



Veteran Journalist, Gausu Ahmad, Mainasara Kurfi, Hajara, Kamba, 34 Others Now Professors ...Dr. Sagir Saleh, 50 Others Associate Professors

The Bayero University, Appointment and Promotions Committee chaired by the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas at its 192nd Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th September, 2023 approved the promotion of 38 senior academics to the rank of professors and fifty one others associate professors respectively.

According to a statement signed by the Acting Registrar, Amina Umar Abdullahi said amongst the new Professors include veteran Journalist and former Editor, New Nigerian Newspapers, Dr. Gausu Ahmad, the Head Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi and Dr. Mannir Abdullahi Kamba as Professors of Media Studies, Mass Communication and Library and Information Sciences respectively.

Others include, Dr Hajara Umar Sanda (Professor of Media Studies), Dr Maikano Madaki (Professor of Sociology, Criminology) Dr Abbas Ja'afar Badakaya (Professor of Mathematics) and Dr Aminu Mohammed Dukku (Professor of Sociology, Criminology). The statement said the promotions were for 2020; 2021 and 2022 sessions respectively.

Below is the full list of the newly promoted professors and associate professors:

2021 Professors

S/N	NAME	RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Dr. Ibrahim Yusuf	Professor of Pathology	1 st October, 2021
2.	Dr. Hajara Haruna	Professor of Botany	1 st October, 2021
3.	Dr. Ahmed Rabi'u	Professor of Commercial Law	1 st October, 2021

2022 PROFESSORS

4.	Dr. Sadiq Rabi'u Abdullahi	Professor of Accounting	1 st October, 2022
5.	Dr. Garba Mohammed Tofa	Professor of Adult & Non-formal Education	1 st October, 2022
6.	Dr. Anas Ibrahim Yahaya	Professor of Anatomy (Bioanthropology)	1 st October, 2022
7.	Dr. Nuhu Bello Rano	Professor of Animal Science	1 st October, 2022
8.	Dr. Yusuf Garba	Professor of Animal Science	1 st October, 2022
9.	Dr. Hussaini Muhammad Lawan	Professor of Arabic Literature	1 st October, 2022
10.	Dr. Mukhtar Shehu Aliyu	Professor of Business Administration	1 st October, 2022
11.	Dr. Nurudeen Salahudeen	Professor of Chemical Engineering	1 st October, 2022
12.	Dr. Habibu Rabi'u	Professor of Electrical Engineering	1 st October, 2022
13.	Dr. Amina Adamu	Professor of English Language	1 st October, 2022
14.	Dr. Jibril Dan'azimi Jibril	Professor of Facilities Management	1 st October, 2022
15.	Dr. Aliyu Ahmad Aliyu	Professor of Estate Management	1 st October, 2022
16.	Dr. Aisha Ni'ima Shehu	Professor of History	1 st October, 2022
17.	Dr. Mansur Isa Yelwa	Professor of Islamic Law	1 st October, 2022
18.	Dr. Aminullahi A. El-Gambari	Professor of Islamic Studies & Sharia	1 st October, 2022
19.	Dr. Abdulmu'in Muh'd Ali Gedi	Professor of Islamic Studies & Sharia	1 st October, 2022
20.	Dr. Manir Abdullahi Kamba	Professor of Library & Information Sciences	1 st October, 2022
21.	Dr. Bappah Magaji Abubakar	Professor of Library & Information Sciences	1 st October, 2022
22.	Dr. Abashe Atiku Maidibino	Professor of Library & Information Sciences	1 st October, 2022
23.	Dr. Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi	Professor of Mass Communication	1 st October, 2022
24.	Dr. Gausu Ahmad	Professor of Media Studies	1 st October, 2022
25.	Dr. Nafiu Husseini	Professor of Mathematics	1 st October, 2022
26.	Dr. Abbas Ja'afaru Badakaya	Professor of Mathematics	1 st October, 2022
27.	Dr. Ibrahim Yusuf	Professor of Applied Mathematics	1 st October, 2022
28.	Dr. Muhammad Hamza	Professor of Medicine	1 st October, 2022

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29.	Dr. Aisha Muhammad Nalado	Professor of Medicine	1 st October, 2022
30.	Dr. Garba Iliyasu	Professor of Medicine	1 st October, 2022
31.	Dr. Saleh Ngaski Garba	Professor of Community Health Nursing	1 st October, 2022
32.	Dr. Akinwale Adeyemi Efunkoya	Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	1 st October, 2022
33.	Dr. Abdulsalam Muhammad	Professor of Paediatrics	1 st October, 2022
34.	Dr. Garba Dayyabu Gwarzo	Professor of Paediatrics	1 st October, 2022
35.	Dr. Zubaida Ladan Farouk	Professor of Paediatrics	1 st October, 2022
36.	Dr. Maikano Madaki	Professor of Sociology (Criminology)	1 st October, 2022
37.	Dr. Aminu Mohammed Dukku	Professor of Sociology (Criminology)	1 st October, 2022
38.	Hajara Umar Sanda	Professor of Media Studies	1 st October, 2022

2020 ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

S/N	NAME	RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar Alkali	Architecture	1 st October, 2020

2021 ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

2.	Dr. Muhammad Sagir Saleh	1 st October, 2021 Anatomy	1 st October, 2021
3.	Dr. Ibrahim Sani Khalil	Architecture	1 st October, 2021
4.	Dr. Ali Sani Muhammad	Architecture	1 st October, 2021
5.	Dr. Tasi'u Yalwa Rilwanu	Geography	1 st October, 2021
6.	Dr. Dahiru Jafaru Usman	Public Law	1 st October, 2021
7.	Dr. Aishatu Aminu Ibrahim	Medical Microbiology	1 st October, 2021
8.	Dr. Abdul'aziz Sani Zango	Political Science	1 st October, 2021
9.	Dr. Nuhu Musa Idris	Private and Commercial Law	1 st October, 2021
10.	Dr. Abubakar Aminu Ahmad	Private and Commercial Law	1 st October, 2021
11.	Dr. Kabir Umar	Software Engineering	1 st October, 2021
12.	Dr. Mustapha Ibrahim Usman	Surgery	1 st October, 2021
13.	Dr. Lawan Barau Abdullahi	Surgery	1 st October, 2021

2022 ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

14.	Dr. Amina Lawan Mustapha	Agric Econs & Extension	1 st October, 2022
15.	Dr. Abdullahi Asuku Yusuf	Anatomy	1 st October, 2022
16.	Dr. Badamasi Ibrahim Mohammed	Anatomy	1 st October, 2022
17.	Dr. Muhammad Mahe Bello	Arabic	1 st October, 2022
18.	Dr. Bilkisu Dahiru Umar	Arabic	1 st October, 2022
19.	Dr. Kabiru Abdulsalam	Chemical Pathology	1 st October, 2022
20.	Dr. Muttaka Na'iyah Ibrahim	Civil Engineering	1 st October, 2022
21.	Dr. Baba Sani Wudil	Crop Protection	1 st October, 2022
22.	Dr. Abubakar Wambai Aminu	Economics	1 st October, 2022
23.	Dr. Dahiru Inuwa	Education	1 st October, 2022
24.	Dr. Amir Abdullahi Bature	Electrical Engineering	1 st October, 2022
25.	Dr. Hassan Abdullahi Bashir	Electrical Engineering	1 st October, 2022
26.	Dr. Ahmed Fate Ali	Environment Management	1 st October, 2022
27.	Dr. Mustapha Zakari Karkarna	Environment Management	1 st October, 2022
28.	Dr. Abdullahi Bawa Chafe	Estate Management	1 st October, 2022
29.	Dr. Shehu Tijani Yusuf	History	1 st October, 2022
30.	Dr. Abdulkadir Usman Ismail	Islamic Studies & Sharia, SCE	1 st October, 2022
31.	Dr. Abdallah Usman Umar	Islamic Studies & Sharia, SCE	1 st October, 2022
32.	Dr. Taufiq Abubakar Hussaini	Islamic Studies & Sharia	1 st October, 2022
33.	Dr. Tijani Shehu Almajir	Hausa	1 st October, 2022
34.	Dr. Aliyu Ibrahim Kiri	Mathematical Sciences	1 st October, 2022
35.	Dr. Mu'azu Abubakar	Mechanical Engineering	1 st October, 2022
36.	Dr. Jamilu Abubakar Bala	Medical Laboratory Science	1 st October, 2022
37.	Dr. Muhammad Adamu Abbas	Medical Microbiology	1 st October, 2022
38.	Dr. Sani Yahaya	Microbiology	1 st October, 2022

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39.	Dr. Musrtala Yusuf	O & G	1 st October, 2022
40.	Dr. Olushola Ibiyinka Amole	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	1 st October, 2022
41.	Dr. Sani Sa'idu Bello	Pharmaceutical Medicinal Chemistry	1 st October, 2022
42.	Dr. Abubakar Tabiu	Public Administration	1 st October, 2022
43.	Dr. Tijjani Magaji Bamanga	Public Law	1 st October, 2022
44.	Dr. Muhammad Nuruddeen	Public Law	1 st October, 2022
45.	Dr. Aminu Muhammad	Pure & Industrial Chemistry	1 st October, 2022
46.	Dr. Bishir Usman	Pure & Industrial Chemistry	1 st October, 2022
47.	Dr. Mansur Bala Ibrahim	Pure & Industrial Chemistry	1 st October, 2022
48.	Dr. Yusuf Lawal	Radiology	1 st October, 2022
49.	Dr. Ikusika Olufafeyisaya Francis	Restorative Dentistry	1 st October, 2022
50.	Dr. Mansur Dawaki	Soil Science	1 st October, 2022
51.	Dr. Muzammil Abdullahi	Surgery	1 st October, 2022

CDA Collaborates with ICRISAT to Unveil Blueprint for Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship Hub (RITEH) at BUK

By Nura Garba



Participants in a group photograph

In a significant effort at bolstering agricultural innovation and entrepreneurship in Nigeria, the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano in collaboration with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), successfully hosted a 5-day write-shop from October 16th to 20th, 2023.

The main objective of this initiative was to establish a Regional Innovation, Teaching, and Entrepreneurship Hub (RITEH) at CDA, designed to provide comprehensive training in processing technologies, product development techniques, infrastructure facilities and entrepreneurial skills to a diverse range of stakeholders, including students, aspiring entrepreneurs, rural youth and women across Nigeria.

The write-shop, which brought together an eclectic group of participants, featured experts from ICRISAT, researchers, academicians, government officials, bank

staff, students, NGOs, and startups. The event was inaugurated by Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, the CDA Deputy Director, who emphasized the pivotal role this initiative plays in advancing agricultural innovation and sustainable practices in Nigeria.

Dr. Murtala Muhammad Badamasi, Coordinator Training of CDA, warmly welcomed the experts and participants and provided an overarching overview of the write-shop's purpose.

Dr. Victor Afari-Sefa, Director of Enabling Systems for Transformation at ICRISAT India, reiterated the significance of establishing RITEH and presented an overview of the progress made by CDA. He outlined the future plans for establishing this innovation hub in Kano region of Nigeria.

Throughout the write-shop, various sessions were conducted to enhance agricultural value chain interventions, promote gender-sensitive and nutri-sensitive food systems, explore processing technologies and showcase case studies of successful innovation hubs and startup training programs. Notably, startups from India presented a range of innovative solutions in digital agriculture, precision agriculture and drone-based agricultural solutions that have the potential to revolutionize the agricultural landscape in Nigeria through RITEH.

The write-shop also included site visits to existing innovation hubs in Kano, where experts had the opportunity to interact with students and startups. An ideation workshop was organized to encourage participants to nurture their entrepreneurial aspirations.

Prof. Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, Director of CDA, expressed CDA's unwavering commitment to establish RITEH for the benefit of the Nigerian farming community and extended gratitude to ICRISAT for its invaluable support and guidance in setting up this hub.

To further garner support for the establishment of RITEH in Kano, a delegation consisting Bayero University staff and ICRISAT team members visited the High Commissioner office of India in Abuja. They briefed Indian officials about the significance of RITEH and requested support under the umbrella of South-

South collaboration.

The establishment of the Regional Innovation, Teaching, and Entrepreneurship Hub (RITEH) at Bayero University is set to become a transformative force in the agricultural landscape of Nigeria, fostering innovation, entrepreneurship and sustainable agricultural practices, while engaging a diverse range of stakeholders. This collaborative endeavor signifies a significant step towards addressing pressing agricultural challenges and strengthening regional capacities in West and Central Africa.

Centre for Qur'anic Studies Organizes Workshop for *Qur'anic*, *Islamiyya* Teachers

By Lamara Garba

The Center for Qur'anic Studies has organized capacity building workshop for *Qur'anic* and *Islamiyya* teachers as part of efforts to integrate modern techniques in the study of Qur'an right from the grass root level.

The workshop that took place on Friday, 20th and Saturday 21st October, 2023 at Abubakar Rasheed Board Room, Faculty of Physical Sciences were aimed at improving the quality of the teaching method as well as injecting the best practices in the memorization of the Qur'an by the *Islamiyya* pupils.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, commended the Center for Qur'anic Studies for organizing such an all important workshop which he said would go a long way improved the operations of the *Islamiyya* schools.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani, the Vice Chancellor noted that the Center had justified its establishment which was primarily to improve the study of Qur'an in the country and Africa in general.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Director of the Center for Qur'anic Studies, Professor Ahmad Murtala, said the workshop was specifically organized for *Qur'anic* and *Tahfeez* teachers from within and outside Kano State with a view to improving their operations.



DVC Management Services, Prof. M. U. Sani (right) with the Director, CQS, Prof. A. Murtala



Cross section of the participants at the workshop

He said the Centre in collaboration with Ameer and Mihtafir Khair organization decided to come up with the programme which is expected to identifying challenges they are facing and ways to address them.

According to him, in addition to making them more organized, the schools could also be trained on modern teaching methods of the Qur'an as well as inculcate the good teaching content of the Holy book, saying that for a person to memorize Qur'an and know its meaning he will have the advantage of becoming more productive and beneficial to the society.

He said new teaching methods were introduced in the teaching of Qur'an. The new method will go a long way in inculcating discipline and good character in students which will have the positive effect in good morality and improvement in societal armament.

Presenting a paper titled “**Model Islamic Schools and Memorization of the Qur'an: Reality, Challenges and Prospects,**” Engineer Bashir Adamu Aliyu, emphasized the need to integrate teaching of Qur'an by rebuilding Muslim education paradigm with a stress to vital elements of spiritual and moral excellence. This, he said is urgently needed for the regeneration of Muslim life and culture.

Dr Aliyu noted that education, particularly Qur'anic

Studies should cater for the growth of man in all its aspect; spiritual, intellectual, imaginative, physical, scientific, linguistic both individually and collectively and motivate all these aspects towards goodness and the attainment of perfection.

He regretted however that the existing conditions in present day educational institutions in most Muslim countries do not truly reflect the Islamic ideal, these institutions do not play their rightful role in the education of the younger generation in Islamic faith, thought and conduct.

As a way forward, he suggested to have a clear entry level assessment process, well defined qira'ah methodology, effective Tajweed/Tilawa programme, effective training on Hifz, revision and linking strategies and minimum graduation standard as well as assessing both memory and understanding.

Other papers were presented by Dr. Tijjani Zubairu Rabi'u on Strategic Planning for Tahfizul Qur'an; Al-Mahir Bil Qur'an Project by Dr Nura Abdullahi and Concrete Qur'anic Memorization: Techniques and Work Plan by Dr. Shuaibu Mukhtar Shuaibu.

Many participants expressed delight for the workshop which they said was timely.

CGS in Collaboration with CIPP, Mercy Corps Organizes Dialogue on Impact of Conflicts on Vulnerable People

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Centre for Gender Studies in collaboration with Community Initiative to Promote Peace (CIPP) and Mercy Corps has organized a one-day dialogue on the impact of conflict and criminality on women and people with disability (PWD), The dialogue took place on Monday 25th September 2023 at the CGS Conference Room.

The Director of the Center, Dr. Suwaiba Ahmad Sa'id, in her remarks, said research has shown that women and people with disabilities are more vulnerable because they are not strong like men who have the ability and strength to defend themselves.

She said the dialogue had become a necessity so as to see how women could tackle insecurity through strategy that could mitigate crime and criminality in the society.

The Director said BUK is sensitive to students with special needs because the University has special facilities and special needs section in the library to make life easier for people with disability. She said BUK is open for collaboration that would improve their lives.

Professor Maikano Madaki spoke on actions that should be taken to support PWD to mitigate the problems they encounter, saying that society should accord them special waiver and think of a way to help and support them.

He said individuals should go back to their communities, identify people with special needs and give them

maximum support to make life easier for them.

Prof. Madaki said Kano State had signed disability bills into law which would enable people with disability to assess free education, automatic employment among others, but it is yet to be implemented. He, therefore, advised vulnerable people to seek support, participate in decision making and speak with to voice.

Some of the participants who were asked to share their experiences said stigmatization and rejection are some of the challenges they face in the society even from family members in some cases.



Participants at the dialogue sharing their experience

Centre for Qur'anic Studies Pays Homage to Emir of Kazaure

By Salisu Inusa Isma'il

The Centre for Qur'anic Studies led by its Director, Professor Ahmad Muratala, paid homage to the Emir of Kazaure, His Highness (HRH), Alh Najib Hussaini Adamu, CON at his palace on Wednesday, 25th October, 2023. Speaking during the visit, Prof. Muratala said that



CQS team with HRH, Dr. Najib H. Adamu (4th right)

they were at the Palace on behalf of the University to pay homage and to confer on HRH the chairmanship of the Advisory Board of the Center.

Prof. Muratala traced the historical evolution of the Center, saying that it was established by the management of Bayero University Kano (BUK) in 2014 to among other things promote and enhance Qur'anic studies within and beyond the confines of the Muslim communities.

He further informed his Highness of the strong existing partnership and collaboration between the center and Ouli Al-Albab College for Qur'anic Studies and Darul Qur'an

Foundation, Hargeisa, Republic of Somalia which culminated in the graduation of one hundred (100) Qur'anic memorizers, with 60 from Somalian institutions, while the remaining graduands had their graduation ceremony in BUK last week, saying, the graduation which was 5th in the series, saw the graduates mastering modes of recitations according to Imam Al-Duri from Abu-Amr Albasri and Imam *Hafs* from Asim.

Prof. Muratala used the occasion to unveil the center's upcoming events to include organizing Qur'anic recitation competition in *warsh* mode of recitation, hosting symposium for *Alarammomi* in order to hear from the horse's mouth on how to improve *Tsangaya* system, organizing capacity building training for Islamic teachers (*Ulamas*), inter-university Qur'anic recitation competition among others laudable initiatives with particular attention to person's with special needs.

Responding, the Emir of Kazaure, Alh Najib Hussaini Adamu, CON, pledged his unwavering commitment and willingness to work assiduously and closely with other members of the Advisory Board for the Center to deliver on its mandates.

While accepting to serve as the Chairman of the Board, His Highness looked forward to an inaugural meeting so that pertinent issues concerning the progress of the center will be discussed.

He expressed his delight for the visit and then offered prayers for the success of the Center.

Those present during the visit included the Deputy Director of the Centre, Prof. Umar Abbas Abdulkadir, Prof. Usman Sani Abbas, Dr. Tijjani Zubairu Rabi, Dr. Yahya Gwani Yahuza and Gwani Auwal Dankumbotso.

Centre for Qur'anic Studies Condoles Dantata

By Salisu Inusa Isma'il

The Centre for Qur'anic Studies under the leadership of Professor Ahmad Muratala led a team of senior academics of the Centre to Koki quarters, the residence of a Kano business tycoon and philanthropist, Alh Aminu Alhasan Dantata to condole him over death of his granddaughter, Hajiya Batulu Baba Alhasan who died on Monday 23rd October, 2023 after a protracted illness in Kano.

While extolling the good virtues of the deceased, Prof. Muratala described her death as a great lost not only to her immediate family but to the generality of the Muslim community.

Also, Prof. Umar Abbas Abdulkadir offered a special prayer for the repose of the soul of the diseased and for



Alh. Aminu A. Dantata seated on a chair while the Director CQS (middle) offering a prayer

Allah to forgive her shortcomings and grant her *Aljannahtul Firdausi*.

Responding, Alh. Aminu Alhasan Dantata expressed his gratitude for identifying with them at this period. Similarly, the mother of the diseased, Dr. Umulkhairi Alhasan Dantata extended her appreciation to the Centre for the prayers and for sending such a powerful team.

The Director was in company of Prof. Usman Sani Abbas, Dr. Tijjani Zubairu Rabi, Dr. Yahya Gwani Yahuza and Gwani Auwal Dankumbotso.

Department of English Conducts Orientation for New Students

By Salisu Inusa Isma'il

The Department of English and Literary Studies has organized an orientation programme for its newly admitted students. The event which was attended by both students and staff of the Department took place on Monday 16th October, 2023 at the Prof. Galafanchi Theatre within the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies of the University.

In his address, the Head of the Department, Dr. Aminu Bala Danyaro admonished the newly admitted students to be serious with their studies by paying attention to their teachers, ask questions for clarifications where necessary and then compliment any gap through personal researches



The students listening to speeches

in the library by way of consulting other relevant resources.

He used the opportunity to congratulate and formally welcome them to the University and the Department in particular for having met all the admission requirements, saying, "after series of screening you are the luckiest because others were dropped in the process".

While encouraging the students to put personal efforts in their academic pursuits, Dr Danyaro challenged them to aim higher in order to graduate with a very good class of degree so that they would achieve the essence of been in the University.

HOD Environmental Management, Dr Ahmed Fate Ali Conferred Professional Fellow of Nigerian Environmental Society (FNES)

By Haidar Aliyu

The Head of Department, Environmental Management, Dr. Ahmed Fate Ali has been conferred Professional Fellow of the Nigerian Environmental Society (NES), the conferment took place at the just concluded Annual General Conference held at Enugu on 20th October, 2023.

Members of the University community and beyond have been congratulating him for this milestone achievement.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, Prof. Ibrahim Garba Satatima, said that the orientation programme was aimed to provide enough guidance to the new students on the do's and don'ts governing their stay in the University. He reassured the students that they were in the most capable hands in their quest for academic excellence as he described the Department of English as the best within the Faculty and then tasked them to following the success stories of the past students who graduated with good grades.

While making her presentation on "Reading Culture", Dr. Ralia Maijamaa, charged the new students to face what was before them as success could not be achieved without cultivating the habit of reading, adding, "if you do not like reading, you are in the wrong place". She emphasized that reading was extremely important; hence students cannot escape from it.

On examinations, the Departmental Examination officer, Dr. Aliyu Yakubu, emphasized the need for the incoming students to adhere strictly to the university's regulations pertaining to the conduct of examinations and shun any form of examination malpractices.

On her part, a senior member of the Department, Prof. Aisha Umar, provided extensive discussions into the place of English studies in the modern society, offering students valuable insights into the career opportunities that await graduates of English after their degree programmes.

Comrade Aliyu Idris, the President, National Association of Students of English and Literary Studies (NASELS), enumerated some of his modest achievements to include literary presentation, sporting competition, organizing tutorials for their fellow students in the department.

While expressing his gratitude to the Faculty, Department, and his team for their massive support, he reassured the students that many more interesting and educating programmes were underway.

Highlight of the event included captivating poem recitation by Aisha Muhammed on "English as a Profession" and spelling competition.



Dr. Ahmed Ali receiving a plauge from NES Representative

Dr. Idris Mohammed Emerges ACCN President

By Lamara Garba

The Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Dr. Idris Mohammed has been elected as the President of the Association of Clinical Chemists of Nigeria (ACCN).

The election took place on 18th-21st October, 2023 at the 8th Biennial Scientific Conference in Abuja.

Other executive officers elected are Dr JAA Onakoya as Vice President; Assistant Secretary- Dr Ifeyinwa Nnakenyi; Treasurer- Prof Samuel Meludu; Financial Secretary- Dr Rosemary Adamma Analike; PRO- Dr Umar Muhammad Aliyu and Auditor- Prof Peter Anaja

In his acceptance speech the new president expressed delight for the confidence reposed in him



Dr. Idris Mohammed (3rd right) in a group photograph ACCN members

"This is a trust and faith bestowed in me as the incoming President of this association. With all the opportunities and challenges that come with my acceptance to serve us all, I am of the belief that this journey will not be a smooth one if I am to walk it alone, however, we thank the eminent founders of our great association for putting it on a sound footing," he declared.

Professor Mohammed assured that through synergism we can execute an effective tenure as officials.

He commended the initiatives that were undertaken by the previous leaders. "Indeed you are an inspiration for us to continue doing these great works that you began."

The new president promised to work closely with other associations with a view to achieving the desired objective of ACCN.

He charged members to strive to strengthen our unity and inclusiveness so that no section or group will feel left behind or left out.

Meanwhile, participants have observed with dismay that there are presently worrisome challenges with the quality of test results from clinical laboratories in Nigeria.

Equally, it noticed the inadequate and uncoordinated regulation and oversight of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine practice in Nigeria.

A communique issued also frowned at poor funding for Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Laboratory services in Nigeria, resulting in poor quality laboratory results.

There is thus an urgent need to prioritize the funding and improvement of Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Laboratory services in Nigeria in order to achieve minimum international standards for improved healthcare delivery in the country.

It called for mentorship of young Pathologists and Laboratory Scientists for improvement of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine practice in Nigeria.

The communique equally call for an urgent need to streamline legislation for the regulation, control and oversight of Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Laboratory services in Nigeria.

There is urgent need for legislation to prescribe minimum standards for the setting up, running and licensing of Clinical Laboratories in Nigeria, including the necessity for compulsory periodic participation in local and international Accreditation and External Quality Assessment programmes to improve the quality of laboratory results in Nigeria for improved healthcare delivery in the country.

Other measures suggested include the urgent need to review the training priorities and curriculum for Pathologists and Laboratory Scientists of the future, including the addition of more clinical training components, considering the rapidly evolving world of novel technological techniques in medical diagnostics, molecular and genetic techniques and artificial intelligence (AI).

The association requested that the government should increase the budgetary allocation to the health sector to at least the minimum African Union benchmark (Abuja Declaration) of 15% for improved funding of Clinical Laboratories in order to improve Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine practice in Nigeria and discourage brain drain of highly trained laboratory professionals.

FEES Organizes Refresher Workshop for Level Coordinators and Exam Officers

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Dean, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Professor Aliyu Salisu Barau has averred that being a level coordinator is an enormous task that is challenging, self-sacrificing with too much pressure but required one to be disciplined, organized and committed.

The Dean spoke at a one day refresher workshop for level coordinators and exam officers held on Wednesday 11th October, 2023 at the Deanery of FEES.



Dean FEES, Prof. Barau (left) and Level Coordinators and Exam officers

While welcoming the participants to the workshop, he commended them for their commitment towards their duties. According to him, the work of a level coordinator and examination officer is a service to humanity without expecting reward even when at times students and even parent rained insults at them without knowing the efforts they put in the discharge of their duties.

He, therefore, urged them to be up to date so as to understand the business more and try not to be found wanting in whatever form.

Dr. Ali Idris, the Dean, Faculty of Education in his presentation titled: “**Schedules and Duties of Level Coordinators, Departmental Exam Officers and Faculty Exam Officers,**” said a level coordinator is a person who coordinates and steers the activities of students under his coordination.

He said a level coordinator is an academic adviser who is saddled with the responsibilities of registering and opening students' files; providing courses for students to register and guiding them through among other responsibilities.

According to him, Departmental Exam Officer collects exam question papers and marking scheme from course lecturers and also liaises with the departmental quality assurance committee to vet the questions and marking scheme.

Dr. A A. Aliko in his presentation on “**Examination Preparation,**” said exam officer should be familiar with the exam policies such as schedules, absence from exam, misconduct and penalties. He said it is important that synergy is formed between the faculty exam officer and departmental exam officer.

He said level coordinators should ensure that they generate list per department and level to know the actual number of students, while departmental exam officer should ensure venue is well equipped and arranged.

Dr. Muhammed N. Danjuma in his presentation titled “**Handling of Misconduct Cases,**” said the University has a zero tolerance for possession of electronic devices which include mobile phone, Ipod, MP3 players and any form of smart watch that is either switched on or off during exam.

Others who made presentations at the workshop were Dr. Musa Alkali and Dr. Abdulaziz Umar Raji, who spoke on examination administration and result processing respectively.

More Females Admitted as Fac. of Agric Welcomes New Students

By Salisu Inusa Isma'il

In this year's admission exercise, the Faculty of Agriculture has achieved an unprecedented record-breaking of admitting more females than males. This development was disclosed by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Muhammad Auwal Hussain at an orientation programme organized on Thursday, 19th October, 2023 to formally welcome the new students into the Faculty.

Interestingly, Prof. Hussain further pointed out that out of the five hundreds and eighty (580) new students of the Faculty, three hundred and eleven (311) were females while the remaining were males. This increasing interest of women in the field of agric-related areas was unconnected with the realities of the day as food became an issue these days. Saying apart from petroleum, agriculture is second in terms of contribution to the economic growth of the country because it has now taken the centre stage.

Prof. Hussain stated that the orientation programme was



Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. M. A. Hussain delivering his address

designed to equip the newly admitted students with adequate knowledge and enough guidance of what was expected of them throughout their stay in the University.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor, Prof Sagir Adamu Abbas, represented by the University Librarian, Dr Kabir Dahiru Abbas, pointed out that the University Management placed high priority on students' welfare, hence the necessity for the students to reciprocate this gesture through hard work, commitment and abide strictly by the University's rules and regulations.

While expressing his happiness for having more female this time studying agriculture which was hitherto dominated by men, Prof. Abbas congratulated them for securing admission to pursue studies into the best University in the North and fifth in the whole Country according to the recent university ranking.

He equally expressed delight that now people are reverting to agriculture as the main stay of the economy, asserting that no nation will progress without adequate attention to its agricultural sector.

While giving valuable insights on "Academic Excellence and Values", Dr Ali Abdullahi tasked the new students to always aim higher through their firm believe in '*can do it*'

attitude. He further inspired them to have goals and pursue whatever they were passionate about.

On his part, the Director, Academic Planning, Prof Yusuf Garba enlighten the students on the '*Academic and Examination Regulations*' emphasizing that the University has zero tolerance for examination malpractice in whatever form as anyone found wanting will definitely face the consequences of his/her action. He then admonished the students to familiarize themselves with the rules governing their studentship, adding, "Endeavor to adhere to the University rules and regulations as ignorance of the law is never an excuse".

Other senior members of the faculty took time to educate the new students on range of issues especially as it relates to how to excel in their academic journeys. Those who spoke included Deputy Director CDA, Prof Sunusi Muhammad Gaya, Deputy Dean, Prof Hassan Sule, Director Security, Abdulyakin Ibrahim, Faculty Exam Officer, Muhammed J. Magaji, Representative of UHS, Dr Suleiman Odere, Dr Yahuza Lurwan and Faculty Librarian, Dr Razika.

Department of Adult Education and Community Development Sensitizes Students on Career Prospects

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Department of Adult Education and Community Development, Bayero University, Kano organized a one day career talk on potential career outlets for its students on Thursday 12th October, 2023 at Ibrahim Geidam Theatre, Faculty of Education.



Cross section of participants

Speaking at the event, Professor Muhammad Bello Shittu said the department was established over 3 decades ago and has undergraduate, post graduate and PhD programmes with two core specialization such as adult and non formal education and community development. He said there are 3 sub specializations like extension education, social welfare and gerontology.

According to him, discussion on career outlets and prospects is hinged on a number of assumptions that

labour market in a knowledge economy offers flexibility and adaptability; securing the opportunity offered by the training received based on transparent and accountable employment standards and possession of employability skills.

Prof. Shittu said the courses that are taught in the department exposed the students to appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes that guarantee employability and service in the relevant areas. According to him, career routes reflect competencies developed in areas such as instructional designer, courseware developer, continuing education and training specialist, work place trainer, course accreditation officer among others.

He said possible careers in adult and non formal education (ANFE) and adult education and community development are training and development consultancy; learning design and developer; learning delivery and assessor; community organizer; community mobilization officer; community project manager; community project monitor and evaluator; innovation diffusion specialist; community service engagement specialist; community service learning officer and community disaster management.

He said advocacy and lobbying skills possessed by community development practitioners give them opportunities to work with politicians and to support business managers to develop multi team marketing strategies.

According to him, institutions of higher learning that understand the need to promote effective town and gown

relationship would require the services of trained CD practitioners.

He said CD professionals have the skills to provide community-based care and support for disadvantaged groups including organization of palliative support for older adults, disaster victims and persons living with HIV/AIDS.

In his conclusion, he said core knowledge and skills competencies with social and civic competencies developed by students raise the employability potential of graduates especially in the voluntary sector and donor projects.

He also said skills in voluntarism make CD graduates better advocates and participants in community change, thus contributing to national progress.



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Event Schedule

Saturday 27th January, 2024

09:00AM WAT

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University Secretarial Staff Association (USSA): Congress Meeting

The University Secretarial Staff Association BUK Branch is inviting its members to a Congress Meeting, scheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday 9th November, 2023

Time: 3:00pm

Venue: Anatomy Department Complex, Old Campus

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Report all known and suspected cases of corruption to ACTU via WhatsApp 090-52628448, 08093862528 or email: actu@buk.edu.ng.

APPOINTMENTS

(1) The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointment of Dr. Babangida Muhammad SYD, as the Head, Department of Geology for two years commencing from October 25, 2023.

(2) The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointment of Dr. Shehu Ibrahim Dauda, as the Acting Head, Department of Mechatronics Engineering for one year commencing from October 23, 2023.

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Lead Paper Presenter:
Professor Salisu Shehu
VC, Al-Istiqama University Sumaila, Kano

DATE: 5th - 7th November, 2023 | **TIME:** 11:00am
VENUE: Convocation Arena, BUK New Campus

Department of Medical Laboratory Science: External Examination

External Examination 1:

- **Arrival:** 30th October, 2023
 - **Examination:** 31st October, 2023
 - o **Venue:** Departmental Conference Room
 - o **Time:** 8:30 am
 - **Departure:** 1st November, 2023
- Examiner:** Dr. Bashir Abdulkadir

1st Presenters:

1. Haruna Khlaifa Idris (SPS/18/MML/00010)
2. Biodun Bintu Adebakin (SPS/18/MML/00009)
3. Tijjani Zainab Ibrahim (SPS/17/MML/00077)

External Examination 2:

- **Arrival:** 26th October, 2023
 - **Examination:** 27th October, 2023
 - o **Venue:** Departmental Conference Room
 - o **Time:** 8:30 am
 - **Departure:** 28th October, 2023
- Examiner:** Dr. Lugos D. M

2nd Presenters:

1. Lukman Ibrahim (SPS/17/MML/00038)
2. Maryam Dauda Usman (SPS/17/MML/00041)
3. Oluwanishola Zainab Shehu (SPS/17/MML/00045)

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