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DON URGES RESEARCHERS TO PUBLISH IN HIGH IMPACT JOURNALS

...Dubious, Predatory Journals Will No Longer Be Accepted - VC

Writing a good research paper for publication in reputable high impact journals is important as not only will the research become more visible, but it will also attract more readers which will potentially increase the researcher's citations, build stronger reputation and expand the researcher's professional network, the 2016 winner of FUT, Minna award for highest number of publications in high impact journals, Dr. Lanre Olatomiwa has said.



Dr. Olatomiwa delivering his lecture yesterday

The Don stated this yesterday when he delivered a public lecture titled: **"Overcoming the Challenges of Publishing in High Impact Journal: Increasing Citations and Visibility"** held at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus.

Dr. Olatomiwa disclosed that citation is all about acknowledging the original author of a work or article, adding that it helps in strengthening the researcher's work by lending outside support to ideas, opening opportunity for collaboration and boosting the ranking of the researcher's institution.

On how to publish in reputable journals, he advised researchers to always look at the journal scope, relevance to their field, quality or reputation of the journal, peer review, publication speed and journal ranking.

He noted that publishers want a research paper that would add to knowledge, that is well written, be of significance, provide enlightening discussion and, above

all, comply with journal requirements and international standards.

The Brightsparks scholar identified high similarity index, poorly written manuscripts, paper that is not within the scope of the journal and lack of novelty as some of the reasons why papers are often rejected by publishers.

To overcome the challenges of publishing in high impact journals, he urged researchers to adhere to the journal's format and to make use of online tools to check the status of journals before submitting their papers.

Speaking earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, said in line with global best practices, the University has been urging researchers to publish in reputable journals in order to boost the institution's ranking.

Prof. Akanji said the University Management instituted an award last year in order to encourage researchers to publish their works in high impact journals, adding that academic staff promotion as from 2019 would be based on papers that are published in high impact factor journals.

"We will no longer accept papers that are published in dubious, standalone and predatory journals for academic staff promotion." the VC disclosed.

The Vice-Chancellor, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Olakanmi Morenikeji disclosed that publishing in high impact factor journals is not a difficult task and urged researchers to form research groups in order to attract grants as well as publish their findings in reputable journals.

Dr. Olatomiwa is a lecturer in the Department of Electrical/Electronics Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), FUT, Minna.

FUTMINNA HOLDS SPECIAL DAY AT 2017 NIGER NATIONAL TRADE FAIR

The Federal University of Technology, Minna held its Special Day on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at the ongoing 15th Niger National Trade Fair, which was organized by the Niger Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NCCIMA) with the theme **“Patronizing Made in Nigeria Products”** at the Trade Fair Complex, Minna, Niger State.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, while speaking at the fair said the theme of the fair is very apt and timely



From left to right: The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji; the President, NCCIMA, Alhaji Ahmed Bakai; Second Deputy President of the NACCIMA, Dr. (Mrs.) Bisi Adeniyi; Dr. Moses Olutoye, Deputy Director DRID and Prof. Hussaini Maku, Director DRID inspecting Bioethano-fuelled stove at the fair

considering the dwindling foreign exchange and recession the country is experiencing, adding that there is need for every individual and organization to begin to patronize made in Nigeria products.

Prof. Akanji said the trade fair is an avenue for the exchange of ideas, to showcase new discoveries and innovations which will in turn attract investors which is why the University always looks forward to exhibition of

this nature.

The VC expressed appreciation to the NCCIMA for allowing FUT, Minna to have this special day, saying that for a country to be great, we all need to look inward, produce and use our own products.

He revealed that FUT, Minna has some of the best brains in technology and innovations which has allowed the University to win several awards locally and internationally. He further disclosed that such researches also led to collaborations with international and local bodies, adding that some of the innovations were on display at the fair.

The don urged Niger State and the private sector to look at ways these innovations would be useful to them in their various fields.

The Second Deputy President NACCIMA, Dr. (Mrs.) Bisi Adeniyi while giving her remarks said they are proud of FUT, Minna and its achievements.

She expressed hope that the University's participation at the fair would enhance the relationship between FUT, Minna and the state in the area of technological innovations.

Some of the inventions and products displayed at FUT, Minna stand include: Multi crop thresher, Polymer Interlock from waste plastic bottles, Bioethano-fuelled stove, Auto Aqua, Gold nano-particles for drug delivery application, Nano clay based filter for waste water treatment, Multiple operator enabled SIM, fuelless generator amongst others.

DEANS HONOUR PROF FALUSI

As mark of appreciation for his attendance and commitment to duty, the Committee of Deans, Federal University of Technology, Minna has honoured the Dean, School of Life Sciences, Prof. Olamide Falusi.

The Chairman, Committee of Deans who is the Dean, Postgraduate School, Prof. Matthew Kolo while speaking at the 267th meeting of the Committee of Deans held at the Senate Chamber on Thursday, June 1, 2017. Prof. Kolo said the criteria used by the Committee for selection was attendance and Prof. Falusi scored hundred percent in attendance and commitment to all the Committee meetings in 2016.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji presenting an award to Prof. Falusi, while Dean, Postgraduate School watches with keen interest

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The Chairman expressed the Committee's appreciation to Management for their support and that the VC was invited to make the presentation to the awardee.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, while presenting the plaque to Prof. Falusi commended and urged him to keep up the good work.

Prof. Akanji said his administration is lucky to have the present crop of Deans working with them and extended Management appreciation for their effectiveness and achievements.

"I enjoy reading the recommendations from the Deans because they are based on facts. The Deans are doing very well and Management will continue to support them," Prof. Akanji said.

VC STRESSES NEED FOR SACRIFICE, AS CLINIC STAFF GET CEFE TRAINING

Poised to ensure service delivery with sustained stakeholder satisfaction at the University Health Services (UHS), the Management of the Federal University of Technology has organized a special training for all its health workers.

The training tagged "Positive Attitude to Work Using the CEFE Methodology" was done in two batches, two days each, at the Entrepreneurship Centre, Main Campus.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, emphasized the need for staff to pursue self-development and as well impact on the lives of other people.

The VC who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji maintained that Nigeria needs a crop of people who are prepared to make sacrifice.

He noted the CEFE trainers' high sense discipline and commended them for their commitment and dedication.

While thanking Management for the training, the Director, UHS, Dr. Uthman Adegoke, urged the University to broaden the scope of the training to include leadership training for many staff members that are approaching leadership positions to avoid situations where people would take up responsibilities they were not prepared for.

Commenting, CEFE Lead Trainer, Prof. Olufunmilayo Akanya stated that their driving force as trainers was the desire to see men and women change for the better.

In a chat with Campus News shortly after the

programme, Coordinator, Competency based Economies through the Formation of Enterprise (CEFE), Dr. Caroline Alenoghena explained that the training involved practical sessions of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis and simulation of hotel worker-customer interactions using a hypothetical title of "Endangered Hotels," where some of the participants took on roles of guests, while others acted as staff of three different hotels.

One of the participants, Dr. Abdulsalam Abdulfatah described the training as interesting, noting that it opened their eyes to the need for networking and building partnerships. He commended the CEFE trainers for their high level of competence during the training. "We are not leaving here the way we came," he said, thanking the University Management for giving them the opportunity to have the training and calling for more of such.

On her part, Dr. Amaka Mgbemena who commended the trainers for being passionate about the job, said the training would lead to positive changes in their service delivery.

All cadres of staff at the UHS, including doctors, nurses,



L-R: Prof. Morenikeji presenting a certificate to Dr. Amaka at the event

pharmacists, laboratory scientists and technologists among others participated at the training.

The participants were issued certificates of participation at the end of the exercise.

ALHALAL DECLARES N14.3M PROFIT

Al-Halal Cooperative Multipurpose Society, Federal University of Technology, Minna has declared a profit of N14,295,375 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

President of the Cooperative Dr. Adamu Kabiru who disclosed this at the 13th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at the CPES Hall, Bosso Campus, said the dividend accruable to members is N35.83k per share.

Dr. Kabiru thanked members for their support and understanding, just as he acknowledged the support of his fellow Executives and members of other committees.

He noted that despite the economic situation of the country, the Cooperative has not failed to meet the increasing requests by members for different loans and business transactions.

He also disclosed that they got an increase in strength with a total of 189 new members, while two other members died during the period. The entitlements of the deceased have already been paid to their next-of-kin, Dr. Kabir added.

Even though the dividend for the period under review is significantly lower than what obtained in the year ended 2015 (82.11k per share), Al-Halal total assets grew to N414, 219,692, up from N324,797,916 attained in the previous year. General reserve also rose from N13,661,816 in the previous year to N17,535,659.

Money Matters

W Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, May 22 – Friday, May 26, 2017)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificate	465,000.00
2	Academic Transcript Fees	395,000.00
3	Turnitin	6,500.00
4	Clearance Fees	12,000.00
5	Semesterial Result	1,000.00
6	Campus Radio	56,200.00
7	Farm Land	13,500.00
8	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	16,000.00
9	Add and Drop	1,000.00
10	Loss of I.D. Card	2,000.00
11	Commercial Activities	22,800.00
12	Letter of Recommendation	2,000.00
13	English Proficiency	2,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	995,000.00
	PAYMENTS	
14	(i) Staff	
	(a) May, 2017 Salary	318,191,498.41
	(b) Refund	10,726,430.00
	(c) Staff Training	7,320,161.50
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Lumny Nig. Ltd. - Supply	2,512,400.00
	(b) PPAV International Ltd. - Supply	4,071,375.00
	(c) " " "	4,071,375.00
	(d) Sarki Pawa - Service	66,600.00
	(e) Ola Dandy Tailor & Co. - Supply	19,566,750.00
	(f) Seun Oyedepo Prints - Printing	1,155,000.00
	(g) A fith Power Venture - Supply	1,056,825.00
	(h) DHL International Nig. Ltd. - Courier Service	44,827.65
	(i) " " "	315,064.41
	(j) Sanitary Bill Cavatin - Sanitary Bill	12,000.00
	(k) Doko Int'l Hotel Ltd - Hotel Bill	235,760.24
	(l) " " "	250,619.04
	(m) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	764,450.00
	(n) Mrs. O. Oladejo - Supply of Newspapers	40,950.00
	(o) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	232,500.00
	(p) " " "	229,600.00
	TOTAL PAYMENT	370,864,186.25