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LIBRARY ORGANIZES OPEN ACCESS SEMINAR

In commemoration of the Open Access Week, the University Library Services has organized a one-day Seminar/Interactive Session with the theme "**Open Access Publishing: Benefits and Challenges**" for members of the University staff.



Cross section of participants at the event

The event sponsored by the UNESCO and International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the University Library's Reception Hall, Main Campus.

In his opening remark, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Suleiman Sadiku, commended the effort of the University Librarian for organising the interactive session.

He described the Library as the warehouse of the University, saying good teaching and research starts and ends in the library and that the seminar was timely and very dear to the University.

He urged participants to put into good use knowledge gained at the seminar.

Speaking earlier, the University Librarian Dr. Jibril Alhassan said that the seminar was organized to provide staff with concise and accurate information on Open Access. While advising staff to always attach their data to their articles, he exposed them to the dangers of predatory journals and that the library is making efforts to ensure that the list of authentic and good journals are made available to staff.

One of the resource persons, Dr. (Mrs.) Georgina Oyedun of the Department of Library Information Technology (LIT) who spoke on the topic "Open Access and Publications," noted that with the advent of information

and communication technology, research outputs are published in either hard or soft copies. The Open Access publishing, she explained, gives free access to research outputs through internet without any restriction such as financial, legal or technical barrier other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet.

Similarly, Mrs. Fatimah Jibril Abduldayan shared her thoughts on open science in research work. She revealed that the practice of science is that others can collaborate and contribute. Under this practice, research data, laboratory notes and other research processes are freely available under terms that enable reuse, redistribution and reproduction of the research and its underlying data method, subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and share alike.

In her paper, Mrs. Sa'adiyat Adetoro Saliu enumerated some of the benefits achievable on research outputs' in open access publishing to include increased visibility of research output and consequently the department and the institution provides the possibility to standardize institutional records such as academics CVs and published papers; allows the creation of personalised publication list and offers usage metrics so researches can determine it rates on specific papers.

In his vote of thanks, the Deputy University Librarian, Dr. Mohammed Bitagi thanked the University Management for supporting the event.

APPOINTMENTS

i. Visiting

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of **Dr. Mustapha Abdulrazaq**, Department of Quantity Surveying, Faculty of Environmental Design, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria as a Visiting Senior Lecturer to the Department of Quantity Surveying, School of Environmental Technology (SET) for a period of one year, with effect from November 7, 2016.

ii. Resignation

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the request of **Ikuesan Richard Adeyemi**, Department of Cyber Security Science, for resignation of his appointment from the University. The resignation took effect from October 1, 2016.

FUT MINNA HOSTS MSN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Mycotoxicology Society of Nigeria (MSN) held its 11th Annual General Conference from the 25th to 28th of October, 2016 at the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology Complex, Federal University of Technology, Main Campus with the theme **"Mycotoxin Control in a Changing Climate: A Panacea for Food Security."**



Prof. Makun exchanging pleasantries with POs

In his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, said it was a pleasure to play host to the conference, noting that various societies have been holding their conferences in FUT, Minna because the University has a very good and impressive web presence.

The VC opined that the conference will be a turning point as deliberations would suggest how to avoid mycotoxins in our daily consumption of food and water.

President of the Society, Dr. Anthony Negedu in his speech noted that mycotoxins attract world wide attention because of the significant economic losses associated with their impact on human health, agriculture, food and nutrition, security and trade, saying that tropical conditions such as high temperature and moisture, unseasonal rains during harvest and flash floods lead to fungal proliferation and production of mycotoxins, just as poor harvesting practice, improper storage and bad conditions of transport and marketing can contribute to fungal growth and increase the risk of mycotoxin production.

He called on the government, development partners and other stakeholders in the food industry to sincerely show commitment to the prevention and control of these bioactive hazards for the overall betterment of human and animal health.

The keynote speaker Prof. S. E. Atawodi from the Department of Biochemistry, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, represented by Prof. Hussaini Makun, the Director, Directorate for Research Innovation and Development

(DRID) from the FUT, Minna, while speaking on the topic **"Relevance of Mycotoxin Control to Food Security in Changing Climate,"** said mycotoxins are secondary fungal metabolites that cause a wide variety of harmful effects in animals and human beings, noting that climate change is a term used to describe the increases in temperature and unpredictability in weather conditions.

He pointed out that mycotoxins have wide ranging health and economic impacts and their contamination of food is exacerbated by climate change and some un-intended consequences, including climate change and consumption of mycotoxins resulting in food insecurity, poor human health and a lack of virile workforce.

Prof. Atawodi called on the government at all levels to invest adequately and wisely in mycotoxin control, since there seems to be an unholy alliance between climate change, mycotoxin production and food insecurity to frustrate meaningful national development.

High point of the event was the induction of the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Akanji into the Mycotoxicology Society of Nigeria as an honorary member.

Secretary to the Kogi State Government, Mrs. Folashade Ayoade attended the Conference among other dignitaries.

PUBLIC LECTURE

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the **Public Lecture of the University** slated as follows:

Theme: "Strategic Survey Research On Quality Programmes and Students' Success: Dealing With The Moral and Ethical Dimensions On Instructional and Institutional Effectiveness."

Lecturer: Prof. Adai Sooliman Ibrahim, B.Sc, M.Ed, PhD (Florida A & M University), Dip. Professor of Educational Leadership and Human Services.

Chairman: Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, FAS,
Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2016.

Time: 2:30pm prompt.

Venue: Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus.

APPROVED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE 2016/2017 SESSION

FIRST SEMESTER: MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 2016 TO SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 2017, 20 WEEKS (ONLINE REGISTRATION 3 WEEKS; LECTURES 14 WEEKS AND EXAMS 3 WEEKS)

Monday, 10 th October, 2016 – Saturday, 22 nd October, 2016	- Online registration for new students (2 weeks)
Monday, 24 th October, 2016 – Saturday, 29 th October, 2016	- Arrival and Documentation of Fresh students (1 week)
Monday, 24 th October, 2016 – Saturday, 29 th October, 2016	- Online Registration of Returning Students (1 week)
Monday, 31 st October, 2016 – Saturday, 23 rd December, 2016	- Arrival and Documentation of Returning students/ Lectures begin for all students
Monday, 2 nd January, 2017	- Lectures continue for all students
Thursday, 26 th January, 2017	- Matriculation Ceremony of new students (2016/2017 session)
Monday, 30 th January, 2017 – Wednesday, 1 st February, 2017	- Convocation Week
Monday, 13 th February, 2017 – Saturday, 18 th February, 2017	- e-Test (1 week)
Monday, 27 th February, 2017 – Saturday, 4 th March, 2017	- e-Exam for 100 level students and large classes (1 week)
Monday, 6 th March, 2017 – Saturday, 18 th March, 2017	- First Semester Examinations (2 weeks)
Monday, 20 th March, 2017 – Saturday, 1 st April, 2017	- First Semester Break (2 weeks)
Monday, 3 rd April, 2017 – Friday, 15 th September, 2017	- SIWES (24 weeks) for all Schools with exception of SAAT
Thursday, 13 th April, 2017	- School Boards to consider First Semester Results
Wednesday, 3 rd May, 2017	- Senate to consider First Semester Results

SECOND SEMESTER, 2016/2017- MONDAY, 3RD APRIL, 2017 – SATURDAY, 29TH JULY, 2017, 16 WEEKS (LECTURES 13 WEEKS AND EXAMS 3 WEEKS)

Monday, 3 rd April, 2017	- Lectures commence for all students
Monday, 26 th June, 2017 – Saturday, 1 st July, 2017	- e-Test (1 week)
Monday, 10 th July, 2017 – Saturday, 15 th July, 2017	- e-Exam for 100 Level Students and Large Classes (1 week)
Monday, 17 th July, 2017 – Saturday, 29 th July, 2017	- Second Semester Examination (2 weeks)
Monday, 31 st July, 2017 – Saturday, 16 th September, 2017	- Second Semester Long Vacation Break (6 weeks)
Monday, 7 th August, 2017 – Saturday, 16 th September, 2017	- SWEP/Field Trip (6 weeks)
Monday, 21 st August, 2017	- School Boards to consider Examination Results
Wednesday, 30 th August, 2017	- Senate to consider Second Semester Results
Monday, 2 nd October, 2017	- New Session 2017/2018 begins

Every Wednesday of the week, lectures end at 2:00p.m for sporting activities for all students.

NOTE: *Senate reserves the right to amend this Calendar without prior notice.

PLOTS OF LAND FOR SALE

National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), Federal University of Technology Minna is offering Plots of Land for sale at Km 2, New Talba Road, Gidan Kwano Village, Minna at the rate of N200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) only for 100 x 50ft payable for a period of 12 months. The land has Bosso Local Government Right of Occupancy (R of O).

Interested members should contact any of the followings with their October 2016 payslip for booking:

1. Mal. Yahaya Abubakar	08034616206
2. Mr. James Ibrahim	08065551850
3. Mr. Zango Danjuma	08036545219
4. Mr. Saidu Zegi	08054871762

CALL FOR MEMORANDA

The University Committee to Review Junior Staff Conditions of Service hereby calls for memoranda from members of the University community and the general public to serve as part of its working documents in carrying out the assignment.

The Committee has the follows as its reference:

- Reflect on the emerging laws in the University that are not in the current Conditions of Service for Junior Staff.
- Critically study the extant Conditions of Service with a view to identifying the issues in it that have been overtaken by events and address them appropriately.
- Identify the ambiguous and controversial sections in the documents and restructure them explicitly.
- Identify the sections that are not in tandem with current laws and address them accordingly; and
- Make any other recommendations that will improve the Conditions of Service of Junior Staff in the University.

The contributions should be submitted to the Secretary, Isah Abubakar, Establishment Division, Main Campus on or before Monday, November 7, 2016.

WEDDING CEREMONY

Prof. Shehu Abdullahi Ma'aji, the Director, FUTMIN Ventures Ltd cordially invites the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Fatima S. A. Ma'aji scheduled as follows:

Walima:

Date: Sunday, November 6, 2016

Time: 4pm prompt

Venue: Prof. Ma'aji's Residence, Road 12, Flat 18, Bosso Estate, Opp. Mypa Primary School, Minna, Niger State.

Wedding Fatiha:

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2016

Time: 10am prompt

Venue: Aliyu Ibn Thalib Masjid, Dangi Roundabout, Zaria Road, Kano State.

Reception follows immediately at Prof. Ma'aji's Residence, No. 1232 Naibawan Gabas, After New Royal School, Pipeline, Kano.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, October 24 – Friday, October 28, 2016)

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	126,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	169,750.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	265,000.00
4	Teaching Practice	126,000.00
5	Change of Course Form	120,000.00
6	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	6,000.00
7	JAMB Regularization No.	5,000.00
8	Campus Radio	135,350.00
9	Proficiency in English Language	4,000.00
10	Replacement of I.D. Card	500.00
11	Turntintin	44,000.00
12	Commercial Activites	24,000.00
13	Purchase of Academic Gown	60,000.00
14	Semesterial Result	2,000.00
15	Undergraduates School Fees	554,950.00
16	Acceptance Fees	2,106,000.00
17	Hostel Fees	10,474,750.00
18	Semesterial Result	1,850.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	14,225,150.00
	PAYMENTS	
19	(i) Staff	
	(a) Salary (October)	324,380,881.19
	(b) Refund	4,945,265.55
	(c) Advances	1,549,600.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) DHL Int'l Nig. Ltd. - Courier Services	24,026.45
	(b) Nigerian Postal Services - Courier Services	293,122.50
	(c) Swaleys Nig. Ltd. - Construction	40,376,773.79
	(d) " " "	48,355,570.38
	(e) Tondaves & Co Ltd. - Construction	27,754,777.25
	(f) " " "	18,480,285.19
	(g) " " "	54,378,652.36
	(h) Mcasta Venture Ltd. - Construction	32,986,528.05
	(i) " " " "	45,045,817.76
	(j) " " " "	27,607,383.37
	(k) Oomef Limited - "	4,638,298.19
	(l) " " "	3,413,725.24
	(m) Gridetech Construction "	15,968,706.28
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	270,968,096.43

COUNSELLING TIP

As students are resuming on Campus, make an impact by giving necessary assistance to those that may ask you for it. By doing so, you will be adding value to the University community.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.**