. Aderibigbe, thanked the Dean for making the event possible. He was particularly delighted that Prof. Bakare-Odunola appreciated her predecessor for the good work he did at the School during his tenure.

Dr. Aderibigbe also appreciated other honourees for their diligence, saying



■ L-R: The immediate past Dean, Prof. Bello; the Dean, Prof. Bakare-Odunola; the Sub-Dean, Dr. Aderibigbe, and the Deputy Registrar/Secretary of the Postgraduate School, Mr. Alfanla, during the presentation of gift to Prof. Bello

that without their cooperation the management of the School would not have been able to achieve anything tangible.

The Deputy Registrar and Secretary to the School, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, also thanked Prof. Raji and other honourees for being hardworking, reliable and honest as he urged other staff of the School and the University at large to emulate the exemplary dispositions of the honourees for the University to remain on top.

Other staff members who spoke at the event thanked the former Dean for being a good father, brother, mentor and friend to all, saying that the way he worked and interacted with the staff showed that he would go higher in life.

Speaking on behalf of the other honourees, the former Dean, Prof. Bello, thanked his successor, the management team and the entire staff of the School for the honour done him and his colleagues.

Prof. Bello, who could not hide his feelings, said, "One cannot succeed without the support of staff members who put one in the post".

The former Dean also thanked Sub-Deans, the Secretary to the School and other members of Staff for recognising and appreciating the little he did and most especially for the support he enjoyed throughout his administration.

While encouraging Prof. Bakare-Odunola to keep on with the hard work and never relent, Prof. Bello stressed that she should never expect everything to be smooth, saying that with hard work and prayers she would succeed.

The event witnessed presentation of gifts to the former Dean and other honourees by the Dean, Prof. M.T. Bakare-Odunola; Mr. Abdulrahman Idris and Mrs. Risikat Jumai Abdulkareem, among others.

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. R. O. Arise	Life Sciences/Biochemistry	Chairman, Time-Table and Room Usages	5 th November, 2020
Dr. S.T.Bakinde	Education/ Human Kinetics Education	Ag Head, Department of Human Kinetics	13 th December , 2021
Prof.M.A.N Adeboye	Clinical Sciences / Pediatrics and Child Health	Director, School of Preliminaries Studies	12 th January, 2022

Staff Development Award

Recipient	Programme	Department	Institution where Tenable
I. N. Aliyu	Ph.D	Information and Communication Science	University of Ilorin, Ilorin
M. E. Mazadu	M.Phil./Ph.D.	Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja
Nimat T. Ajide -Bamigboye	Ph.D	Microbiology	University of Ilorin, Ilorin
Fullalla O. Aliyu	M.Phil./Ph.D.	Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice	University of Jos, Jos
Abiola L. Adepoju	Ph.D.	Food Engineering	Ladoke Akintola University, Ogbomosho
M. Bolaji	M.Sc	Veterinary Pathology	University of Lagos
A. A. Adegboye	M.Sc	Veterinary Pathology	University of Benin

Alumni group donates 12 solar street lights

By *Mustafa Abubakar, Abdullahi Ogundipe and Testimony Agboju*

The Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin Alumni Association (FAGUA) 1993/1994 set has donated and commissioned 12 new street light for the enhancement of students' study at night within and around the Faculty with a promise to do more.

The symbolic commissioning of the light, which was held last Tuesday (December 21, 2021) at the Faculty's Professorial Suit was conducted through hybrid means as the event was graced physically and virtually by members from within and outside the country.

Speaking on the occasion, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Olayinka Ramota Karim, promised to protect the light from damage as she promised to keep the flag of the Faculty flying.

Prof. Karim appreciated the contributions of products of the Faculty to the development of humanity, adding that everything worth doing would be done to ensure that whenever products of the Faculty return or decide to pay a visit they would not be disappointed.

In his contributions at the event, a former Chairman of the University Ceremonials Committee, Prof. John Atte, expressed his joy at seeing his ex-students contributing to the development of the Faculty, adding that they are breaking grounds not only in Nigeria but also in the diaspora.

"It is a real pleasure to see what you,



■ *The Dean of Agric, Prof. Karim, cutting the tape to commission the solar light last Tuesday*

my children, have done and I feel fulfilled to see that students that I have trained are now responsible. I am glad that you did not forget home. We that taught you are feeling fulfilled. We are really glad that you did not forget us. Whether you are here or by virtual, we want to thank you for everything", he said.

Earlier in his message, the President of FAGUA, Mr. Ayodeji Adeniyi, described the commissioning as a mixed feeling.

Mr. Adeniyi, who was represented by the Head, Agronomy, Department, University of Ilorin,

explained that aside being joyful with the commissioning, they are mourning the demise of two members who passed on recently.

He, however, appreciated the efforts of the members for putting up the light for the Faculty and the cooperation of the management of the Faculty, which ensured the realisation of the project.

In her remarks, the President of the National Association of Agriculture Students (NAAS), Miss Aleshiloye Mariam, appreciated the efforts of the members of FAGUA for constructing the light for them, stressing that, "We really appreciate your effort. It is very bright and useful. Students can read at night with the light."

Alooma bags Outstanding Achievement of the Year award

By: *Tajudeen Babamale*

Regular Callers on Radio Programmes Association (RECORPA) Kwara State Chapter has bestowed an award tagged "Outstanding Achievement of the Year 2021" on the Station Manager of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr. Ibrahim Akintola Idris (Idris Alooma), in recognition of his immense contributions to the upliftment of Kwara State.

The award was presented to the ace broadcaster penultimate Thursday, December 16, 2021 at the 10th anniversary of the group held at Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Press Centre, Offa Road, GRA, Ilorin.

Receiving the award, the Head of the University radio station dedicated the honour and recognition to the management and the entire staff of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs and the **UNILORIN FM** in particular.

He observed that though he was honoured because RECORPA appreciated the contributions of the campus radio station to peaceful coexistence among all



■ *Mr. Alooma (right) receiving the award*

inhabitants of Kwara State, the **UNILORIN FM's** Station Manager said the credit goes to the staff who are ever supportive of his administration.

While appreciating RECORPA for deeming him fit for the honour, he pledged that the University of Ilorin Radio would

continue to distinguish itself by being objective and apolitical at all times.

While describing the radio as part of the corporate social responsibility of the University of Ilorin, he said the radio station is saddled with the responsibility of objectively informing the public of the activities of the University as well as all other national issues that would be of great benefit to the University community and its neighboring population.

Mr. Alooma, however, encouraged Kwarans to join the group, saying, doing that will afford them the opportunity of knowing some of the rules guiding participation in radio and television programmes in Nigeria as laid down by the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC).

Earlier, the President of RECORPA, Mr. Sanusi AbdulRasheed (Governor Agbarere) commended the **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** for blazing the trail by being "the first radio station to regard callers on their programme as important people".

LIS honours Aina, ex-CIS Dean

By *Mustafa Abubakar, Hikmat Oladuntoye and Abdullahi Ismail*

The Department of Library and Information Science, University of Ilorin, has honoured its pioneer Head, Prof. Lenrie Olatokunbo Aina, for his meritorious service and pace setting agenda for the solid foundation of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science (CIS).

The event, which was held last Monday (December 13, 2021) at the Faculty Seminar Room, witnessed pouring of encomiums on Prof. Aina, who is also a former Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Science, by staff and students who at one time or the other worked with or trained by the celebrant.

In his address, the Head of the Department, Dr. A. A. Salman, described Prof. Aina as a kind, honest, selfless and pious gentleman who treats everyone equally regardless of religion and ethnicity.



■ *The honoree, Prof. Aina (middle), and some dignitaries on the occasion*

He said at a time Prof. Aina was named "Professor approved" because he was always quick at approving anything and everything that has to do with personal development and interest of the university.

Dr. Salman also said that Prof. Aina is a unique individual who always supports progress and wish others success as he does not give or take bribe.

He prayed to God to sustain him as he wished him many more years of good health and peace of mind on the surface of the earth.

The University Librarian, who described himself as one of the honoree's mentees, Prof. A.O Issa, thanked God for his life and also for the day like this, saying that "Prof. Aina is a blessing to humanity and also a pusher of curriculum of the Library and Information Science".

Always remember your alma mater, Olawepo charges Unilorin alumni

By *Idayat Hassan*

The Head of the Department of Physics, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olayinka Olawepo, has appealed to products of institutions of learning, particularly the University of Ilorin, to always give back to their alma mater.

Prof. Olawepo stated this on Thursday (December 2, 2021) in his office while receiving a computer printer donated to the Department by its 2010 set of graduands.

The renowned scholar thanked the donors for deeming it fit

to give back to the Department particularly at this economically challenging time.

Presenting the material on behalf of his colleagues, a member of the set, Dr. Anuoluwapo Obasuyi, said that the decision to make the donation was informed by the need to support the Department, which made them what they are today.

While announcing that the set would henceforth give the sum of N10,000.00 each to three scholars at 200, 300 and 400 levels of the Department as a way of encouraging

hard work and scholarship, said that his set has also concluded an arrangement to institutionalise an annual award for the Best Graduating Student of the Department.

Also speaking, a Lecturer at the Department, Dr. Muyiwa Micheal Orosun, commended the former students for remembering the Department in a special way as he encouraged other sets to emulate the 2010 set so as to improve service delivery of the Department and the University at large.

Alabi bags NIMR's appointment

By *Abubakar Imam*

A former Director of the Centre for Research, In-House Training and Development (CREDIT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, has been appointed as an Adjunct Professor by the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research.

In a letter dated November 1, 2021 and addressed to Prof. Alabi by Alhaji A. S. Yunusazazzau, mni, the Director of Administration of the Institute on behalf of

its Director-General, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, explained that the appointment is at the Clinical Sciences Department of the Institute, which is an agency of the Federal Ministry of Health.

The letter added that the appointment is for two years in the first instance and subject to renewal based on satisfactory report from the Department.



■ *Prof. Alabi*

Focus on Prof. Lasode, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olumiyiwa Ajani Lasode, a renowned mechanical engineer, foremost administrator and exceptional academic, was born at Abeokuta, the capital of the present-day Ogun State, on February 24, 1963.

Prof. Lasode assumed the office of the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin in August, 2021.

Following his successful completion of his primary education, this great scholar had his secondary school education at Macjob Grammar School, Abeokuta, between 1976 and 1981. He proceeded to the famous Yaba College of Technology, Lagos, from 1982 to 1984 at the end of which he earned an Ordinary National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

Prof. Lasode had his subsequent professional education at the University of Ilorin. He ran and earned his Bachelor of Engineering degree course between 1985 and 1989 with First Class Honours. He did his Master of Engineering programme from 1991 to 1995 and eventually capped his academic credentials with a doctorate degree in the same discipline in 2008.

This outstanding professional started his career at the University of Ilorin as a Junior Research Fellow in October, 1991. He became an Assistant Lecturer at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Ilorin by redesignation in July, 1995.

Prof. Lasode, as a hardworking and resourceful lecturer, rose through the ranks. He eventually attained the enviable status of Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Ilorin on October 1, 2014.

Prof. Lasode has taught many courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. In addition to teaching and research, this great academic has supervised many theses in his over three decades career. He has supervised to completion no fewer than five Ph.D dissertations while four are currently attracting his attention. He has also supervised seven Master degrees theses as two other candidates are



■ Prof. Lasode

working on theirs under his watchful eyes.

Prior to his emergence as the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Lasode has served the University of Ilorin in several capacities. He was an Assistant Examination Officer between 1991 and 1995. He also served as the 100 Level Co-Departmental Adviser from 1993 to 2004.

Prof. Lasode was also the Departmental Examination Officer from 1996 to 1998. He was the Laboratory Coordinator from 1999 to 2004. He also served as the Faculty SWEP Coordinator from 2010 to 2011.

He served as the Ag.Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering from August, 2010 to July, 2012. He has also been a Member of the Senate of the University of Ilorin since August, 2010.

Prof. Lasode is a well-published scholar. He has either singlehandedly or jointly published no fewer than 73 scholarly scientific articles in local, national and international journals. He also has a patent to his credit with the Certificate of Registration of Patent Number 011229 dated November 12, 2018.

This exemplary don has also participated in no fewer than 21 conferences, workshops and seminars. He has equally benefited from 12 training programmes.

Prof. Lasode is a Member of the Council of Registered Engineers in Nigeria (COREN) and the Association of Members, International Network on Small Hydro-Power in Nigeria as well as the Nigerian Society of Engineers.

He has also served as a Resource Person on different occasions to several organisations such as the defunct National Electric Power Authority and Hydro-Power Research and Development Council, to mention just two.

As a resourceful scholar, Prof. Lasode has reviewed many publications. These include the Nigerian Journal for Technology, the International Journal of Thermodynamics, the Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy as well as the Waste and Biomass Valorization and the Energy Conversion and Management, among others.

Prof. Lasode has also served on the National Universities Commission's accreditation teams to institutions such as the Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka; Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin and the Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce, to mention a few.

Similarly, Prof. Lasode has served as either External Assessor, Examiner or Visiting Lecturer to many universities. These include Ladoke Akintola University, Ogbomoso, University of Lagos, Akoka, Landmark University, Omu-Aran and the University of Namibia, Ongwediva Engineering Campus, Namibia.

Understandably, he has won so many honours and awards in recognition of his academic and professional excellence. Prof. Lasode won the University of Ilorin Development Award twice. He also won Engr. Folorunsho Prize for the Best 200 Level Engineering Student as the University Scholar for 1986/1987 academic session.

Despite his tight schedule, Prof. Lasode is also a deeply religious fellow. He has served the Assemblies of Praise International, Tanke, Oke-Odo, Ilorin, in several capacities including being its Secretary-General and Pastor. He is also a committed member of the Temidire Community Residents Association, Tanke-Oke-Odo, Ilorin in different capacities for many years.

Prof. Lasode, a man of great diligence, exceptional candour and outstanding reputation, is happily married and blessed with a daughter who is doing very well.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 16TH TO 23RD DECEMBER 2021.

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	396,000.00
Sundry other Income	1,591,554.58
Dental Clinic Charges	223,955.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	134,452.50
Fitness Centre	1,000.00
Refund	955,000.00
Contractors' Registration	1,000.00
Staff I.D. Card	7,000.00
Sundry & other Student Charges	881,800.00
Tender Fees	13,000.00
House Rent from Staff	137,559.00
Departmental Income	1,000,000.00
Boarded Property	150,000.00
Capitation –NHIS	29,250.00
Rent on University Property	643,554.62
Rent on Staff Accommodation	164,392.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	2,150.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	229,850.00
Undergraduate Transfer Charges	15,150.00
Undergraduate Add & Drop Payment	376,050.00
Postgraduate School Charges	2,585,100.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	2,300.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	348,200.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	257,400.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance fee	60,450.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	2,772,250.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	75,450.00
Ilorin Business School Add/Drop Payment	3,450.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Fee	133,900.00
Institute of Education Application Form	71,050.00
Remedial Application	909,000.00
JUPEB Application Form	427,550.00
JUPEB Acceptance	362,700.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	271,350.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,012,100.00
Total of Fund Sources for the Period	₦17,244,967.70
FUNDS UTILIZATION:	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
O.M. Fasman Nig Ltd Supply of Furniture and Equipment	8,608,170.00
Garuba Ayinde Nig Ent Replacement of washed off Laterite Filling	1,632,323.81
Farasa Ltd Replacement of Washed off Laterite filling	1,632,323.81
Omega Super Global Trading Services Physical Practical Equipment	2,032,037.00
Folingo Engineering Nig Ltd Construction of Advancement Centre (TETFUND)	14,246,494.75
Cyteck Engineering Construction and Tec Ltd Construction of Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences (TETFUND)	15,800,985.06
Acurate International Ltd Supply of Computer System (TETFUND)	7,224,000.00
Wadhuha Nig Ltd Supply of Teaching and Research Equipment TETFUND)	44,900,000.00
Oluwadabira Samlizzy Ventures Supply of Refreshment	2,232,000.00
Adetos Enterprises Ltd COREN Accreditation	1,237,000.00
Lush Tech Engineering Company Ltd Renovation of Faculty of Sciences Phase V (TETFUND)	3,324,666.09
Mayor Printing Ventures Supply and Installation of Standing Air Conditioner	483,750.00
Bliss Centre Catering Services	122,012.50
Newsong Global Tech Services Nig Ltd Supply and Installation of Investor Battery.	718,000.00
Semabes Nigeria Ltd Electrical Supply Infrastructure	3,493,211.96
LG Showroom Ltd Office Furniture and Equipment	8,252,030.00
Inwards Source Global Concept Ltd Rehabilitation of Building	3,331,715.79
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various i.e DTA, Imprest, Refund e.t.c	8,293,250.00
Purchase Advance Various	7,069,950.00
Unilorin Press Production of Answer Scripts	15,345,000.00
Staff Training Staff Development Awards (TETFUND)	20,022,833.33
Unilorin Staff Welfare	84,785,000.00
Total TSA Charges Charges for Transaction	117,041.00
Total Payments for the period	₦254,903,795.10

Signed

O. H. Sonde FCA

Bursar

2021 OPEN Ph.D THESIS DEFENCE

S/No	Name	Faculty/Department	Title	Date & Time	Venue
1.	ZAKARIYAH, Rahmat Folashade	Department of Microbiology	“Characterization of Bioactive Antibacterial Compounds of Endophytic Fungi isolated from Moringa oleifera Lam and Ocimum gratissimum Linn”	Thursday 30 th December, 2021 10.00am	Faculty of Life sciences Committee Room (NSLT II)



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Bolu, Stephen Abiodun	Animal Production	Dec 26
2	Owoeye, Joshua foluso Ayodele	Ophthalmology	Dec 26
3	Samuel, Stevenah Taiwo	Registry	Dec 26
4	Adeniyi, Omowumi Deborah	Plant Biology	Dec 26
5	Eke, Uche Basil	Chemistry	Dec 26
6	Omeiza, Omolola Kariyetu	Bursary	Dec 26
7	Aluko, Joel Ojo	Nursing Science	Dec 27
8	Ambali, Abdullahi Agbojulongun	Library	Dec 27
9	Abdulkadir, Shakirat Odunayo	Home Economics & Food Science	Dec 27
10	Salaudeen, Kazeem Olawale	Biomedical Engineering	Dec 27
11	Oloyede, Olushola Moses	Health Services	Dec 27
12	Ibrahim, Jamiu Akanni	Library	Dec 27
13	Salawu, Oluwatobi Sherifat	Home Economics & Food Science	Dec 27
14	Lawal, Ahmed Abiodun	Registry	Dec 27
15	Abdulganiy, Taofeek Olajide	Security Division	Dec 27
16	Hammed, Mutalub Abiodun	Registry	Dec 27
17	Selekere, Ruth Adedoyin	Registry	Dec 27
18	Joseph, Rose	Library	Dec 27
19	Isiaka, Sulu Babaita	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Dec 27
20	Aderoju, Sanjo	Unilorin Staff School (Upper Basic Sch)	Dec 28
21	Akande, Hussein Olanrewaju	Network Operating Centre	Dec 28
22	Abiodun, Ashaolu	Security Division	Dec 28
23	Olade, Helen Ibijoke	Registry	Dec 28
24	Abdulraheem, Muhammed Adisa	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Dec 28
25	Adeyemi, Sherif Babatunde	Plant Biology	Dec 28
26	Babalola, Abiodun Olabisi	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 28
27	Stephen, Dominic	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Dec 28
28	Ibrahim, Taiwo Hazzan	Unilorin Staff School (Upper Basic Sch)	Dec 28
29	Muhammad, Hauwa'u Talatu	Pharm. & Industrial Pharmacy	Dec 29
30	Aduloju, Olalekan Tolulope	Urban & Regional Planning	Dec 29
31	Upahi, Johnson Enero	Science Education	Dec 29
32	Suleiman, Oba	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 29
33	Sulaiman, Salihu Yamanda	Architecture	Dec 29
34	Abdullahman, Olusola Aaron	Clinical Pharmacy & Pharmacy Practice	Dec 29
35	Obike, Olivia Ekwutosilam	Registry	Dec 29
36	Abah, Victoria Onyamega	Registry	Dec 29
37	Majiyagbe, Adetutu Josslyn	Unilorin Staff School (Upper Basic Sch)	Dec 30
38	Anibijuwon, Ibikunle Ibitayo	Microbiology	Dec 30
39	Bello, Ibrahim Saadu	Security Division	Dec 30
40	Adabiri, Sunday Samuel	Security Division	Dec 30
41	Abdu, Matthew	Registry	Dec 30
42	Oladokun, Abiodun	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 30
43	Jimoh, Dauda Mohommed	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 30
44	Olaitan, Razaq Abolaji	Geography & Environmental Management	Dec 30
45	Afeni, Adebunmi Janet	Registry	Dec 30
46	Shehaye, Olayide Omolola	Registry	Dec 30
47	Musa, Balqees Arinola	Health Services	Dec 30
48	Usman, Rukayat Ohunene	Registry	Dec 30
49	Balogun, Bolanle Ghaniyyat	Computer Science	Dec 31
50	Alhassan, Nuhu	Registry	Dec 31
51	Oladejo, Isiaka Wola	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 31
52	Abdulraheem, Buhari Toyin	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 31
53	Bello, Nurudeen Akinsola	Estate Management	Dec 31
54	Sulyman, Sofiyat Alagbede	Library	Dec 31
55	Akande, Sikirat Omowumi	Veterinary Public Health & Preventive Medicine	Dec 31
56	Salihu, Ibrahim	Security Division	Dec 31
57	Owolabi, Monrufat Omolade	Registry	Jan 1
58	Bajeh, Moses Abdulrahman	Geography & Environmental Management	Jan 1
59	Afolabi, Biodun Lola	Registry	Jan 1
60	Erizu, Rose Emilia	Registry	Jan 1
61	Onare, Nasiru Musa	Registry	Jan 1
62	Muhammed, Jamiu Sulaiman	Security Division	Jan 1
63	Saka, Shafihi	Security Division	Jan 1
64	Abdulmutalib, Alao	Security Division	Jan 1
65	Musa, Aminu Ananwureyi	Security Division	Jan 1
66	Issa, Rafiu	Security Division	Jan 1
67	Ojo, Oluwabunmi Babatunde	Security Division	Jan 1
68	Adimula, Isaac Abiodun	Physics	Jan 1
69	Ibrahim, Shade	Registry	Jan 1
70	Opotu, Jide	Microbiology	Jan 1
71	Adeniyi, Ojo Joseph	Library	Jan 1
72	Shodeinde, Abodun Adewunmi	Registry	Jan 1
73	Bawa, Bintu Mojisola	Health Services	Jan 1
74	Yahaya, Lasiele Alabi	Counsellor Education	Jan 1
75	Akolade, Racheal	Registry	Jan 1
76	Oyigbeche, Augustine Ada	Dean's Office-Agriculture	Jan 1
77	Akinsola, Bamidele	Registry	Jan 1
78	Okukpe, Kehinde Matthias	Animal Production	Jan 1
79	Adediran, Yinusa Ademola	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Jan 1
80	Arosanyin, Janet Omolola	Registry	Jan 1
81	Uthman, Idrees Kankawi	Arabic	Jan 1
82	Raheem, Wasiu Mayowa	Urban & Regional Planning	Jan 1
83	Ishola, Isiaka	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jan 1
84	Abdulmalik, Rafat Abolore	Registry	Jan 1
85	Saliu, Abdulquadri Yinka	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jan 1
86	Alaka, Qodir Ayuba	Registry	Jan 1
87	Uthman, Bilikisu Garuba	Registry	Jan 1
88	Jubril, Abdulateef Atanda	Library	Jan 1
89	Salami, Jamiu Adigun	Registry	Jan 1

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

- A Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, Hassan Ajisafe Saliu, has attributed the large number of invalid votes recorded during elections in the country to the failure of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to communicate to Nigerians the voting procedures as at when due. ("Varsity Don Urges INEC to Commence Effective Political Communication election", <https://www.thisdaylive.com>).
- The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, has encouraged journalists and media outfits to avoid every form

of political partisanship in the discharge of their duties.

("Be apolitical, media practitioner urged Kwara journalists", <https://therelorters.com.ng>, "Be fair in all situation Akogun advises journalists in kwara", <https://choice-reporters.com>

- A total of 18,153 candidates sat for the Post-UTME test of the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN) between December 13 and 17, 2021 as part of the conditions required for admission for the 2021/2022 academic session. ("18,153 take UNILORIN Post -UTME", *The Nation*, Thursday, December 23, 2021, p.16)

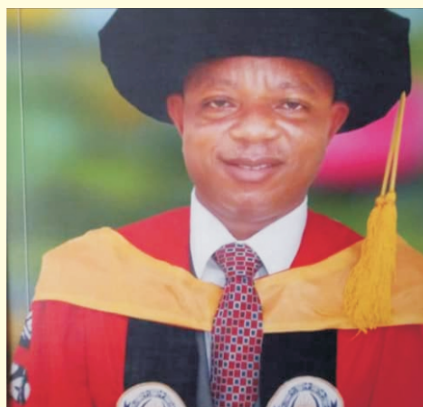
Aremu bags PSN fellowship

By Abubakar Imam

A former Ag. Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr. Isaac Olusola Aremu, has been conferred with the Fellowship of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria.

This development was disclosed in a letter signed by the President of the Society, Pharm. Sam I. Oluabunwa, dated October 31, 2021 and addressed to Dr. Aremu, a copy of which was made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN.

The Fellowship, according to the letter, is "the apex recognition/ title" attainable by Pharmacists in Nigeria and



■ Dr. Aremu

which the PSN confers on only deserving members who have distinguished themselves in the profession.

Meanwhile, Dr. Aremu has said that he owed the management of the University of Ilorin a debt of appreciation for providing a conducive environment for teaching, research and community services, which propelled the award.

Dr. Aremu, who is also an Associate Professor at the Department of Pharmaceutics and Industrial Pharmacy, said that he felt honoured and delighted that he was conferred with the highest honour reserved for members of the Pharmacy profession based on what he had achieved as a staff of the University.

Bakare-Odunola canvasses concerted efforts at deepening learning

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Taibat Bakare-Odunola has called on stakeholders to ensure the adoption of collaborative efforts towards deepening learning in Nigeria.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola made this appeal penultimate Tuesday (December 7, 2021) while declaring open a workshop entitled "Leadership as a Transformational Tool" organised by Teach for Nigeria Organisation in conjunction with the Postgraduate Students Association, University of Ilorin at the University's Multipurpose Hall.

The Dean, who was represented by the Sub-Dean (Academic) of the School, Dr. S. A. Aderibigbe, appreciated the Teach

for Nigeria Organisation and its thoughtfulness in carrying out such a programme.

Presenting a paper, Dr. Halima Arikewuyo, demystified some myths around education and leadership, saying that poverty does not necessarily lead to students failure.

She explained that leaders are not necessarily born but made. She therefore urged stakeholders to ensure that good leaders are evolved in all their areas of strength.

Delivering another paper on Self Awareness, Mr. Victor Ofuokwu stressed the need for one to be self aware as this would help individuals to realize their strengths and weaknesses.

On the part of Mrs. Attracta Kanebi, who spoke on "Strategic Positioning for job market", reiterated the need for all to be self aware, seek self-development and apply the knowledge gained there from.

Also speaking at the event, the Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. M. O. Yusuf, commended the team for putting up such a great event.

Prof. Yusuf appealed to the organisers "to ensure that this kind gesture is extended to undergraduates as he stressed the need for participants to apply the knowledge gained from the workshop.

The event was well attended by several dignitaries and students from far and near.

December 27, 2021



COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON



From **PROF. SULYMAN AGE ABDULKAREEM**

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