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### **BUK Conducts 49<sup>th</sup> Congregation Meeting**

Bayero University conducted its 49<sup>th</sup> Congregation meeting and the first chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at the newly remodelled Mahmud Tukur Open Theatre B.

Senior members of the University spent the whole day deliberating on issues that affected the development of the University. The Vice Chancellor presented his one-year score card, which was greeted with applause and commendation at the occasion.

The Vice Chancellor told the Congregation members that he stood by the pledges made during the last Congregation Parley and that the management was working round the clock to ensure that they were actualized.

He explained that parts of his promise were to complete the ongoing projects of his predecessor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed and to come up with new ones for the development of the University.

The Vice Chancellor cited some completed projects to include the new Mahmud Tukur Theatre B, Twin Theatre for Basic Medical Sciences and Department of Physics buildings on the Old Campus; New Faculty of Law structures, Faculty of Communication, Faculty of Agriculture Phase 4, the new CDA building, the Centre for Renewable Energy Research, the Centre for Gender Studies and the Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue at the New Campus, as well as other projects at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital.

He expressed appreciation to the members of the University Community for working collectively to build a system and ensure that the university

achieved excellence in all its ramifications, adding that the University would continue to improve the welfare of staff and students despite the financial challenges facing it since December, 2015, especially with respect to personnel costs as a result of the shortfall in the country's revenue.

During the meeting, elections were conducted into various committees, including University Management, Faculty Representatives to Senate, Admissions, Staff Housing Allocations and Student Welfare, among others.

The Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee, Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril, read the resolutions as follows:

1. The Congregation noted and appreciated the efforts of the University management, especially on the completion of on-going projects and initiating new ones, as well as giving priority to the welfare of staff and students.
2. Regular Congregation meetings would be held twice a year-on the second Saturday of January and July, with the provision for emergency meeting when the need arises.
3. Management would seek additional inputs from stakeholders on the new university logo before presenting it to Council for final approval.
4. Henceforth, the appointment letters of the elected representatives of congregation to various university committees would indicate their terms of reference and the representatives would present reports at congregation meetings and at the end of their tenure.
5. Election of Congregation representatives into various University committees was conducted and a total of 75 vacancies were successfully filled.

Earlier, the Chairman of Standing Committee of Congregation, Dr. Muhammad Babangida,

welcomed members to the 49<sup>th</sup> Congregation meeting. He reminded them about the standing order of the meeting.

## **VC Urges NAAECD to Extend its Literacy Education to Neighbouring Communities**

Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has urged the National Association of Adult Education and Community Development (NAAECD), Bayero University Chapter to extend its activities to the University's neighbouring communities in an effort to eradicate illiteracy among people.

Professor Yahuza Bello, who was speaking while receiving the officials of the association in his office, on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2016 also said that they should liaise with other departments in the University to conduct enlightenment campaign and education on the importance of literacy.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Director Public Affairs, Mallam Ahmad Shehu, said the University was assisting the neighbouring communities under its corporate social responsibility through the award of scholarships, employment and other services of immense importance.

The Vice Chancellor urged them to conduct outdoor events as part of the activities to reduce illiteracy among adults just like what the College of Health Science is doing, assuring that the University Management would assist them. They should also collaborate with the BUK FM Radio in reaching out the neighbouring community

Earlier, the President of the association, Abdussamad Rabiou Uthman, said they organized the event to mark the International Literacy Day for the promotion of literacy and awareness, saying that members of the association noticed that even within the University community there were people who are not privileged to be educated and as such it was their duty to go round to educate them.

Abdussamad Uthman said the association wanted the University Management to support their effort, saying that the University could organise special classes to teach neighbouring communities. He said that the day to mark this year's International Literacy Day had coincided with Sallah break hence the postponement of the event till this time around.

Bayero University Bulletin reports that while marking the day, the Head of Adult Education Department, Dr. Bala Zakari urged the association to promote literacy, adding that people should at least be educated to know how to read and write. He also reiterated the importance of inculcating the reading habit to the society.

## **CDA Holds Capacity Building Workshop on Data Analysis and Scientific Writing**

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), an African Centre of Excellence, is currently conducting a 12-day Intensive Training Workshop on Data Analysis and Scientific Writing aimed at strengthening the capacity of research scientists in data analysis and interpretation, as well as in the writing of research papers for publication in highly quality scientific journals.

The opening ceremony took place on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training and the workshop will end on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

Over 40 Scientists from the CDA, Departments of Agronomy, Crop Protection, Geography, Environmental Management, Animal Science, Plant Biology, Agricultural Economics and Extension and Soil Science are undergoing the intensive training workshop.

An International Consultants in Scientific Writing and Publishing from Cote d' Ivoire, Professor Anthony Youdeowei, and a Consultant Biometrician, who is also the Deputy Vice-

Chancellor, Catholic University, Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya are the resource persons.

The objectives of the workshop are to stimulate the ability of scientists to introduce innovativeness in their research for development actions through publications; improve skills in scientific and technical writing among agricultural researchers and better communicate research findings among peers and the wider agricultural community in Nigeria and the rest of the international agricultural development community and beyond.

The working format includes interactive Powerpoint presentations and critique sessions, constraints analysis and group discussions, preparing and evaluating scientific posters and course evaluation using participatory evaluation models.

The outcome will discuss the importance of communicating research results to peers, strategic partners, agricultural entrepreneurs and policy makers; plan and design a poster presentation of innovation result and utilize the skills gained to write scientific articles worthy of acceptance by international journals.

The Director of the Centre, Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin, declared the workshop open.

## **Recreation Centre Commences Activities**

This is to inform the members of the University community that the Senior Staff Recreation Centre has commenced operations.

The Centre has employed administrative staff and cleaners that will work from morning till evening daily.

According to the Secretary to the committee of the Centre, Nura Garba, senior staff members can come and enjoy the facilities free of charge throughout this month and that those who have not registered should try to do so because the committee is making efforts to provide more facilities.

The Secretary added that there are facilities for Basketball, Table Tennis, Squash, FIVES, Badminton, Handball, e.t.c. Also, there are separate changing rooms for males and females.

According to the Secretary, the Centre could host ceremonies such as marriage receptions, walima, dinner, graduation ceremonies and other events with catering at affordable rates.

## **Change of Departmental Name**

This is to inform the University community that the Senate at its 345<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2016 approved the change of Departmental name from Department of Agricultural Engineering to Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering.

A letter signed by Dr. M. S. Abubakar, Head of Department, said all units, departments and the entire University community should note.

## **Symposium on Neuro-Muscular Junction in Health and Diseases**

The Venom-Antivenom Study Group in collaboration with the College of Health Sciences invites members of the University community to a one-day Symposium titled:

Neuro-Muscular Junction (NMJ) in Health and Diseases as follows:

**Chairman:** Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello

**Chief Host:** Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Sani Alhassan

**Host:** Prof. Abdulrazak G. Habib

**Date:** Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Venue:** Biochemistry Lecture Theatre, Old Campus

## **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership wishes to announce the following

### **(1) EARLY CAREER ACADEMIC GRANTS**

ACU Early Career Academic Grants support emerging academics to attend conferences or

academic meeting in other Commonwealth countries. The grants are particularly targeted at researchers who have not previously had the opportunity to travel outside their home region, giving them the chance to share their research, enhance their career and develop their skills.

Early career academics employed by ACU member universities are eligible to apply. Each grant is worth a maximum of GBP 2,000, which can be used to cover travel, visa fees, conference fees, accommodation, and subsistence. Visit [www.acu.ac.uk/early-career-academic-grants](http://www.acu.ac.uk/early-career-academic-grants)  
[earlycareergrants@acu.ac.uk](mailto:earlycareergrants@acu.ac.uk)

## **(2) COMMONWEALTH SUMMER SCHOOL BURSARIES**

A key element of the event is the mix of students from the host country/region and those who have not yet had the opportunity to travel internationally. Postgraduate and final-year undergraduate students at ACU member universities are eligible to apply for bursaries to attend. Both full bursaries and partial bursaries are available.

ACU member universities can bid to host the summer school. Host universities are required to propose a theme and programme, and to part-fund the event. Visit [www.acu.ac.uk/summer-school](http://www.acu.ac.uk/summer-school)  
[summerschool@acu.ac.uk](mailto:summerschool@acu.ac.uk)

## **SECURITY DIVISION: Security Alert**

This is to inform members of the University community that the underlisted telephone lines are activated for your needs in distress or emergency situation. Furthermore, any useful information that could help the security to enhance its services is highly welcome and appreciated. All the lines are on 24 hour-alert. Please find the lines below for your usage and support.

### **New Campus:**

08094086956, 08094086952  
08094086954, 08094086981, 07042829723

### **Old Campus Unit:**

08094086964, 08094086938, 07042829724

### **Outpost Locations:**

08094086957

### **Essential Numbers:**

1. Fire Service Rijiyar Zaki – 08037270207
2. Fire Service Headquarter - 07051246833

## **CDA To Host Int'l Workshop on Future Resilient Farming Systems for Semi-Arid Region of WCA 27-29 Sept.**

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Bayero University, Kano in collaboration with ICRISAT and other partners is organizing an international workshop titled “Future Resilient Farming Systems for Semi-Arid Region of West and Central Africa.”

The workshop will be hosted by the CDA from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. It has the objectives of identifying the present and future drivers of crop-livestock systems value chains, as well as appropriate technologies for future resilient crop-livestock systems in the face of increasing human and livestock populations in the West and Central Africa WCA.

The workshop will provide an avenue for stakeholders to review, consolidate and chart pathways for ensuring the resilience of farming systems of the different agro-ecologies of semi-arid region of West and Central Africa.

It is expected that the lead and invited papers would address the functioning and or integration of the drivers of resilience and the components of effective technology packaging and delivery with the overall aim of increasing the production and productivity of the farming systems. In addition, the presentations and discussions will provide an avenue for prioritizing research, extension, policy and options for funding to attain large-scale impact across the region.

The opening ceremony will hold on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at the Faculty of Agric Theatre at 10:00am and there will be goodwill messages from

ARCN, ICRISAT, IITA, ILRI, IWMI, BMGF, USAID, AFDB, DFID and FAO.

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

**M.SC. PROPOSAL SEMINAR**

**Presenter 1:** Salisu Hassan (SPS/15/MMB/00024)

**Topic:** Bioremediation process on Crude Oil contamination on acid activated clay minerals (Smectite, Illite and Koalinite)

**Supervisor:** Dr. Sani Yahaya

**Specialization:** Environmental Microbiology

**Presenter 2:** Abdulkadir Hassan (SPS/15/MMB/00001)

**Topic:** *In-vitro* Antibacterial Activity of *Pterocarpus erinaceus*, *Euphobia hirta* and *Anogeisus leiocarpus* against *Salmonella typhi* and *Escherichia coli*

**Supervisor:** Dr. D. W. Taura

**Specialization:** Medical Microbiology

**Presenter 3:** Ibikunle Akeem Adekunle (SPS/15/MMB/00008)

**Topic:** Comparative Study of Antimicrobial Effect of various types of chewing sticks against oral Pathogens

**Supervisor:** Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar

**Specialization:** Medical Microbiology

**Presenter 4:** Abdulazeez Usman Audu (SPS/15/MMB/00029)

**Topic:** Effects of Properties of Clay Soil from parts of Kano State on Biodegradation of Crude oil

**Supervisor:** Dr. Sani Yahaya

**Specialization:** Environmental Microbiology

**Presenter 5:** Abdulaziz Zubairu (SPS/15/MMB/00004)

**Topic:** Potentials of *Bacillus thurienginsis* isolates from various habitats from for lethality against larva of different species of mosquito

**Supervisor:** Dr. M. Yusha'u

**Specialization:** Medical Microbiology

**PhD PROPOSAL SEMINAR**

**Presenter 6:** Olawore Yemisi Ajoke (SPS/15/PMB/00030)

**Topic:** Evaluating the spent engine oil Biodegradation potential of indigenous biosurfactant produce from organisms isolated from polluted areas in the Federal Capital Territory Abuja

**Supervisor:** Prof. A. H. Kawo and Dr. Sani Yahaya

**Specialization:** Environmental Microbiology

**M.SC. FINAL SEMINAR**

**Presenter 7:** Amina Balarabe (SPS/14/MMB/00019)

**Topic:** Studies on *Securindaca longipeduncula* for antiviral and antibacterial activity against Newcastle disease virus and upper respiratory tract bacteria

**Supervisor:** Dr. M. Yusha'u

**Specialization:** Medical Microbiology

**Presenter 8:** Adamu Shaba (SPS/14/MMB/00009)

**Topic:** Bacteriological and physicochemical assessment of River Landzu in Bida, Niger State, Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Prof. M. D. Mukhtar

**Specialization:** Environmental Microbiology

**Chairman:** Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar

**DATE:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**TIME:** 9:30am

**VENUE:** MICROBIOLOGY PG CLASS II (Near Undergraduate Microbiology Laboratory)

**Department of Accounting: MSc Accounting Proposal and Internal Defense**

**Presenter 1:** Fadheela Uba Jahun (SPS/12/MAC/00026)

**Topic:** Audit Quality and Earnings Management in Nigeria Listed Oil and Gas marketing Companies.

**Supervisor:** Dr. Muhammad Aminu Isah

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Ibrahim Magaji Barde

**Presenter 2:** Hussaini Yusha'u Adam (SPS/12/MAC/00031)

**Topic:** Impact of Financial Leverage on Dividend Policy of Listed Oil and Gas Companies in Nigeria.

**Supervisor:** Dr. Kabir Tahir Hamid

**Internal Examiner:** Prof. Muhammad Liman Muhammad

**Presenter 3:** Victor Noghayin Omo (SPS/12/MAC/00011)

**Topic:** The Effect of Capital Structure on Financial Performance of Firms in the Nigerian Food Industry.

**Status:** Internal Defence

**Supervisor:** Dr. Ibrahim Magaji Barde

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Dije Muhammad Kurawa

**Presenter 4:** Abdul-rahmand Ahmad (SPS/14/MAC/00016)

**Topic:** Determinants of Leverage: Evidence from the Listed Deposit Money banks in Nigeria.

**Supervisor:** Dr. Isyaka Alhaji Sama'ila

**Reviewer:** Dr. Sadiq Rabi'u Abdullahi

**Presenter 5:** Nma Alhaji Baba (SPS/12/MAC/00003)

**Topic:** Impact of Liquidity Management on the Profitability of Listed Conglomerate Firms in Nigeria.

**Supervisor:** Prof. Kabir Isa Dandago

**Internal Examiner:** Prof. Bashir Tijjani

**Chairman:** Head of Department

**Date:** Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

**Time:** 10:30am

**Venue:** Departmental Computer Lab

**Department of Mechanical Engineering: Departmental Seminar Session**

**Presenter:** Dr. M. T. Jimoh

**Title:** "Issues with Wind Energy Analysis – Part 1."

**Chairman:** Prof. I. S. Diso

**Date:** Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Faculty of Engineering Conference Room

**Department of Engineering: Faculty Seminar Announcement**

**Presenter:** Dr. Nuradeen Salahudden

**Topic:** Effect of ZSMS Incorporation in the Catalyst Performance of FCC Catalyst

**Chairman:** Engr. Suleiman I. Ciroma

**Date:** Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Faculty of Engineering Conference Room

**Department of Physiology: Seminar Presentation**

**MSc Internal Defence:**

**Presenter 1:** Umami Tijjani (SPS/13/MHP/00002)

**Topic:** Effect of Aqueous Extract of Stem bark of *Ficus Sycomorus* on Sex Hormones and Sexual behavior in Female Wister Rats.

**Presenter 2:** Adetunji Sasiliyu Ajibola (SPS/13/MHP/00021)

**Topic:** Age-related Changes in Cortisol Level and Hematological Parameters in Normal and Malaria Infected Mice.

**Presenter 3:** Mubarak Muhammad

**Topic:** neuroprotective Effect of Caffeine in Post-Ischemic Wister Rats.

**Date:** Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Postgraduate Class, Department of Human Physiology, BUK

### Wedding Fatiha

Professor Muhammad Yakasai of the Department of education invites members of the University community and general the public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter Maryam Muhammad Ibrahim Yakasai, scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**Time:** 11:00am

**Venue:** BUK Old Campus Mosque

### Lost & Found

(1) A new Huawei Access point, in its pack (with an Etisalat number on the inside cover written in ink), the size of half of an adult palm is reported missing. Anyone who finds it should please return it to the Bulleting office. The owner desperately needs it for office work.

(2) A BUK I.D. card belonging to Zainab Muhammad Nazif from Mechanical Engineering also lost.