



## Prof. Haruna Musa Emerges New ASUU-BUK Chairperson

By Lamara Garba

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Bayero University, Kano, branch has, in a unanimous decision, elected new executive officers to run the affairs of the Union for the next two years, with Professor Haruna Musa from the Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry emerging as the new Chairperson.

The election followed the expiration of the tenure of Professor Ibrahim Magaji Barde who served a two term tenure from 2016 to 2020.

A statement signed by the Secretary of the Union, Dr Yusuf Umar Madugu, said the new executives were elected at the Union's Congress meeting held at the ASUU Secretariat on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

The new executives included Dr. Sagir Saleh of the Department of Anatomy as Vice Chairperson, Yusuf Umar Madugu of History Department as Secretary, Dr. Muhammad M. Maina of the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering as Assistant Secretary.

Other elected officers are Dr. Mansur A. Muhammad of the Department of Geography as Financial Secretary; Dr. Ibrahim Tafida from the Department of Agric. Economics and Extension as Treasurer, Dr. Sani



Prof. Haruna Musa, Chairperson ASUU - BUK

Safiyanu from the Department of Political Science emerged as Internal Auditor, while Dr. Sulaiman R. Babura from the Department of Plant Biology was elected as Investment Secretary and Dr. Kabiru Haruna Isa from the Department of History is to serve as the Welfare Officer.

The statement said already, the new officials had been sworn-in immediately.

## VC, Sarkin Kano Bag Distinguished Leadership Awards

By Adamu Garba

The Alumni of the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) have conferred a merit award on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello for an outstanding performance and for prudent management of resources.

The award was presented to the Vice Chancellor during a courtesy call by the leadership of the association on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 in his office.

Speaking on the rationale behind the award, the National Chairman of the Alumni, Malam Ahmad S. Gimba, said it was in recognition of the Vice Chancellor's exceptional qualities in prudent financial management and human development in the university.

Malam Ahmad disclosed that the association has

earmarked the conferment of awards on outstanding individuals, who have distinguished themselves in striving hard to boost the principles of Islamic finance.

He said the alumni were founded two years ago for solidarity to Islamic banking and to convince general public to pursue *halal* products.

While receiving the award, the Vice Chancellor, Professor, Muhammad Yahuza Bello commended the Emir of Kano for situating Islamic Banking Institute at BUK as the only institute of Islamic Banking in the whole of West African sub-region.

The Vice Chancellor, who gave a historical background about establishment of the IIIBF also gave credit to his predecessor Professor Abubakar Rasheed for setting the ball rolling. He noted that the University

had been able to record unparalleled successes, in



terms of physical development of IIIBF, under the past and current administrations.

He said the formation of IIIBF alumni was apt in consideration of the challenges of Islamic Banking in Nigeria. He described them as partners in progress.

In her remarks, the Director IIIBF, Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril, lauded the Vice Chancellor for his support to the Institute being the only university-based institution of Islamic banking in Nigeria.

In a similar development, the association conferred the award of Father of Islamic Banking and Finance to His Highness, Sarkin Kano, Malam Muhammad Sunusi II, during their visit to his palace. Other members who were conferred with merit awards in separate events organized by the association were: the Director, IIIBF, Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril, Dr. Farida Muhammad Shehu, and Alhaji Mustapha Zahraddeen.

## SAN Mentors Final Year Law Students

By Fausat A. Opayomi

An erudite legal practitioner, Nasir Abdu Dangiri, Senior Advocate of Nigeria, (SAN), said that the life of a lawyer is that of service to humanity, hard work and diligence, rooted in respect and seniority. He advised them to always preserve the notes given to them by their lecturers, because they will come handy when the need for them arises.

While addressing students at a one-day mentorship programme organized by the Faculty of Law, Bayero University, Kano on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at Moot Court of the Faculty, Nasir Abdu Dangiri, advised the law students to cultivate the habit of going to the library to read law reports from the beginning to the end so as to be versatile in their chosen career.

The mentoring program was meant to encourage the aspiring lawyers and navigate them through the nitty - gritty aspects of law practice in Nigeria and the courses at the Nigerian Law School.

He also advised them to always appear neat. According to him, judges don't listen to dirty looking lawyers. He also disclosed that most shabby looking lawyers are disorganized and lack confidence.

The Senior Advocate of Nigeria urged the students to be proactive and up to date and also admonished them to be careful when handling cases because clients rely on the judgements of lawyers.

Malam Nasir Dangiri while answering a question from a student who wanted to know why Maritime Law is not practiced in the North unlike in the South, he said the peculiarities of a region determine the cases that

arise in that particular region, adding that Atlantic Ocean can only be found in the Southern part of Nigeria hence, the reason for the Maritime Law practice there.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Usman Shuaib, in his remarks, thanked Malam Nasir Dangiri for finding time out of his busy schedule to come and give the lecture. He advised the students to get their facts right before appearing in court and to be composed and not to get intimidated.

Professor Shuaib disclosed that the review of the Law



A cross section of Law students during career talk

curriculum is ongoing so as to get the best out of students. He also hinted that the body of Senior Advocates of Nigeria is making efforts to institutionalize bursary awards to the best law students who pass through Law School.



# AFMC Holds 3<sup>rd</sup> Sensitization Lectures for University Cleaners

By Rabi'u M. Sagir



DVC Academics, Professor A. I. Tanko (left), Chairman AFMC, Prof. Ahmad Murtala (2nd left) and members of AFMC

Porters and Cleaners are not only important segment of the University, but are also indispensable in the smooth operation of academic and administrative activities. This was disclosed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahua Bello.

The Vice Chancellor who was represented the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko was speaking at the Sensitization Lectures for Supervisors, Porters and Cleaners organized by the Academic Facilities Maintenance Committee (AFMC) which took place at the Convocation Arena on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

He commended the Committee for organizing the lectures which he said was aimed at sensitizing and reminding the supervisors, porters and cleaners the task ahead of them, saying that the Management was happy with such initiative, and hoped that the participants would make use of the opportunity to imbibe the culture of attitudinal change and do their assignments conscientiously.

Professor Tanko also disclosed that Management in her magnanimous gestures had not long ago

absorbed/converted some of the porters and cleaners who have been working in the University for so many years as casual workers into permanent and pensionable staff, adding that this magnanimous disposition should have been reciprocated with dedication to duty, and not otherwise.

He charged the participants to open their ears and listen attentively to all the advice given by previous speakers and the ones to come from subsequent speakers, assuring that 'if you work with such advice and carry out your assigned duties with the fear of Allah, the rewards would be two folds for you, one here on earth and the other in the hereafter, which is the most important.'

The DVC hoped that the Committee would continue to hold this kind of lecture, and also called on other committees to emulate the good work of the Academic Facilities Maintenance Committee (AFMC).

Earlier, the Chairman of the Committee, Professor Ahmad Murtala, explained the reason why the Committee organized the lecture. He recalled that

on two different occasions, in 2017 and 2018, the Committee held similar sensitization lectures during which it drew the attention of the University porters and cleaners to some observed lapses that have to do with how they carry out their duties.

He admonished them to consider their jobs as a huge thrust and burden on them, saying that the only way out was for them not only to do the work, but also to do it efficiently and in line with the contractual agreement.

The Chairman also reminded the porters and cleaners that the onus of keeping the University environment clean and tidy rests squarely on them, and that 'one day, all of us will be held accountable for our deeds before our creator. If for nothing, this alone should make us stand firm and do our work to the best of our ability,' He assured the porters and cleaners that the Committee would do everything humanly possible to convince the Management to

provide them with working facilities and hoped that they would reciprocate the gesture by doing their job very well.

Professor Murtala also spoke of the efforts the Committee was doing to maintain, replace and rebuild broken down facilities at lecture theatres, classrooms, rest rooms as well as the construction of reading and relaxation areas for both male and female students across the two Campuses of the University.

Others who also spoke are Sub-Dean Facilities of faculties of Education (SCE), Dr. Abdulkadir U. Ismail, Dangote Business School, Dr. Muhammad Baffa Sani and Engineer Salisu Abdulhamid of Directorate of Laboratory Management.

In their comments, some of the cleaners thanked the Management and the Committee for organizing the lectures and hoped that the exercise would be a continuous event.

## Appointments

### **Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Gadanya, now Head, Department of Community Medicine**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Gadanya, as the Head, Department of Community Medicine for two years commencing from 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

## **Centre for Infectious Diseases Research (CIDR)**

The Centre for Infectious Diseases Research, Bayero University, Kano, has organized a one-day capacity building workshop to take place as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Chairman:** Professor Isa Sadeeq Abubakar, Director CIDR

**Resource Person:** Dr. Mustapha Munnir Mustapha,

### **Dr. Suwaiba Sa'id Ahmad, now HOD, Science and Technology Education**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Suwaiba Sa'id Ahmad, as the Head, Department of Science and Technology Education, for two years commencing from 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

University of Pittsburgh U.S.A.

#### **Topics:**

1. Introduction to Grant Writing
2. Introduction to Manuscript Writing
3. Application of genome-sequencing in Tracking Disease outbreaks (using Lassa Fever as a case example).

## **Abdullahi Bn Mas'ud Center For Qur'anic Memorization**

### ***Week End Tahfeez***

This is to inform members of the University community and the general public that staff school at Old Campus will be conducting a Weekend Tahfeez programme for children between the ages of five (5) and above. Time is 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Application forms are available at the school premises from 10:00am – 1:00pm, on Sunday and at BUK Old Campus Central Masjid, Agaji (Hisbah) Office.

For more information, Contact: 07031140945, 08034182565

## Call For Applications for Participation in the ERASMUS+ Ka107 2019/2020 Staff Mobility Program

Erasmus+ K107 Staff Mobility for Teaching Assignments (STA) is a fully funded mobility activity that allows academic staff of Bayero University to teach and participate in joint academic/educational activities at Bayburt University, Turkey. Successful applicants can participate in activities such as lecturing, hands-on teaching, giving a seminar and organizing a workshop.

### 1. Application Conditions

The applications minimum requirements are as follows:

- a. Applicants must be academic staff of Bayero University, Kano.
- b. Only staff with expertise in the following subject areas are eligible to apply:
  - i) Electricity and Energy;
  - ii) Building and Civil Engineering;
  - iii) Sociology and Cultural Studies

### 2. Application Procedures

**Step 1.** All interested applicants must submit their

application to DRIP/IPTTO using the prescribed form.

**Step 2.** Successful applicants will be given an Acceptance Letter (either from the International Office or related academic department at the Bayburt University), and fill in the application form. An acceptance letter is a pre-admission document/e-mail sent by an official from the Bayburt University. The letter needs to be submitted together with the application form (in the attachment) to DRIP/IPTTO prior to the application deadline.

**Step 3.** All the applications will be evaluated by DRIP/IPTTO according to fair and transparent selection criteria and the result publicized.

**Important Note:** Applications of those candidates who have not received pre-admission will not be evaluated in the selection process.

Interested applicants are requested to contact the Administrative Secretary, DRIP/IPTTO for more information.

## Darul Uloom School, New Campus: Women Section

This is to inform members of the University community and the general public that Darul Uloom School is advertising its Women Section. The school is sited in Bayero University, Kano. The School has a lot of teachers who are willing to share with their students what they learnt. Apart from Islamic Education, the

teachers obtained credible reasonable certificates with regard to Western education. Enrolling in the school will Insha'Allah uplift the educational level of the candidate to a great level and also to high moral standards. For more information, contact this number: 0812284022.

## Commissioning of BUK FM Digital Radio Studios

This is to invite members of the University Community and the general public to the commissioning of the BUK FM 98.9 Digital Studios. The event is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Faculty of Communication, New Campus.

*Announcer:*

**Prof. Umar A. Pate**

Chairperson, Faculty of Communication's MacArthur Grant Implementation Committee

## Appreciation from Prof. Ado Abdul Fattah

I, Professor Ado Abdul Fattah, of the Department of Civil Engineering, wish to extend my sincere appreciation to members of the University Community (too many to mention) and the general

public, who attended my wedding fatiha, which took place on Friday, 31st January, 2020. I am also deeply grateful to those who were unable to attend but prayed for me.



## SEMINARS

### International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF): *M.Sc Internal and Proposal Defense*

**Presenter 1:** Shehu Nasiru Muhammad (SPS/17/MIF/00002)

**Topic:** The viability of Micro-*Takaful* among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Hadejia, Jigawa State

**Supervisor:** Professor Garba Bala Bello

**Reviewer:** Professor Kabir Tahir Hamid

**Presenter 2:** Bashir Yaya Musa (SPS/15/MIF/00005)

**Topic:** Awareness, Attitude and Perception of Muslims towards Islamic Banking in Maiduguri Metropolis, a Religio-Economic Perspective.

**Supervisor:** Professor Shehu Usman Rano Aliyu

**Reviewer:** Dr. M.I. Abdullahi

**Presenter 3:** Yusuf Muhammad (SPS/15/MIF/00010)

**Topic:** An Assessment of the Intention to Accept Shariah Compliant Crowd funding mode of Financing in Borno State

**Supervisor:** Dr Warshu Tijjani Rabi

**Internal Examiner:** Professor Aminu Kado Kurfi

**Presenter 4:** Abdullahi Adam Abdullahi (SPS/15/MIF/00022)

**Topic:** Examining Nigerian Forward *Ijarah Sukuk* Based on AAOIFI *Shariah* Standard on Contemporary *Shariah Issues*.

**Supervisor:** Dr. Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad

**Internal Examiner:** Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril

**Chairman:** Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril

**Date:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** IIIBF Conference Room

### Department of Biochemistry: *Departmental PG Seminar*

**PhD progress Report:**

**1. Name:** Garba Uba (SPS/15/PBC/00010)

**Topic:** Development and optimization of an enzyme based assay for the determination of heavy metals and pesticides using protease from ginger

**Supervisor:** Dr Muntari Bala

**2. Name:** Fatima Bello (SPS/15/BC/00005)

**Topic:** Isolation of potential antibacterial

peptides from the leaves and seeds of some medicinal plants.

**Supervisor:** Dr Mansurah Abdulazeez.

**M Sc Final Seminar:**

**1. Name:** Sadiya abba Hussein (SPS/16/MBC/00072)

**Topic:** Evaluation of neuroprotective role of Combretum micrathum terpenoid rich extract on aluminium induced brain damage in laboratory animals

**Supervisor:** Dr Aminu Ibrahim

**2. Name:** Maryam Aliyu Abdullahi (SPS/15/MBC/00097)

**Topic:** Effect of methanol root bark extract of Ficus sycomorous on carbon tetrachloride induced hepatotoxicity in rats

**Supervisor:** Prof A M Wudil

**CHAIRMAN:** Dr M A Salim (Dean Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences)

**DATE:** TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**VENUE:** PG Class

**Time:** 10:00 am Prompt

### Department of Islamic Law: *Departmental Seminar*

**1<sup>st</sup> Presenter:** Saeed Bello, Department of Islamic Law, Bayero University, Kano.

**Topic:** *An Examination of the Legal Issues and Shari'ah Governance on Islamic Finance in Nigeria.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Presenter:** Ishaq Muhammad Sheikh, Department of Islamic Law, Bayero University, Kano.

**Topic:** *Conjoined Twins: Killing a Pair of the Twins to Save the other under Islamic Law: A Case Study of Kano Conjoined Twins.*

**Chairman:** Prof. Nasir A. Ahmad, Department of Islamic Law, Bayero University, Kano

**Discussant:** Dr. Mansur Isa Yelwa, Department of Islamic Law

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Time:** 2: 00pm

**Venue:** Court Room Faculty of Law



# BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

## MOSQUES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

### LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The University Mosques Management Committee wishes to express its profound gratitude and appreciation to all the Muslim members of the University Community for their contributions and support (from August 2018 to July 2019) towards the construction of the new Juma'at mosque at the New Campus. May Allah reward you with Al-Jannat-al-Firdausi, Ameen.

Based on the achievement so far, there is the need for proper maintenance and sustenance of not only the recent commissioned mosque, but all the entire mosques of the University; and the continuation of the next phase of the Islamic Resource Centre which includes Library, Conference Hall, Islamiyya School as well as the activities of the Muslim Forum. This committee can only achieve these goals if it has adequate running funds.

Consequently, the committee is soliciting for the approval of the Muslim members of the University to continue with the deduction from February 2020. In this way, the committee is harmonizing deductions for Muslim Forum and the University mosques, thus when it becomes effective, the on-going deductions for Muslim Forum will be stopped.

While anticipating your usual support and cooperation, however, the committee wishes to further notify members wishing to discontinue with the deductions at any time to kindly text "NO" and their P. Number to 08025453206. Equally, staff wishing to increase their deductions should text the "Amount, P. Number to 08036572655; where "Amount" is the intended monthly contribution.

***Signed:***

**Emeritus Professor Muhammad Sani Zaharaddeen  
Chairman**

# University Health Services

## *Public Enlightenment/Advisory on Lassa Fever*



1. Lassa Fever is an acute viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF) caused by the lassa virus. The natural reservoir for the virus is multimammate rat. Other rodents have also been identified to carry the virus.
2. Lassa Fever occurs throughout the year but more cases are recorded during the dry season i.e. November through May.
3. Lassa Fever is spread through:
  - Direct contact with urine, faeces, saliva or blood of infected rats.
  - Contact with objects, household items and surfaces or eating food, contaminated with urine, faeces, saliva or blood of infected rats.
  - Person to Person transmission by contact with blood, urine, faeces, vomitus, semen, vaginal secretions, breast milk or other body fluids of an infected person.
4. Sign and Symptoms of Lassa Fever:

Lassa Fever presents initially like any other febrile illness such as malaria but accompanied with unexplainable bleeding from ears, eyes, nose, mouth and other body openings.

The time between an infection and appearance of symptoms of the disease is 2 to 21 days. Early treatment and diagnosis increase the chances of survival.
5. People most at risk are:
  - People of all age groups who come in contact with the urine, faeces, saliva or blood of rats.
  - People living in rat-infested environments, which increases their chances of coming in contact with rats.
  - People who consume potentially contaminated food stuff especially those left open over-night or dried outside in the open.
  - People who handle or process rodents for consumption.
  - People who do not observe hand hygiene when appropriate.
  - Relatives who take care of sick person with Lassa Fever at home.
6. How to prevent yourself from Lassa Fever
  - Maintain personal hygiene by, among others, frequent hand washing with soap and water or use of hand sanitizers.
  - Store food in containers with lids and discard any food remnants.
  - Keep your home and surrounding clean and tidy to discourage rats and other rodents from entering.
  - Ensure proper sanitation by, among others, proper waste disposal.
  - Cook all food thoroughly.
  - Wash fruits thoroughly, vegetables and other food items before consumption.

