



Dr. Yakubu Magaji Azare (1st right) and Dr. Aliyu Mu'azu in a group photograph with their students

Collaboration Between BUK and University of Oriental Studies, Italy Now Stronger By Nura Garba

The memorandum of understanding that exists between the Bayero University, Kano and the University of Oriental Studies Naples, has been renewed and strengthened after recording major achievements in various areas of academic collaborations. The MoU, first signed in 2007, facilitates staff and student exchange between the Universities, publications and bi-annual conference and research collaborations.

Two academics, Dr. Aliyu Mu'azu and Dr. Yakubu Magaji Azare were invited by the University of Oriental Studies, Naples, for a one-month academic visit, during which they participated in collaborative research and teaching in African Languages and Cultures. As part of the academic engagements, the two scholars made several presentations with regard to African Languages, particularly, the Hausa, and gave daily lectures on the Hausa Language, Literature and Culture.

Similarly, the scholars reviewed and edited a bi-lingual dictionary of Hausa-Italian and Italian-Hausa, written by a renowned scholar, Professor Sergio Baldi. The standardization of the lexicography of Hausa Language and its internationalization requires these gigantic

academic efforts and achievements.

Part of the activities was a lecture organized for the visiting scholars, with the theme "Hausa Studies in the 21st Century: Prospects and Challenges". Debates and contributions were overwhelming and the lecture was a huge success.

Meanwhile, other activities contained in the MoU include a Joint International Conference on African-European perspectives, hosted by Bayero University, Kano in 2008 and University of Naples in 2010. As part of the MoU, Bayero University hosted two Italian Students (Nunzia Cuzzo and Silvia Angela) and a number of students are expected to arrive Bayero University Kano early next year for various courses in Hausa Studies.

During the visit, an agreement was reached to further renew the MoU in 2017 for the 3rd time. Afterwards, Bayero University is expected to receive the Italian Scholar, Professor Sergio Baldi, the author of the Hausa-Italian dictionary around March 2017.

It is worthy to note that the Department of Nigerian Languages maintains functional and active collaborations with several International Universities with tremendous achievements.

Tambuwal Challenges Nigerian Scholars on the American Election

By Abubakar Yusuf

Alhaji Aminu Waziri Tambuwal the Executive Governor of Sokoto State, has urged Nigerian Scholars to analyze the implication of the Donald Trump presidency for Nigeria and black Africa in general. He noted that the outcome of the election against all predictions and opinion polls is part of the dynamism of politics.

and now the Governor of Sokoto state I can modestly drop same lines about the workings of the three arms of government.”

Alhaji Aminu Waziri said “democracy could only thrive where the three arms work together for the development of the country.” In other words, “a total separation in which each arm pursues its duties without relation to the rest is neither possible nor advisable,” Sokoto Governor added.

On the Conference, the Matawallen Sokoto commended the Centre for organizing the conference, which he said would contribute a lot to the development of democracy in Nigeria. He pledged the support of the Sokoto State government to the remodelling project of the Centre.

In his speech, Bayero University Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, said during the

Conference 40 papers were expected to be presented. He also commended the author of a book titled **Ethnic Conflicts in Nigeria: Insight into the Tiv-Jukum Ethnic Crisis** written by Dr. Moses T. Aluaigba, presented at the conference.

In his Speech, the Director of the Centre, Professor Haruna Wakili, thanked the current Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, and the immediate past Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, for their contribution towards the development of the Centre.



Executive Gov. of Sokoto State, Rt. Hon. Aminu W. Tambuwal

Alhaji Aminu Tanbuwal, who is *also Matawallen Sokoto*, was speaking at a two-day National Conference organized by Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House on Wednesday, 9th November, 2016.

On the theme of the Conference, **The Dynamics of Democratic Practice in Nigeria 1999-2015**, he said as he had been at the forefront of this democratic enterprise since 1999, he had lessons to impart, “more interestingly as a professional lawyer, a former leader of opposition and speaker of the House of Representatives

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Warning: Avoid Bush Burning!

The University Community is hereby advised to clear its environment to avoid fire outbreak and fire accident. You are expected to at least clear bushes 5 meters away from your offices or houses. “Bush burning” is prohibited as a method of cleaning the dry bushes, the Environmental Committee warned.

If you need intervention, please contact the Chairman or

Secretary Environment Committee through the following numbers: 08032638229, 08036360223.



Teacher/Student Relationship: Faculty of Pharmaceutical Holds a Get-Together with Students

As part of effort to entrench the culture of mutual and beneficial relationship, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences on 2nd November, 2016 held a get-together meeting between staff and students shortly after the completion of the second semester examination.

The gathering, according to the Dean, Dr. Bashir Chedi, was to provide an avenue for interaction among staff and students and to address some challenges faced by both parties in order to understand themselves better and enhance a good atmosphere of understanding and tolerance.

He said the essence was for students and staff to say their minds with a view to improving academic performance.

Professor Abdullahi Mustapha enjoined the students to work assiduously to partner with healthcare

professionals and the pioneers of the Pharmaceutical profession in order to upgrade their knowledge, urging them also to contact their senior colleagues for counseling and information.

Also speaking, Professor Lawal Alhassan Bichi challenged the students to be more professional and learn to exhibit the ethical conduct expected in the profession throughout the period of their training and practice since they would be entrusted with people's lives.

Prof. Bichi said the pride of good teachers was to ensure that students understand and pass their courses, saying that some lecturers developed the habit of failing their students at will. This, according to him, was wrong academically and morally.

Many staff advised the students on how to move forward in their academic career. Also, some students asked questions with regards to their academic

SUG President Paki Congratulates Students on Exams, Wishes them Well

The Student Union Government President, Comrade Bilal Tijjani Paki, has congratulated the graduating and undergraduate students of the University for completing the second semester examinations.

Speaking through his special advisor on Media and Publicity, Zaid Ayuba



Alhaji, the President challenged the graduating students to pick the global challenges and face them with entrepreneurial initiatives and be creative and innovative, especially in this period of economic uncertainties.

The President also wished all the graduating and undergraduate students well in their exams and prayed to Allah to help to them pass their examinations.

BUK Student Wins NGO - Intel Essay Competition

Hussaina Muhammad Umar, a level III student of the Department of Adult Education and Community Services won the first position in a keenly contested essay writing competition. The competition was organized jointly by the Girls Rising ENGAGE programme and INTEL Corporation, USA. The contest was organized to commemorate the International Day of the Girl-Child. The presentation of the prizes and certificates was done at the Film House, Shoprite, Kano in a ceremony witnessed by many dignitaries, including representative of INTEL Corporation in Nigeria, members of Girls Rising Board

of Trustees, representatives of the Kano Emirate Council and Professor Aisha Abdul Ismail, the Director, Centre for Gender Studies Bayero University, Kano. Also at the occasion were representatives of Kano State Ministry of Education, Ministry of Women Affairs, State Universal Basic Education Board and State Science and Technical Education Schools Board.

According to the organizers, there were 100 entries for the contest covering different categories; Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Institutions in Kano State. Professor M.B. Shitu was also at the ceremony and presented the vote of thanks.

International Academy Donates Books To BUK

By Abubakar Yusuf

International Academy of Perinatal Medicine has donated over four hundred textbooks on gynaecology to Bayero University, Kano in its effort

all over the world.

Professor Kurdar said the association, which comprised people knowledgeable in gynaecology and other related fields was aiming to share knowledge among themselves and to spread it across the globe.

He said the association would collaborate with the other institutions like Bayero University to ensure the development of gynaecology in the whole world. He promised that any latest book that the association printed would have copies sent to Bayero University, Kano.

Responding on behalf of Vice Chancellor, Professor Yahuza Bello, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, thanked the association for the gesture and assured them that the books would

be utilized accordingly.

Professor Sagir Abbas said Bayero University was ready to collaborate with any group with the mutual aim of boasting knowledge in the world. He thanked the team for choosing Kano to hold their International Conference.



Prof. Asin Kurdar (1st right) in a handshake with DVC Academics, Prof. Sagir Abba, while Dr. Aliyu Labaran Dayyabu watches (centre)

to boast research and learning in the area.

Speaking when presenting the books to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, in his office on Friday 4th November 2016 on behalf of the Association, the leader of the team, Professor Asin Kurdar, said the Association decided to donate the books to the university as part of its effort to boast knowledge

Corruption Undermines Societal Development- Prof. Yadudu

By Abubakar Yusuf

Professor of Law from Bayero University, Kano, Auwalu Hamisu Yadudu, has described corruption as the major obstacle to the development of society.

Professor Auwalu Yadudu who presented a keynote address at the opening ceremony of the 2016 Conference on Islam in Nigeria, organized by Islamic Welfare Foundation in collaboration with the International Institute of Islamic Thought, Bayero University, Kano at Mahmud Tukur Lecture Theater, Old Campus, Bayero University, Kano on Tuesday, 8th November 2016, said corruption and development would never thrive together in a society.

He said both Islamic and Nigerian constitutions prohibited all forms of corruption. "Corruption which can be in different forms such as cheating in trades and official corruption by government workers must be stopped," Professor Yadudu added.

In his speech, the Bayero University Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented

by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, said the theme of the conference that is, **Muslims, Islam and the Fight Against Corruption in Nigeria**, was timely considering its importance.

Professor Yahuza Bello urged the participants to examine why Nigerians were involved in corruption acts and to bring out a possible way forward.

The chairman of the occasion, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau, the former Kano State Governor and also the former Minister of Education, who was represented by Senator Aminu Inuwa, commended the organizers of the conference for their foresight in organizing such a conference. He said the outcome of the conference would assist in fighting corruption not only in Nigeria but also in the world in general.

Dr. Bashir Shehu Galadanci, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IIITN, said the conference was organized with the aim of drawing attention of the general public on the dangers of corruption in the society.

Accounting Department Vows to Help Nigeria End Economic Recession *By Rabi'u M. Sagir*

The Accounting Department of Bayero University and Accounting Finance Research Association (AFRA) have expressed their commitment and determination to help Nigeria to turn around the economy and end the economic recession.

Financial experts, accounting professionals, academics and other stakeholders converged in Bayero University at the 6th AFRA International Conference with the theme: *Effective Financial Accountability for Economic Turnaround to deliberate on the issue.*

At the opening ceremony on Wednesday, 9th November, 2016, Dr. Ibrahim M. Barde, HOD Accounting expressed his greatest pleasure to Allah, who made it possible for his department to collaborate with AFRA in conducting the conference. "This shows that our department is really growing from strength to strength. This is the reason for rating the department best since the 2005 accreditation, when it scored the highest mark among Nigerian Accounting Departments.

"In addition to this development, our department is organizing another conference in the first quarter of next year with a view to advancing accounting knowledge," Dr. Barde disclosed.

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano,

Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by Professor Bashir Tijjani, the Dean, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, called the event an honour to Bayero University, Kano. "It is a good development for the organizers to include a PhD Colloquium in the conference, which would help the country in producing highly qualitative manpower in the field of Accounting," he remarked.

His Excellency, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, the Executive Governor of Kano State represented by the State Commissioner of Finance, Professor Kabiru Isa Dandago, charged the Conference to come up with practical recommendations that would help government and policy makers in prudence and accountability, effective internally generated revenue and internal audit, as well as the sustainable means for turning around the economic situation.

Dr. Abel Ezeoha, the AFRA President, lauded the unique hospitality shown to them by the management of Bayero University which they really appreciated. AFRA is an association that helps in networking young accounting indigenous Academicians to reach their peak and make significant influence on the society.

TRANSITION: Prof. Mu'azu Sani Zaria Dies at 66

'From Allah we come and to Him is our return, for He is the end of all affairs.' For Professor Mua'azu Sani Zaria of Department of Nigerian Language the moment of return was last Friday 4th November, 2016. He died at the Malam Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital after a protracted illness.

Born in the year 1950 in the ancient city of Zaria, late professor Zaria, graduated from the then Abdullahi Bayero College (ABC/ABU) now Bayero University, Kano in 1973, and was appointed graduate assistant in 1975 having graduated as the overall best student. He rose through the academic ladder to become a Professor of Hausa language in 1998.

He is survived by two wives, eleven children and many grandchildren.

Among those who attended his funeral prayers were the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Sagir Abbas, former Registrar, Alhaji Sani Ibarhim Amin, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, Professors and numerous of his colleagues and students from the Department of Nigerian Languages and other too numerous academic and

administrative staff.

The management of Bayero University led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Sagir Abbas on Tuesday paid a condolence visit to the family residence of the late Professor Zaria and prayed to Allah to grant the deceased jannatul firdaus and the family the fortitude to bear the loss.



The late Professor Mu'azu Sani Zaria (file photo)

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. M.Y Waziri Gets ANNS' Award of Excellence

The Association of Northern Nigerian Students (ANNS) has honoured Dr. M.Y Waziri of the Department of Mathematical Sciences for his immense contributions to humanity and scholarship.

The award ceremony took place on Monday, 7th November, 2016 at the Department of Mathematical Sciences, Bayero University.

The inscription in the plaque presented to him reads: "Award of Excellence presented to Dr. M.Y Waziri as an Academic per Excellence in recognition of your tremendous contribution, selfless service to humanity with absolute fairness and accountability; immense contribution to students/youth welfare, upliftment and creation of employment opportunity in the northern states and Nigeria at large."

Prof Habu Fagge Appointed Chair, Editorial Board, Journal of Kano Studies

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the appointment of Professor Habu Mohammed Fagge of the Department of Political Science as the Chairman of the Editorial Board of Journal of Kano Studies with immediate effect from 1st November, 2016 and for a period of two (2) years with the following membership:

1. Dr. I.K. Abdulsalam, Dept of History - Editor-in-Chief
2. Dr. Bala Zakari, Dept of Education - Member
3. Dr. Nasiru Malam, Dept of Mass Communication - Member
4. Dr. Mansur Idris, Dept of Economics - Member
5. Prof Sunusi Gaya, Faculty of Agriculture - Member
6. Rabi Ladi Kabir, DEAR - Secretary

Dr Maikano Madaki Appointed Deputy Director II CGS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the appointment of Dr. Maikano Madaki of the Department of Sociology as the Deputy Director II, Centre for Gender Studies to complete the term of the former Deputy Director II (Dr. Ahmed Iliyasu) whose appointment took effect from 6th January, 2016 and was to end by 5th January, 2018.

The letter urged him to "with diligence and hard work, exercise responsibilities, as assigned to you by the Director, over the general affairs of the Centre" and to "exhibit credible academic and administrative conduct in running the affairs of the Centre."

Guideline for Maternity Leave: **Reminder**

This is to remind all female staff in the University who are eligible for maternity leave that applications must be submitted not less than two months to their Expected Date of Delivery (EDD). According to a statement signed by Hadiza M. Shehu, Assistant Registrar, for the Director Establishment Matters, the affected females should note that all maternity leaves must begin not later than four weeks to their EDD.

The statement added that a medical certificate fully endorsed by the Director of the University Health Services must be presented along with the application. This, according to it, is in strict compliance with the Federal Civil Service Provision on Maternity Leave for female Public Servants.



Soccer Friendly: Engineering Staff Team Electrocutes Students' Team

By Lamara Garba

As part of the effort to further uphold the principle of harmonious teacher/student relationship, the Department of Electrical Engineering of the university has organized a friendly football match between the staff and students.

The match which was played at the Ahmad Adamu Mu'azu mini stadium at the new Campus, saw the Level 500 students' team clash with the staff of the department.

At the energy sapping encounter, students' team suffered a humiliating defeat from the highly enterprising staff team, when it registered two unreplied clinical goals.

Our correspondent reports that the students' team which started the game with vigour and enthusiasm, was however, reduced to size by the staff team as it was made to be running in the pitch.

At interval the score line was goalless, however, after some pep talks at the dressing room, the staff team changed tactics and this paid up almost immediately after resumption at the second stanza, when Malam Ahmad capitalized on a defensive blunder by the students' team to register the opening goal.

The opening goal seemed to have injected more

strength to the staff team, as the euphoria that greeted the goals had hardly died down when, striker, Dr. Lawal Muhammad Bello, who captained the staff team, nodded in the second goal through a clinical grounder that left the goalkeeper of the students side yawning.



All efforts by the students' to reduce the tally proved abortive as they met a water tight defense from the staff team. The match ended 2-0 in favour of the staff team.

SEMINARS

Department of Microbiology: 2015/2016 Session (Second Semester) Seminar

MSc. PROPOSAL SEMINAR

Presenter 1: Asma'u Muhammad Usman (SPS/15/MMB/00010)

Topic: Prevalence of viral diarrhea in children in some selected hospitals in Kano city

Supervisor: Dr. Bashir Muhammad

Specialization: Medical

PhD PROPOSAL SEMINAR

Presenter 2: Rahamat Ismai'l Ishaq (SPS/15/PMB/00013)

Topic: Studies on antiretroviral drug effect and resistance among HIV positive clients attending Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano, Nigeria

Supervisor: Dr. Usman Aliyu Dutsinma

Specialization: Medical

Presenter 3: Rukayya Abbas Usman (SPS/15/PMB/00010)

Topic: Studies on the production and sanitizing activity of Bacteriocins isolated from *Lactobacillus* species sourced from some milk and milk products

Supervisor: Dr. D.W. Taura

Specialization: Medical

M.Sc. FINAL SEMINAR

Presenter 4: Farida Umar Ahmad (SPS/14/MMB/00003)

Topic: Evaluation of the ethanol production and optimization by some fungi using groundnut shell and rice husk

Supervisor: Dr. Aminu Bukar

Specialization: Industrial

Presenter 5: Kabir Hassan (SPS/14/MMB/00033)

Topic: Studies on plasmid – mediated multidrug resistance among *E. coli* isolated from abattoir wastewater in Bauchi State

Supervisor: Dr. Aminu Bukar

Specialization: Medical

Chairman: Dr. Usman Aliyu Dutsinma

Date: Wednesday 16th November, 2016

Time: 9:30am

Venue: MICROBIOLOGY PG CLASS II (Near Undergraduate Microbiology Laboratory)

Faculty of Science: M.Sc Proposal Defense

Presenter 1: Mustapha Yahaya (SPS/14/MMT/00003)

Title: On Numerical Solutions of Singular Volterra Integral Equation via Euler and Midpoint Methods.

Supervisor: Dr. Surajo Lawan Bichi

Presenter 2: Ibrahim Mohammed (SPS/14/MMT/00009)

Title: On Approximation of Solutions Hammerstein Inclusion

Supervisor: Dr. Ma'aruf Shehu Minjibir

Presenter 3: Amar Elgaili Mahmoud (SPS/14/MMT/00024)

Title: Generalized Diagonal Quasi Newton's Method of Solving Large Scale System of Nonlinear Equations

Supervisor: Dr. M.Y. Waziri

Chairman: Dr. S.I. Bala

Date: Thursday 10th November, 2016

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Departmental Computer Laboratory

Department of Mathematical Sciences: **M.Sc Internal Defense**

Presenter 1: Habibu Abdullahi (SPS/13/MMT/00001)

Title: Hybrid-CG Double Direction Methods for Solving Large-Scale System of Nonlinear Equations

Supervisor: Dr. M.Y. Waziri

Presenter 2: Hajara Shuaibu Musa (SPS/13/MMT/00019)

Title: Availability Analysis of Heterogeneous Distributed Software/Hardware Systems

Supervisor: Dr. Ibrahim Yusuf Fagge

Presenter 3: Ramatu Idris Gatwa (SPS/13/MMT/00006)

Title: Availability Analysis of Three Stages Deteriorating System

Supervisor: Dr. Ibrahim Yusuf Fagge

Chairman: Professor B.M. Yakasai

Date: Thursday, 17th November, 2016

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Departmental Computer Laboratory

Department of Physical & Health Education: **Notice of "Old Site Walk For Life"**

The Department of Physical and Health Education wishes to

remind Staff and Students of this month's "**WALK FOR LIFE PROGRAMME**" as follows:

Topic: Old Site "WALK FOR LIFE"

Date: 19th November, 2016

Time: 7:00AM

Venue: Take Off Point (Old Campus Stadium)

Department Of Physics: **Notice of Seminar Presentations**

Presenter 1: Shehu Musa (SPS/13/PPY/00051)

Topic: Effective Cancellation of Acoustic Echo using Least Mean Square (LMS) Algorithm

Chairman: Dr. M.H. Ali

Presenter 2: Usman Hassan Muhammad (SPS12/MPY/00009)

Topic: Effect of Silicon Film Thickness on the Performance of Electrical Characteristics of Nano-MOSFET

Chairman: Dr. Abdu Yunusa

Date: 17th November, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

Department Of Plant Biology: **2015/2016 Session (Second Semester) Seminar**

PhD Proposal Seminar

Presenter 1: Murtala Namadina Muhammad

(SPS/14/PBT/00001)

Topic: Survey of Hausa Ethnomedicinal Plants Used in Reproductive Health in North Western Nigeria and Screening of Some Selected Species for Pharmacognostic Properties

Supervisors: Prof. B.S. Aliyu and Dr. I.L. Abdullahi

Specialization: Ethnobotany

Presenter 2: Christian Efevwerha Akpotor

(SPS/14/PPB/00003)

Topic: Evaluation of Some Physiological Responses of Cowpea Intercropped with Maize to Water Stress in Sudan Savannah Kano State, Nigeria

Supervisors: Prof. F.B. Mukhtar and Dr. M. Hayatu

Specialization: Plant Physiology.

Chairman: Prof. Y. Mustapha

Date: Tuesday, 15th November, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: B101



Muhd Sani Auwalu Weds Amina Musa Khalid

Dr. Musa Haladu Darma of the Department of Physical and Health Education invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter Amina Musa Khalid with Muhd Sani Auwalu, scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday, 13th November, 2016

Time: 10:30am

Venue: Late Alhaji Baballe Ila's Mosque Gyadi-Gyadi Zaria Road, Kano.



Engr. Abdurrashid Ibrahim Weds Sumayya Ibrahim

Engr. Abdurrashid Ibrahim Sanka (MNIM) of the Electrical Engineering Department invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha, scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday, 20th November, 2016

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Mariri Res. Of Alhaji Ya'u Sitti Bakin Kasuwar Yan Goro, Mariri

