A n erudite scholar and a Professor of Parasitology in the Department of Biological Sciences, Bayero University, Kano, (Dame) Tinuade Esther Ibijoke Oyeyi has linked, with empirical evidences, the prevalence of Schistosomiasis diseases to Water Resource Development initiatives.

She, however, cautioned that it would amount to unfairness and misleading to generalize that water resources and agricultural development projects were solely to blame for creating health hazards, such as schistosomiasis.

The erudite scholar, who delivered the 18th Professorial inaugural lecture on Thursday, 30th March, 2017 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus titled: Linking Schistosomiasis and Water Resources Development in Kano State Nigeria: Public Health Impact and Mitigation, buttressed her point by citing studies conducted in northern Cameroon, Burkina Faso, northern Nigeria and northern Ghana which she said did not find any transmission of schistosomiasis from impounding small bodies of water, adding that 'the association of schistosomiasis with water project is known to vary within different ecological zones in a single country as well as between countries and global regions.'

Professor Oyeyi explained that the general goal of the lecture was to give an update on the existing level of schistosomiasis and examine its relationship with water resources development in Kano State, Nigeria as well as the public health impact and mitigation measures, through a review of past and present studies.

Giving an insight into the life cycle and mode of infection of the disease, the scholar revealed that Schistosomiasis or Bilharzias was a disease caused by a parasitic worm species of the genus Schistosoma, explaining that the adult worm live in the blood of mammals, but part of its life cycle required the use of a freshwater snail for completion; hence the link with freshwater bodies.

She lamented that chronic, insidious and debilitating, schistosomiasis was responsible for high degree of morbidity and low productivity in the affected areas and might even cause the death of its victims.

The scholar explained that there are numerous economic and social benefits derived from the damming of rivers. These include irrigation, fishing, sporting, recreation, navigation and hydro-electric power generation. She, however, said damming rivers and streams often gave rise to significant alterations in the natural ecology of the original water bodies. She
said it created more conducive environments for the breeding of freshwater snails including intermediate host species and vectors of important human and animal diseases, such as malaria, trypanosomiasis, filariasis, and schistosomiasis, etc.

Professor Oyeyi stated that freshwater habitats all over Kano State were investigated and the studies showed that wide-spread presence of the snail intermediate host of schistosomiasis especially those for the urinary form at water project sites as well as high level of water contact activities at such sites. She observed further that communities located close to these water project sites generally showed a higher prevalence of schistosomiasis than those situated farther away and the state in general has recorded an increase in the disease prevalence.

She said based on the outcome of the studies, there was no doubt that the development and management of water resources in Kano State has contributed to the increased transmission of schistosomiasis in the State. Therefore, she said strategies to mitigate the negative effects should be made integral parts of the planning, implementation and operation of future water projects.

DVC Academics Tasks HODs on Leadership, Excellence

Heads of department are expected to provide strong academic leadership by managing and developing their departments to achieve the highest level of excellence possible. This was the advice given by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, while making a lead presentation at the opening of the 1st Faculty of Clinical Sciences Retreat, on Monday 3rd April 2017, at the Porto Golf Resort, Minjibir, Kano State.

While commending the faculty for being the first to hold a retreat attended by all the fourteen Heads of Department, staff and officers of the Deanery as well as the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, the DVC urged them to imbibe the key attributes expected of a HOD. These include: a strong academic record, engaging constructively with people, good communication skills, flexibility and adaptability to changing circumstances, ability to seek wise counsel, exercising judgment and taking risks, punctuality, IT skills, honesty, upholding quality, working for the success of others, thinking outside the box and having a good listening ear.

In her lead presentation, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, explained the working of the different units of the Registry Department, especially as they relate to academic activities, such as the Directorate of Establishment Matters (DEM) and Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR). In response to a question on why MBBS graduates were not given prizes despite their brilliance, she challenged the retreat participants to work out modalities for calculating the CGPA of medical students, so they could compete for prizes. She also urged all the staff to update their personal and next-of-kin details with DEM, so that in the unlikely event of a mishap or death, their family would
not face legal hurdles.

In another lead presentation, the representative of the Bursar, Alhaji Abdu Musa Haruna, explained the workings of the various units of the Bursary. He took questions on various financial transactions staff get involved with in the course of their working lives. He especially clarified how and why certain categories of academic and hospital staff were paid certain allowances and the proper procedures for making such claims.

Earlier welcoming the participants, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Ibrahim Yakasai, said the aim of the retreat, themed Consolidation of Achievements and New Strategies for Enhancing Performance of Heads of Departments and Deanery Officials, was to allow HODs to appreciate their functions and responsibilities, which straddle both the University and the hospital and to synergize and find areas for improvement. It was also to familiarize the leaders with administrative procedures, the collegiate system and discuss ways of moving the Departments, Faculty, College and the university forward.

A 13 point communiqué issued at the end of the retreat called for the practice of mentorship to be pursued and for inaugural lectures to be delivered by Professors in the Faculty. It also urged the University management to augment the inadequate DTLC and assist with additional offices, theatres, seminar and class rooms, laboratories and an e-library.

The International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) of the Bayero University, Kano has signed a two separate Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Centre for Islamic Culture and Education (ICICE) and International Islamic Academy School of Preliminary Studies (IIASPS) for the promotion and spreading of Islamic Finance education.

Speaking while receiving the management of the International Centre for Islamic Culture and Education (ICICE) in his office on a courtesy call, shortly before the signing of the MoU, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello expressed delight at the collaboration, saying the programme will go a long way in advancing the fortunes of Islamic finance in Nigeria.

According to him, the University is always willing to partner with credible organizations in the efforts towards enhancing and promotion of quality research and teaching, stressing that, he was particularly delighted that ICICE shares so many things in common with the University in the area of Islamic Finance, education, Islamic culture and civilization; entrepreneurship and family values.

“Your visit today is very significant to us here in BUK, because, from what you’ve said the University has found a worthy collaborator in ICICE. We have so many things in common, our IIIBF programmes are very much relevant to your own projects, so also that of Centre for Islamic Civilisation and Inter Faith Dialogue and the Centre for Gender Studies, I am very sure that we are going to achieve a lot in those areas through this collaboration.” he declared.

Speaking Earlier, the Executive Director of ICICE, Alhaji Aminu Baba Kusa, told the Vice Chancellor that his Centre has been engaging in a number of scholarly activities and has developed programmes on Islamic finance entrepreneurship and marriage counseling.

The centre which is based in Abuja has a number of Schools and is venturing into other programmes aimed at improving the quality of living of the people through the promotion of peaceful coexistence.

Already he said his centre had a linkage with other international humanitarian organization and development partners, such as Islamic Development Bank, the ISESCO, the Federation of Islamic Universities among many others.

Also speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, which took place at the IIIBF, the Director of the Institute, Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril, said that with the signing of the memorandum, the two organizations would jointly undertake the conduct of the IIIBF’s Professional Certificate in Islamic Banking and Finance (PCIBF) in Abuja and other parts of Nigeria.

She explained that the IIIBF being the only University based Institute offering academic and professional training in IBF in West Africa has decided to expand its outreach to other communities with a view to taking Islamic finance education to the door steps of stakeholders.
Professor Binta Tijjani, while expressing readiness of the IIIBF to partner with credible organizations at home and abroad for the promotion of Islamic finance pointed out that the management of Bayero University has been very supportive and encouraging to the Institute towards the discharge of its mandate.

“We are venturing out to other communities with the aim of taking Islamic finance to every nook and corner of the country. Alhamdulillah, we share similar values with these new partners which is the vision of advancing the development of Islamic Finance education”, she said.

**Family Arbitration Forum Needed in Society- Prof Maiwada**

The former Alqalam University of Katsina Vice Chancellor, Professor Danjuma Abubakar Maiwada, has said that there was the need for every society to form Family Arbitration forum, which would serve as a reconciliation platform to all family members, instead of going to court all the time.

Professor Danjuma Maiwada, who is also a former acting Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano gave the suggestion when he presented a paper titled, "Family Among Muslim in Northern Nigeria: Islamic Injunctions and Contradictory Practices" at 2nd Public Lecture organized by Centre for Gender Studies, Bayero University, Kano, on 28th March, 2017.

He said the Family Arbitration Forum was essential for checking abuse in family atmosphere, such as abuse of children, abuse of orphans and rampant divorce cases. “A number of Muslim husbands have been found wanting with respect to divorce. They abuse the Islamic injunctions; for example, some pronounce three divorces in a single pronouncement,” Professor Maiwada added.

He further called on the society, especially Muslims, to remove all contradictory practices relating to the family, such as the demand of huge amounts of wearing materials (lefe) as a condition for wedding.

In her contribution, the Chairperson of the occasion, Professor Juwayriyya Badamasiyu, attributed all the problems of the family to the contradiction of Islamic injunctions by family members. She then called on Muslims to always follow the rules of Islam “if we want to be out from these problems”.

While thanking the speaker, the Chairperson of the occasion and all the people who contributed to make the lecture a reality, the Director of the Centre, Professor Aisha Abdul Ismail, said the Centre would continue to focus on issues like the family institution, marriage, divorce, matrimonial relationship, youth, peace-building, religion, values and leadership, among others, to see where the Centre would assist in solving some of the problems in these areas. She said soon the Centre would introduce short courses for youth on family matters.

**BUK to Host 4th Conference of Nigerian Geophysical Society**

Arrangements are on top gear by Bayero University, Kano to host the 4th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the Nigerian Geophysical Society (NGS) scheduled for 10th May, 2017. This is the first time that the conference of the society will be held in the northern part of the country and by a public university.

The Nigerian Geophysical Society (NGS) draws its membership from academic staff of the department of Physics, researchers in Atmospheric Physics and Geophysics.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello would be one of the three recipients of the Society’s award at its 4th National Conference coming up 10th May, 2017.

The Conference Local Organizing Committee had told the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, during a courtesy call on him that they were in his office to inform him that the Society had nominated him as a Fellow of the Nigerian Geophysical Society and award of Leadership, which they said would be presented to Professor Bello during the conference.

They said the three previous conferences of the Society took place all in the Southern part of the country and hosted by privately owned universities, saying that the 4th conference God willing would be held in the north and in a public university- Bayero University, Kano. The
committee thanked the Vice Chancellor for accepting to host the conference.

Responding, Professor Bello thanked the Society for choosing BUK as the first public university in the country to host the all-important conference, assuring them that the university would do everything humanly possible to ensure a successful and hitch-free conference.

It could be recalled that the maiden conference of the Society was held at Bells University of Technology, Ota, Ogun State in 2014, the 2nd Conference took place at Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State in 2015 and the 3rd edition was held at Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State in 2016.

Those to receive award of the Society at the BUK Conference are: Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, BUK, Professor F.B. Mukhtar, VC, Federal University, Dutse and Professor Emeratus, I. H. Umar, former VC, BUK.

SSANU Congratulates New Bursar, Alhaji Sulaiman Bello

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) has congratulated the new Bursar, Alhaji Sulaiman Bello, and throw its weight behind him to succeed during his tenure.

Speaking during the official congratulatory visit on the Registrar by the executive members, the Chairman of SSANU, Comrade Haruna Aliyu, said the news of his appointment did not come as surprise, considering his pedigree and experience and competence in the financial management in the university.

While wishing him well in his tenure, SSANU also expressed its total commitment to give all the necessary support to the new Bursar in order to transform the university's financial system.

In his speech, the Bursar, Alhaji Sulaiman Bello, expressed appreciation to SSANU for its care to congratulate him on his new appointment. He said he would continue to contribute his quota to the union as a bona fide financial member.

The Bursar promised to run a transparent and an all-inclusive leadership that would carry all members of the university a long and that his door would always open for observations and constructive criticisms that would enhance the university's financial management and control.

Remaining Activities of Academic Calendar for 2016/2017 Session

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The power of the radio has uniquely enabled Hausa language to spread across a wide spectrum of literacies and geographical barriers, propelling it globally, Professor Uba Abdallah, the Vice Chancellor of National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) has asserted. He was delivering a public lecture on Thursday, 30th March, 2017, at the Shehu Musa Yar’adua Conference Centre in Abuja, themed The Role of the Media in Promoting Hausa Language and Culture. The lecture was the highlight of a series of activities, on air in Abuja and London celebrating 60 years of the Hausa Service of the BBC.

He said the Hausa youth had demonstrated an effective capacity for narrative expressions and are the most literate “illiterate” group of media engagers above their contemporaries in other Nigerian languages groups, by the use of both the old media like radio and new media tools such as Facebook and Whatsapp.

Prof. Abdallah in explaining how radio broadcasts became an enabler for Hausa language to spread across linguistic, political and historic barriers from Kano to Senegal, also gave four spin-offs: that they serve to bind the people to their language and culture, have created a class of “vocal debate warriors” or Sojojin Baka who have compelled elected politicians to better the lives of their constituencies, they contribute to language development via coinage of new words and they enable aspiring writers to share their prose with the public.

The lecture was chaired by Prof. Umar Pate, Dean, Faculty of Communication and, was attended by Dr. Umar Abdullahi Ganduje, Governor of Kano State; Yakubu Dogara, the Speaker, House of Representatives; Mansur Liman, Director-General of FRCN, who also represented the Minister of Information; Malam Garba Shehu, Senior Special Assistant to the President on media; and a team from the Faculty of Communication, BUK, led by Dr. Nura Ibrahim, HOD media Studies. Most spoke glowingly on the excellent contributions of BBC Hausa Service to democratization and public enlightenment across the world, where people speak the language.

Prof. Pate and Bala Muhammad of the Faculty of Communication were live guests at the dawn broadcast on the day of the lecture, while Mustafa Ibrahim Chinade was a guest at the afternoon live broadcast from the venue of the lecture, shortly after the ceremony ended. Former staff who either filed special commemorative reports or were hosted on other days include Halilu Ahmed Getso, Saleh Aliyu Hadejia, Bala Ibrahim, Ado Saleh Kankiya, Saleh Halliru, Umar Karaye, Mannir Dan-Ali, Maude Gwadabe and Ibrahim Dosara, amongst others.

Language and Culture. The lecture was the highlight of a series of activities, on air in Abuja and London celebrating 60 years of the Hausa Service of the BBC.

APPPOINTMENTS

Dr. Mukhtar Halliru Becomes Director Bayero Consult

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Mukhtar Halliru of the Department of Business Administration as the Director, Consultancy Services Unit with effect from 1st April, 2017 for a period of two (2) years.

Dr. Muhammad Hayatu, Department of Plant Biology

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Muhammad Hayatu of the Department of Plant Biology as the Head, Department of Plant Biology. The appointment is for two years commencing from May 1, 2017.
BUK Creative Writers Forum As Hope For Future Generation

Bayero University’s Creative Writers Forum was basically set up to groom young writers and the rekindle hope in the younger generation that are willing to excel in creative writing, speaking at a forum’s second meeting in the Department of Theatre Performing Art. The host, Mallam Bala Mohammed, urged interested students, staff and community members to come forward and register with the forum, so as to exchange ideas and guide future writers for the coming generation.

Ga Fili Ga Mai Doki Lecture To Hold Tuesday, 11th April, 2017

The renown Hausa singer, Malam Nura Muhammad Inuwa, would feature in the annually lecture of Ga Fili Ga Mai Doki organized by the Department of Nigeiran Language for Level Four and Three students on Tuesday, 11th April 2017.

According to a statement signed by the course lecturer,

The University Librarian Extends Appreciation

The family of the University Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo, CLN, extends sincere appreciation to members of the University and its neighbouring Communities who through personal visits, proxies, prayers, calls and goodwill extended their condolences over the death of his mother, Hajiya Hadiza.

Department of Physics: Seminar Presentation

Presenter 1: Usman Muhammad Ibrahim  
(SPS/12/PPY/00002)  
Topic: Evaluation of Heavy Metal’s uptake Rate and its Human Health Risk via Exposure of Vegetable Amaranth and Sunflower.  
Chairman: Professor Yahaya Ibrahim Yola  
Date: 6th April, 2017  
Time: 10:00am  
Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

Presenter 2: Hassan Abdul Salam (SPS/13/PPY/00007)  
Topic: Configuration Setting Geometry Relaxation and Bandgap Calculations of Cubic CH3 NH3 MX3 (M=Ph or Sn and X=Cl, Br or I).  
Chairman: Dr. G.S.M. Galadanci  
Date: 13th April, 2017  
Time: 10:00am  
Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

Department of Geography: PhD Seminar

Presenter 1: Rabi'u Tukur  
Topic: Impact of Woodfuel Extraction on Trees Density, Diversity, Frequency and Dominance around Katsina Metropolis  
Chairman: Prof. Kabiru Ahmed

Presenter 2: Ali Danbaba Ameh  
Topic: Community Participation and Environmental Management Agencies Engagement in Flood Risk Management  
Chairman: Prof. M.B. Shitu

Date: Thursday 23rd March, 2017  
Time: 10.00 am prompt  
Venue: CB 17, Geography Department  
NOTE: Attendance to seminars is compulsory to all MSc I, MSc II, PhD I and PhD II students

Department of Physical and Health Education: Notice of “OLD SITE WALK FOR LIFE”

Topic: Second Old Site “WALK FOR LIFE”  
Date: 15th April, 2017  
Time: 7.00AM  
Venue: Take off point (old campus stadium)

Department of Political Science: M.Sc and Ph.D Political Science internal and Proposal defence  
M.Sc Internal Defence:

Presenter 1: Badiru Ibrahim (SPS/13/MPS/00007)  
Supervisor: Dr. Abubakar Jika Jiddere  
Internal Examiner: Prof. Habu Mohammed

Presenter 2: Hassan Yerima (SPS/13/MPS/00027)  
Supervisor: Dr. Sa’idu Ahmad Dukawa  
Internal Examiner: Malam M. M. Yusif

Presenter 3: Abdulwahab Abdulkadir (SPS/13/MPS/00022)  
Title of Thesis: Nigeria's Leadership Position in West African Sub-region: A Case Study of GoodLuck Jonathan’s
WEDDING FATIHA

(1) The family of the late Dr. Haruna Salihi wishes to invite all members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his son, Abdurrahim Haruna Salihi of the Department of Political Science, Kano Central Prison, scheduled as follows:

Date: 15th April, 2017
Time: 2:00pm
Venue: BUK Juma’at Mosque, New Campus

(2) Mallam Sule O. Ademoh of the School of Continuing Education, Bayero University, Kano wishes to invite members of the University Community and the General Public to the Wedding Fatiha of his Daughter Ramatu Mustapha Muhammad (Zahrah) and her Groom, Engineer Muhammad Goni Isa, scheduled as follows:

Date: 15th April, 2017
Time: 10:30pm
Venue: Shareef Habib Residence, Kankarofi, along Masallacin Jalli Street, Yakasai, Kano

(3) Malam Al-Mahdi Yusuf Sani Bala of the Postgraduate Studies invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha of his bride Rab’atu Adamu Kilishin (Larabawa), scheduled as follows:

Date: 16th April, 2017 = 19/Rajab, 1438AH
Time: 10:00am
Venue: Haruna M Salihi Board Room