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## BUK Mourns 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ezeilo

Bayero University has expressed deep sorrow and sympathy over the death of Professor J.O.C Ezeilo, the former Vice Chancellor of the University and foremost Mathematician.

Prof. Ezeilo, who died peacefully in Lagos on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 after a brief illness, was the second Vice Chancellor of the University, between 1978 and 1979, when the then military government posted him to the University from University of Nigeria, Nsukka, as part of its policy of posting Vice Chancellors to different universities.



*Late Prof. Ezeilo*

Bayero University highly regards the late Anambra-born Professor as an erudite scholar of high standing, who has left indelible footprints on the sand of time, and

who earned himself a page in book of academic exploits.

Expressing the University's sympathy, the Vice Chancellor, Professor, Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, Mni, MFR said the death of Prof. Ezeilo was a great loss of monumental proportion.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who spoke on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, said Prof. Ezeilo died at the time when his contributions to the upliftment of education in the country are highly needed.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the late University don had during his tenure as the Vice Chancellor exhibited rare traits of diligence, ingenuity and phenomenal scholarship. He said the former Vice Chancellor sacrificed his time by teaching some courses during his tenure at the University.

### **Physical Verification For BUK Pensioners**

There will be a mandatory physical verification of all Bayero University, Kano Pensioners under the Old Scheme, scheduled for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, between 10am and 4pm daily at Theatre 1 Old Campus.

According to a statement by Muhammad Bello Garba, Secretary of the Pension Verification Committee (of the Board of Trustees of Pension and Gratuities Scheme BUK), all Pensioners are required to come along with completed verification forms to the venue, together with 2 passport photos, I.D card and copy of retirement letter.

He explained that the verification

He will be buried on Friday March 8, 2013 in his home town, Nanka, Orumba North LGA of Anambra State.

The University will be represented at the ceremony. Tributes can be sent to [jocezeilo@gmail.com](mailto:jocezeilo@gmail.com), [okezeilo@gmail.com](mailto:okezeilo@gmail.com) or 08033060084 and 080203668.

## **Screening For New Students Commenced**

Bayero University has commenced the screening of new students admitted into the University for the upcoming 2012/2013 academic session.

The screening commenced on Monday March 4, 2013 with the payment of acceptance fee of ₦3,000 at any branch of designated banks, in and around the Old and New Campuses.

A large number of new students were seen moving in and around the Directorate of Academic Affairs, venue for the screening.

In a statement issued by the Director, Academic Affairs, Fatima Binta Mohammed, only candidates who satisfy the University's admission



requirements would be issued with registration number during the exercise.

The statement added that online registration will commence on Monday March 18, 2013 for candidates who successfully pass the screening exercise.

## **Prof. Sadiq Radda Appointed Chair, Convocation C'ttee**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, has approved the appointment of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, as the Chairman of the Convocation Committee.

Other members of the committee are:

- 1- Dean, Faculty of Agriculture
- 2- Dean, Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies
- 3- Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Tech.
- 4- Acting Dean, Faculty of Dentistry
- 5- Acting Dean, Faculty of Education
- 6- Dean, Faculty of Engineering
- 7- Dean, Faculty of Law
- 8- Dean, Faculty of Medicine
- 9- Dean, Faculty of Science
- 10- Dean, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences
- 11- Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies
- 12- Dean, Student Affaris Division
- 13- Director, Vice Chancellor's Office

- 14- Director, General Administration
- 15- Director, Maintenance Services Department
- 16- Director, Advancement Office
- 17- Director, Security Division
- 18- Bursar
- 19- Director, Academic Affairs  
*Member/Secretary*



The committee is mandated to organize a modest convocation ceremony to cover the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 graduates.

## **SPECIAL REPORT**

### ***‘Copyright Law Reform Should Interest University Dons’***

By Mustafa Ibrahim

University lecturers have been urged to contribute to the on-going reform of the Nigerian copyright law from its pre-digital format to a standard that will serve the digital age. A University of California Irvine, USA, Professor of Law, Olufunmilayo B. Arewa made the charge at a one day Consultative meeting on the reform of the Nigerian Copyright system organized by the Nigeria Copyright Commission (NCC), for Users / Public Interest Groups (Library, Archives, Museums and Academic Institutions) at Rockview Hotel, Abuja on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

She urged University Dons to join other creative actors in a sustainable

copyright reform that will culminate in a reform bill.

The Law Professor explained that Copyright law can be a key to business success and has been tapped as a development tool by the likes of China, India and Brazil, who used it to ignite the creative energies of their people to innovate, create and benefit from the material rewards of their creativity. She explained that the digital era has presented new copyright challenges in making it easier to copy and distribute copyright materials, but in fighting piracy owners of the material also need to balance their rights with the rights of consumers who have lawfully purchased the material.

In his remarks at the occasion, the Director General Nigeria Copyright Commission (NCC), Afam Ezekude said as part of the reform process initiated in November 2012, they have so far met with three sets of professional stakeholders in order to get input for their Expert Working Groups. He added “we invite you to visit the dedicated website of the reform process ([www.copyrightreform.org](http://www.copyrightreform.org)) as well as the Commission’s regular website ([www.copyright.gov.ng](http://www.copyright.gov.ng)) for updates on the reform process as well as submission of your comments and suggestions”.

The Consultative Forum discussed the effect of technology on existing

business models or ways of delivering educational services, the priorities of different industry sectors as regards copyright law reform, weakness of the existing copyright system, the need for exceptions in copyright law for library users and a flexible system of obtaining permission from copyright owners, the challenges of copyright enforcement and litigation, as well as the extent to which digitization by educational institutions infringes on or can be protected by the copyright law, amongst others.

## **BOOK LAUNCH**

### **Book Translation As a Challenge To Scholars, Youth**

Muslims cannot begin to aspire for global leadership or hope to give qualitative better leadership in their communities until they once again become masters of knowledge in all its facets. This was the charge of Dr. Muhammad Babangida Muhammad, the Provost of the College of Islamic Legal Studies, Misau and a one-time lecturer in Bayero University, Kano. He said the pursuit of knowledge for the benefit of humanity is a goal worthy of the noblest minds and others according to their ability, and the challenge of translating books as part of this needs to be taken up by scholars and the youth.



The occasion was the public presentation of a translated book into Hausa, entitled: *Me Duniya Ta Yi Hasara* (What has the world lost. Originally written in Arabic by the renowned Indian scholar, Shaykh Abul Hassan Ali Nadwi (1914 to 2000), and translated into Hausa by the late Abbati Muhammad Abdul Warith, Dr Babangida reviewed the book, at the auditorium of CAS, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. He noted that the book has been excellently printed with an attractive cover and legible text, while the quality of the Hausa language used is impressive and the translation of the ideas superb. He told the audience that the original author, Abul Hassan, a direct descendent of the fourth Caliph Sayyidna Ali, has written over 177 Arabic book and 350 others in Urdu, a few of whom are available in English.

Earlier in his remarks, Coordinator of the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) Nigeria, that sponsored the publication, Dr Salisu Shehu, who is also the Director ICE of BUK, urged the youth and students to emulate the exemplary life of the translator, the late Abbati, a quintessential teacher, for his patience with tribulations in life, his humility, hard work, being contented with few material possessions and devotion to scholarship and spreading knowledge that is of benefit to the community in general. Malam Muzzamil Sani Hanga gave a brief sketch of the

exemplary life of the translator during the times they grew up together through to their adult life.

In his remarks, the Chief Imam of Kano, Professor Sani Zahradeen, who was the Chairman of the occasion, also urged youth to shun antisocial habits and engage in fruitful and beneficial activities, adding that the loss of vital energy to pointless goals and the loss of the sense of direction by Muslims, especially their youth, is the prime reason for the backwardness in material and spiritual realms of the Northern States and of Nigeria in general.

Dr Saidu Ahmed Dukawa of CAS presented the book to the public at the price of ₦500 a copy, saying it could be obtained at Islamic Studies Department of CAS and IIT Office on the BUK Old Campus, behind the Jummuat Masjid.

## **Fulbright JSD Programme: Call for Applications**

The Fulbright JSD Program invites the academic community for applications for the Fulbright Junior Staff Development (JSD) programme for the 2014/2015 academic year. The Junior Staff Development is a research program funded by the U.S. Department of State, and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in New York.

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According to the Cultural Affairs Officers, William R. Stress Berger, the program is designed to offer young and exceptionally promising faculty members in selected Nigerian Universities the opportunity to conduct doctoral research at U.S. academic or research institutions for a maximum of nine (9) months.

To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be doctoral students who have completed a significant amount of their doctoral program. The selection panel will give preference to applicants in the field of sciences, social science, law and literature. Application form can be accessed at the following website: <http://apply.remark.com/student/fulbright/international/>

Applicants are advised to read the instructions preceding the application carefully and to seek the assistance of Fulbright alumni in their universities before filling out the forms, as only candidates with strong proposals that clearly outline their research objectives, methodology, justification for doing the research in the U.S. and time-frame will be short-listed for interviews. All completed applications should be submitted online **on or before May 1, 2013.**

All other supporting documents, including transcripts, three reference forms duly completed by their referees, one of which must be their

Dean or head of department, certified copies of certificates and diplomas should be sent to the Cultural Affairs Officer, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, Plot 1075 Diplomatic Drive, Central Business District, Abuja. The transcripts must be in sealed envelope stamped by the academic office of the candidate's University. The photocopy of certificate must be equally certified.

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The candidates should ask their referees to complete the relevant portions of the form and make their recommendations in the space provided. **All reference letters must be type-written** and completed on a relevant form, **specifying the personal, academic and professional competence of the candidate.**

For more information contact: Ibrahim Dan Halilu @ (09) 461-4307 or email, [danhaliluil@state.gov](mailto:danhaliluil@state.gov).

## **Public Lecture On Proposed Constitution Review**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR invites members of the University community and the general public to a lecture presentation on "The 2012 Proposed Constitution Review", to be presented by Professor

Auwalu Hamisu Yadudu, of the Department of Private and Commercial Law, scheduled as follows:

**Date:** March 13, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

## **Civil Engr. Honours Former H.O.D.**

The Department of Civil Engineering last week honoured its former H.O.D, Engr. H. A. Daura, who headed the department several times and under whom a series of achievements was recorded.



*The former HOD (middle) flanked by other members of the Department*

The Head of the Department, Engr. Dr. Abbas S. Dan'azumi, acknowledged the enormous contributions of the former HOD under whose leadership the department witnessed a lot of development.

The department also honoured some senior staff, who used their brain and energy to serve the department for decades.



## The Vice Chancellor

**Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed,**  
*nni, MFR,*

Cordially invites the entire University community and the general public to the **Tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] Professorial Inaugural Lectures** set out as follows:

**Lecturer:** Professor M.S. Sule.

**Department:** Biochemistry.

**Topic:** *'Enzymology and Radiation Biology in the Understanding of Biochemistry'*

**Date:** Sunday, March 23, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am prompt

**Venue:** Professor Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

## Faculty of Medicine 5<sup>th</sup> Seminar

The Faculty of Medicine cordially invites staff, postgraduate and undergraduate students of Medical, Allied Medical and Life Sciences to its 5<sup>th</sup> seminar presentation as follows:

**Theme:** Immunity and Infection: Revisiting *Candida* and *Nocardia* Infections.

**Chairman:** Professor A. G. Habib, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, BUK

**Presenters:** (1) Dr. Ahmad Aqeel, S. S. Wali Centre, AKTH: Antifungal Sensitivity and Resistance Profiles of *Candida* Species in HIV Infections in Kano.

(2) Dr. Mansur Aliyu, Dept. of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology, BUK: Neutrophil Antigen Presentation in *Candida albicans* infection.

(3) Dr. Garba Iliyasu, Department of Internal Medicine, BUK, Disseminated Nonracial Infection Following Immunosuppression.

**Discussants:** (1) Professor A. H. Arzai, Department of Microbiology BUK.

(2) Dr. A. O. Akande, Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology BUK.

**Date:** Thursday March 14, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Conference Hall, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano.

## Department of Physics

### M.Sc Seminar

The above department invites the University community to its M.Sc seminar scheduled as follows:

**Topic:** *'Radiation Dose Estimation from the Radioactivity Analysis of Cement used in Nigeria Gamma-Ray spectrometry'*.

**Presenter:** Kotila Adebajji Augustine (SPS/10/MPY/00014).

**Supervisor:** Dr. M. Saleh



**Chairperson:** Dr. M. Saleh

**Date:** March 14, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Physics Research Laboratory

## **Tribute To Prof J.O.C. Ezeilo, CON**

James Okoye Chukwuka Ezeilo (JOC), one of Africa's foremost Mathematicians, was born on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1930 to Josiah and Janet Ezeilo of Ifite, Nanka in present day Orumba North Local Government, Anambra State. He was the second child of four boys; Japhet (eldest), Walter (immediate younger) and Gabriel (youngest). He spent most of his early years at various Anglican missions in Eastern Nigeria where his father who was a church catechist worked.

He attended the famous Dennis Memorial Grammar School (DMGS), Onitsha for his secondary education, 1943–48. On completion, in 1949, having achieved the highest score in the prevailing University Entrance Examination, he was admitted to study Mathematics at the then University College Ibadan (UCI), a college of the University of London at the time. He graduated with a B.Sc 1<sup>st</sup>

Class honours in Mathematics in 1953 and followed that up in 1954 with a distinction in a BSc Advanced Degree before successfully completing an M.Sc. in 1955. Whilst at UCI, he won the University Major Scholar award along with numerous other Faculty and Departmental prizes. In 1955, he was awarded a Leverhulme scholarship to the prestigious Queens' College Cambridge, for doctoral research studies. He successfully completed his studies and was awarded a Ph.D. in Mathematics by Cambridge University in 1958.

He returned to Nigeria same year and took up an academic position as Lecturer II in Mathematics at UCI, rising to Senior Lecturer in 1962. He went on a one year sabbatical leave in 1963 as a Visiting Lecturer and Research Associate at the Department of Mathematics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA. Upon his return, he was appointed Professor of Mathematics in 1964. He transferred his services to the University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN) in 1966, at the onset of the crisis leading to the Nigerian civil war, as a Professor of Mathematics, subsequently becoming the Head of Department in 1967. He remained in that position till 1975, broken only by the civil war period, 1967-70, and by a brief stint as Acting Vice Chancellor of UNN for 4-months (Nov. 1970-March 1971).

In 1975, he was appointed the University Vice Chancellor (VC),



substantively. He was subsequently moved to Bayero University, Kano, as Vice Chancellor also, in 1978. At the end of his tenure in 1979 he proceeded on a one-year sabbatical leave as Visiting Professor of Mathematics at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota and Howard University, Washington DC, both in USA. He returned to UNN in 1980 as Professor of Mathematics and stayed on till 1988, when he was appointed the founding Director and Head of the National Mathematical Centre (NMC) at Abuja. In 1996 he went to University of Botswana for one year as a Visiting Professor of Mathematics. Thereafter, in 1997 he took up a similar post at the University of Swaziland, until his final return to Nigeria in 2001. Not one to stay away from Mathematics and the academia for too long, JOC took up a position of Professor of Mathematics at the budding Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki on a part-time basis in 2002, remaining there until his final retirement in 2009.

Among his past students are highly distinguished academics and professionals who have made their marks in various fields of endeavour, including the public service, education, industry, commerce and even religion. He was also in addition an External Examiner for graduate degree examinations at sixteen different Universities in Nigeria and Africa at various times.

In his extraordinarily impressive career, JOC published over 90 articles in international scientific journals. For some of these, he received international awards of distinction. The Nigerian Mathematical Society in particular honoured him with a commemorative plaque for outstanding pioneer contributions to the advancement of mathematics in Nigeria in 1993. He was a fellow of six Mathematical Societies, including the London and American Societies, the Mathematical Association of Nigeria (Past President), the National Mathematical Society (Past President), the Nigerian Academy of Science (foundation member), the African and Third world Academies of Science. In addition to these, he chaired or presided over fifteen different scientific Organisations, Bodies, Societies, Agencies, Councils etc across Nigeria and Africa.

He was a member of the Scientific Council of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) Trieste, Italy for 4 years and was the Representative for the ICTP's West African Region for 7 years. He was also a Member of the Scientific Council of Institut de Recherche et Mathematique, Abidjan and the Scientific Council of Institut de Mathematique et des Sciences Physiques of Porto Novo, Benin Republic.

JOC received an honorary D.Tech Degree from the Federal University of Technology, Akure in 1995 and honorary D.Sc Degrees from the University of Maiduguri in 1989 , UNN in 1996 and Anambra State University in 2008. In further recognition of his outstanding achievements and service to Mathematics and the University, he was awarded an Emeritus Professorship by UNN in 2006. Prior to this, he had been awarded national honours as a Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON) in 1979, in consideration of his distinguished service to the nation.

As a devout Christian of the Anglican persuasion he was admitted into the knighthood of St. Pauls by his then home Diocese of Awka, in 2001. He was a very loving husband of his wife of 52 years (Dame Phoebe Uzoamaka Ezeilo, nee Uzochina) and a doting father of his 4 children: Ada Erinne (medical doctor), Okechuku (mechanical/aerospace engineer), Obasi (architect) and Ijeoma (computer systems engineer), as well as his 6 grand children (Bosah, Sohpie, James II, Nnamdi, Okechukwu Jnr and Lotachukwu).

In his lifetime, JOC was variously member, Charter President and Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Nsukka, as well as member of the Rotary Club of Garki, Abuja. He was

also a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Club of Lagos.



Professor Ezeilo will always be remembered in the annals of Bayero University, Kano.

## **Mass Measles Immunization Campaign**

The University Health Services Department says it has planned to conduct a mass vaccination exercise for children from six months to five (5) years in view of the recent outbreak of measles infection, especially in Northern Nigeria.

The Director of U.H.S, Dr. M. S. Ado said over the last four weeks the University clinic recorded a high turnout of measles patients and more severe complications of the disease.

The exercise is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday March 12 to Thursday March 14, 2013

**Time:** 9:00am – 1pm.

**Venue:** (1) Old Campus (2) New Campus

He added the community to take advantage to get their children immunized.

## **LOST & FOUND**

1- A student identity card belonging to Muhammad Mustapha Abdullahi (MED/04/MBBS/00803).

2- An original statement of result belonging to Yusuf Magami Abubakar.

The owners should come and claim their items.