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FUT, MINNA HOSTS BIOMEMS WORKSHOP

A 5-Day workshop on *Nanomedicine and Bio-Micro-Electric Mechanical System (BIOMEMS)*, organized by FUT, Minna Centre of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology in collaboration with African University of Science and Technology (AUST), Abuja with the support of World Bank STEP-B programme was held recently at CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.



5th from left: Profs. Osunde, Soboyejo and others after the opening session of the workshop.

Declaring the workshop open, DVC (Academic), Prof. Akim Osunde, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu, said FUT, Minna has a strong desire for excellence and quality in teaching, research and community services which has been the watchword of the University.

We have made our mark in vaccine development and drug research from natural herbs for the treatment of various

diseases. AUST is developing such capacity in nanotechnology and Bio-Micro Electro-Mechanical systems and its application in medical research cannot be rivalled anywhere in this country and in sub-Sahara Africa, he noted.

Prof. Audu also informed participants at the workshop that the University will continue to be at the fore-front of research and technological advancement in line with the institution's mission statement.

President, AUST Abuja, Prof. Wole Soboyejo at the opening session of the workshop delivered a lead paper entitled: *Nanoparticles and BioMEMS for Cancer Detection and Treatment.*

He revealed the various types, causes, and methods through which cancer can be detected.

According to him gold and magnetic particles provide opportunities for early Magnetic Response Images (MRI) detection and treatment of breast and prostate cancer.

“Single cell detection of cancer is not clinical”, he noted and urged participants to conduct cancer test regularly.

Earlier at the workshop, the Project Manager of World Bank Step-B programme, FUT, Minna, Prof. Oladiran Abubakre welcomed participants to the workshop and urged them to pay rapt attention to the various

presentations. He also thanked the University management for the immense support towards successful hosting of the workshop.

The workshop had in attendance researchers from AUST, Princeton University, USA and FUT, Minna.

FUT, MINNA SIGNS MoU WITH AUST, ABUJA

The list of Federal University of Technology, Minna affiliated institutions received a major addition recently when the University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with African University of Science and Technology (AUST), Abuja. The event took place on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at the Conference Room, Senate Building, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

In his address, Prof. Akim Osunde, who represented the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu, *FMAN*, said that the collaboration between the two institutions is a step in the right direction that would lead to many progressive developments.

“It is our believe that the signing of MoU between FUT, Minna and AUST, Abuja is a sign of better things to come and we hope it would lead us to stronger bonds” he enthused.

Earlier in his remark, President of AUST, Abuja, Prof. Wole Soboyejo said that AUST, Abuja is delighted to sign the MoU with the University and looked forward to further collaborations with FUT, Minna.



L-R: Prof. Osunde presents a copy of the signed MoU to the President, AUST, Abuja Prof. Wole Soboyejo.

“Our goal is to partner with institutions in order to benefit the School and society at large and we hope that this MoU would also lead to the generation of students that will enhance research in the field of science and biotechnology”.

The Deputy Director, Collaborations, Affiliations and Linkages, Dr. Gabriel Bake thanked the University Management for their support and congratulated AUST, Abuja on the success of the MoU.

The African University of Science and Technology (AUST) is the first of the Nelson Mandela Institutions (NMIs). It was established in Abuja, Nigeria, in 2007, as a centre of excellence in science and technology with a focus on African development.

FUT, MINNA RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF ROAD WORTHINESS

As part of efforts for professionalism and sanity in the Corps, the Niger State Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps has presented Certificates of Merit to worthy corporate, government and public drivers in the state.

At the presentation ceremony, which took place recently at the Corps Headquarters, Tunga Minna, Federal University of Technology, Minna was one of the recipients of the Certificate under Grade A.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu, *FMAN*, who was represented by the Focal Officer, SERVICOM, Prof. S. B. Oyeleke while accepting the certificate thanked the FRSC for the kind gesture and wished them success in all their endeavour.

Prof. Audu noted that with the recognition given to the complying operators, carnage will be reduced on our roads and road safety will be seen as friends who are trying to preserve lives and properties.

Earlier, Niger State Sector Commander, Mr. David Usman, congratulated the recipients and enjoined all stakeholders to extend hands of co-operation to all security agencies to enable them discharge their duties effectively.

The presentation of certificates to fleet operators is a yearly event under the Road Transporter Safety Standardization Scheme (RTSS) which is an accumulation of assessment carried out by officers of the Corps that is categorized into classes A-C based on the compliance level of the operators.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has also approved the renewal of contract appointments of the following staff:

1. Prof. Ibrahim Haruna, Department of Library Information Technology as Visiting Professor for a period of

First Semester, 2012/2013 session only.

2. Musa Mohammed, Works and Maintenance Department for a period of one year with effect from October 22, 2012.
3. Ali Ibrahim, Works and Maintenance Department for a period of one year with effect from September 18, 2012.
4. Abdulkareem I. Shatta, Works and Maintenance Department for a period of one year with effect from October 14, 2012.

SCREENING FOR JOB PLACEMENT IN FUT, MINNA MODEL SCHOOL

This is to inform all those who applied for various job positions in the University Model School that they are to report for Computer Based Exam at E-exam Centre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano on Saturday, September 29, 2012 by 9.00am prompt.

Applicants are to pay the sum of N1,000.00 (One Thousand Naira) only non refundable Examination fees at the Centre.

VACANCY

Girne American University, Cyprus is a global institution with campuses in Cyprus, Turkey, United Kingdom and Singapore, as well as distance learning campuses in the United States. As part of the University deep interest in globalization and linkages, the Board of the University Liaison Office in Nigeria resolved to appoint voluntary State Secretaries to serve as the University representative and link in each State of the Country. This is a voluntary

position and attracts no salary but activities involved will contribute immensely to the volunteer's personal, professional and academic career.

Interested applicants should send their applications and Curriculum Vitae to: The Hon. Director, Girne American University Liaison Office, P. O. Box 4007, Abuja. Application can also be delivered by hand or courier services to the Liaison Office: Suite 64, Dansville Plaza, Beside AP Petrol Station, Apo Legislative Quarters Road, Abuja or to nigeria@gau.edu.tr or gaunigeria@yahoo.com

For enquiries, please visit www.gau.edu.tr

SUSPENSION FROM THE UNIVERSITY

The Vice- Chancellor has approved with immediate effect the suspension of the following students from the institution.

1. Adamu I. Mayaki (2007/1/28239VQ), Department of Quantity Surveying, School of Environmental Technology for alleged involvement in a case of theft in Microbiology Laboratory.
2. James Isaac (2010/1/35193AE), Department of Agric. Econs & Extension Technology, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology for alleged involvement in a case of theft of two Laptop Computers.
3. Stephen Aderemi Idowu (2009/1/33217AA), Department of

Animal Production, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology for alleged involvement in Examination misconduct.

4. Sunday James (2007/1/28028BL), Department of Library Information Technology, School of Information and Computer Technology for alleged involvement in Examination malpractice.
5. Anas Mohammed (2009/1/32806CL), Department of Library Information Technology, School of Information and Computer Technology for alleged involvement in Examination malpractice.
6. Otitoju Kehinde (2009/1/34068BM), Department of Maths/Computer, School of Science and Science Education for alleged involvement in a case of theft of two Laptop Computers.

AL-HALAAL: SALES OF SALLAH RAM

This is to inform all financial members of Al-Halaal Cooperative Multi-Purpose Society Ltd, Federal University of Technology, Minna, that the Cooperative will sell Sallah rams at the rate of: N20,000.00, N25,000.00, N30,000.00, N35,000.00 and N40,000.00 respectively.

Interested members should book with the following Business Committee members: Mr. Rafiu Abdulwaheed, Physics

Department on 08036544246, Dr. Shamsudeen Ojoye (CDRM & DS), Geography Department on 08030589944 and Abubakar Aliyu, Student Affairs Division on 08065471463.

INVITATION TO CHILD NAMING

Mr. Omoniyi O. Hafis of Bursary Department was blessed with a baby boy on Saturday, September 22, 2012. The University Community and the general are hereby invited to the naming ceremony slated as follows:

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2012

Time: 8:00am

Venue: Shanu Village area, Behind Police Secondary School, Minna.