

FOOD SAFETY: WAFOSAN, ACEMFS COMMENCE A FIVE DAY WORKSHOP IN FUTMINNA

By Abdullahi Umar Danbakaba



VC's Rep. Prof. Uno E. Uno and Prof. Hussaini Anthony Makun (Seating 3rd & 4th from left) in a group photograph with some officials and participants.

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

The West African Food Safety Network (WAFOSAN) in conjunction with the Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxins and Food Safety (ACEMFS), Federal University of Technology Minna has organized a five-day workshop on Bioinformatics with the theme, "Bacterial Genomics and Antimicrobial Resistance: Next Generation Sequencing Data to Improve Food Safety.

Declaring the workshop open on Monday, July 17, 2023 at the NITDA Hub, Main Campus,

Gidan Kwano, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta said that ACEMFS had performed excellently in many areas thereby showcasing the University in diverse positive ways.

Represented at the ceremony by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administrative), Prof. Uno E. Uno, the Vice Chancellor opined that quality food is proportionate to healthy living which enhances productivity at both individual and societal levels.

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A cross section of the participants at the workshop.

Prof. Kuta who described the workshop as an eye opener as it was aimed at widening the participants' scope of knowledge beyond their respective subject areas, further pleaded with them on the need to avoid playing truancy during the training.

"In every workshop, there is something to learn, and workshop can not be organized without penetrating through a particular individual. Therefore, prepare your mind to learn, so that it will open your eyes for greater discoveries ahead." The Vice Chancellor advised.

He also expressed appreciations to the participants for making the occasion a reality, assuring that, the management is committed to providing the enabling environment needed for the smooth running of the programme.

Delivering a keynote address at the occasion earlier, the coordinator of the programme and Centre Leader, ACEMFS, Prof. Hussaini Anthony Makun who described the workshop as specialized, explained that the programme was geared at grounding the participants in rudimentaries of food safety and impact of drug abuse with regards to its application on animals, especially when slaughtered without observing the appropriate desolusion period and which usually leads to antimicrobial and antibiotic

resistance in our foods that accounts for up to 2 million deaths all over the world with developing countries been the worsed affected.

Prof. Makun further pointed out that as its cardinal mandate, the ACEMFS offers MSc and PHd programmes in Food Safety, Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics and Toxicology hence, improving the ranking of FUT, Minna to become the second university in Africa that runs degree programmes in Food Safety.

The workshop has its participants cut across departments within the university, setoral partners within the state as well as online participants both within and outside the country, is expected to end on Friday, July 21, 2023.

WAFOSAN is a regional research body with specific interest on Food Safety, established by ACEMFS having won a grant. The body has 40 members drawn from four universities namely, FUT Minna, University of Ghana, University of Guinea and University of Port Harcourt.

E-LEARNING: COL COLLABORATES WITH CODEL ON COURSEWARE DEVELOPMENT

By Abdullahi Umar Danbakaba



The facilitator, Prof. Bamikole Ogunleye addressing participants at the workshop.

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

The Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada in collaboration with the Centre for Open Distance and E-learning (CODEL), Federal University of Technology Minna has organized a 3-day workshop for the academic staff of the University with the view to equipping them with up-to-date knowledge needed for the actualization of e-teaching and learning in the university.

The workshop which was sponsored by COL, commenced on Tuesday, July 18, 2013, at the Shell Hall, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Declaring the ceremony open, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Faruk

Adamu Kuta who was represented by the Dean, School of Electrical Engineering & Technology, Engr. Prof. Elizabeth Onwuka, encouraged participants to exhibit high sense of seriousness through out the programme; promising that, the workshop offers tremendous benefits for not only the institution but also an individual participant.

"Time shall come when those who had participated would eventually become resource persons and make money." The Vice Chancellor asserted.

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From left (front row 4th, 5th and 6th) Director, CODEL, Dr. Julia O. Eichie; Facilitator, Prof. Bamikole Ogunleye and VC's Rep. Prof. Elizabeth Onwuka flanked by other officials and participants pose for a snap shot after the opening ceremony.
Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

Prof. Kuta who expressed appreciation to COL for sponsoring the programme advised participants not to take the training for granted as the University would always get to a greater height in terms of e-teaching and learning if the knowledge gained from the workshop is properly utilized.

The Vice - Chancellor further reminded the participants that preparation of lecture materials for online delivery defy from the physical lecture settings hence, the need for lecturers to key in to such training in order to explore the necessary skills needed for preparing e-materials in such a way that will communicate effectively to the students especially now that the University is migrating all 100 level courses to online teaching.

In his keynote remarks, the facilitator of the workshop, Prof. Bamikole Ogunleye, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) stated that the workshop was tailored towards facilitating the use of appropriate open licensed materials as well as supporting

participants to localize Open Educational Resources (OER) to their context to suit the purpose it is intended for.

Speaking earlier, the Director, CODEL, Dr. Julia Ofure Eichie explained that as a follow up to the similar training which was organised on February, 2021, the workshop sought to train participants on development and enhancement of courseware materials that are used for online teaching using OER which was a product of the last workshop.

She also noted that participants were virtually drawn across all departments of the University so that they would in turn train their colleagues at the departmental level in order to ensure effective implementation of the online teaching in the University.

The Director encouraged the participants to ensure active participation in order to achieve maximum benefits at the end of the programme.

NUM VISITS FUTMINNA

By Zainab Lawal



From left (4th & 5th) VC, FUT, Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta, VC, NUM, Prof. Sadiq Yusuf and others in a group photograph after the courtesy call.

The Management staff of the Newgate University, Minna (NUM) led by its Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sadiq Yusuf, paid a courtesy visit to the Management of the Federal University of Technology, Minna on Monday, July 17, 2023 at the VC's Conference Room, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Speaking during the visit, Prof. Yusuf disclosed that NUM has introduced new courses awaiting accreditation next year. According to him, for his institution to succeed in the exercise it will need support from FUT, Minna in both human and material resources.

Prof. Yusuf further appealed to the Management of FUT, Minna to grant NUM access to its 33KVA power supply so as to reduce the cost of running the institution on diesel and solar power which has becoming unbearable.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, FUT, Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta expressed appreciation for the visit most especially, being the first private University in the state to seek collaboration with the University on issues that are of mutual benefit to both parties.

Prof. Kuta who promised a return visit to NUM in order to further strengthen the established relationship, described the development as a laudable initiative. "FUTMinna has enough manpower willing to collaborate whenever the need arises" He reiterated.

The Acting Dean, Faculty of Management and Social Science, NUM, Dr. Mahmoud Babatunde Ageigbe in his vote of thanks said that NUM is looking up to FUTMinna to succeed.

FUTMINNA TRAINS SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MINNA

By: Yusuf A. Zurmi



A cross section of the students at the training..

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

The Entrepreneurship Centre in collaboration with the Students Support Services, Federal University of Technology, Minna has organized a three week training programme for Secondary School Students in Minna, Niger State.

The training which was sponsored by the West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), FUT, Minna and facilitated by the Student Campus Entrepreneur Volunteers took place at the Entrepreneurship Centre Hall of the University, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

In his remarks, at the closing ceremony on Friday, July 14, 2023, the Vice- Chancellor, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta, represented by the

Director, Academic Planning Unit, Prof. Abdullahi Mohammed, said that the training is very dear to the University because apart from teaching and research, one of the cardinal responsibilities of the University is Community Service.

Prof. Kuta commended the Director of the Centre for adding value to the system, as well as the younger generation who are the future of the country. He congratulated the students for presenting a good research work to the community and urged other philanthropists in the society to put much emphasis in the younger generation and invest more in them. adding that nations that have developed in the world put more in entrepreneurship than working with government.

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Speaking earlier, the Director of the Entrepreneurship Centre, Dr. Caroline O. Alenoghena said that High School Spark Challenge is an entrepreneurship training competition among secondary school students in Minna. She Noted that a total of ten schools participated in the intensive three week entrepreneurship and innovative training which is the second in the series of the competition.

The contested schools according to her were; Kowa Secondary School, Brighter Secondary School, Niger Baptist Secondary School, Maryam Babangida Science College, Garima Secondary School, FUT, Minna Model Secondary School, Saint Andrew's Secondary School, Army Day Secondary

School and Mawo Secondary School as well as Diamond Global Academy.

She said of the schools Kowa Secondary School emerged champion with the highest score of 75 points for inventing Solar tracker used to locate the sun when covered by clouds during the raining season. Army Day Secondary School came 2nd with 70 points and Saints Andrew's Secondary School, 3rd with 65 points, while Maryam Babangida Girls Science College, came 4th with 55 points.

Recall that the training commenced in June 2023, at the respective schools in Minna.

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This is to inform all candidates who have applied for admission into the Federal University of Technology (FUT), Minna for the 2023/2024 academic session that the Registration/University's Pre-Admission Screening Exercise (UPASE), commenced on **Monday, 17th July, 2023** and will end midnight of **Sunday, 27th August, 2023**.

Candidates are advised to visit FUT, Minna website www.futminna.edu.ng for details on the procedure for on-line registration, requirements for the screening exercise, procedure for payment and other general information.

Candidates are to pay a non-refundable fee of **Two thousand Naira (₦2,000) only** through **REMITA** platform.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Only UTME and DE candidates who selected Federal University of Technology, Minna as first choice during **2023 JAMB** are eligible for the screening exercise.
- (ii) UTME candidates **MUST** have a minimum score of 150, except for those courses for which higher cut-off marks have been indicated on the University website.
- (iii) Candidates **MUST** meet the minimum UTME scores for their chosen courses and have the right UTME subject combinations as prescribed in the 2023 JAMB Brochure.
- (iv) Candidates who do not meet any of the above requirements will be allowed to change to any other course whose requirements they met.
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- (vi) Only 'O' level result print-out(s) downloaded directly from the website(s) of the National Examining Bodies (WAEC/NECO/NABTEB) or photocopies of original certificate(s) will be accepted for verification.

CANDIDATES ARE TO ENSURE THAT THEIR 'O' LEVEL RESULTS ARE UPLOADED ON THE JAMB WEBSITE – CAPS.

All enquiries should be directed to the following: infoupase@futminna.edu.ng or call **08028949142** and **09023418632**.

UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Upgrading of **Adedigba A. Peace** Department of Mechatronics Engineering from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, with effect from January 19, 2022.

NOTICE FROM E-LIBRARY UNIT

This is to inform the University community, especially 100-level student advisers, that the University E-library unit provides two hours of Internet connectivity on desktops for students that want to access their online courses from 9am-4pm of Mondays - Fridays. There is also wireless connectivity for students with laptops and Android devices.

In addition, the E-library provides access to electronic information resources through its subscribed database ProQuest for the students that can aid the understanding of their courses.

The Library Open Access Catalogue can also be accessed via <https://opae.futminna.edu.ng:8054> for the print books. Staff and students can view the availability of the print books for consultation and loaning.

NOTE: The E-library is on the second floor of the IBB Library Complex, Gidan Kwano Campus.

SALES OF ADMISSION FORMS FOR FUT MINNA STAFF SCHOOL, 2023/2024

The University community and the general public are hereby informed that, FUT Minna Staff School, has commenced its sales of admission forms into primary One and Nursery One at the rate of Two Thousand, Two Hundred Naira Only (N2,200). The forms are obtainable at School premises after payment into Micro Finance Bank, FUT, Minna.

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Weekly Financial Digest for 9th July -16th July 2023		
N/S	RECEIPTS	N
	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	ACCEPTANCE FEES	1,580,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	931,570.00
3	ACADEMIC GOWN	190,000.00
4	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE)	552,000.00
5	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE)	205,000.00
6	SEMESTERIAL RESULT	3,300.00
7	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	31,479,750.00
8	POSTGRADUATE FORMS	30,000.00
9	CodeI REGISTRATION	432,250.00
10	HOSTEL FEES	3,626,750.00
11	TURNITIN (PG)	80,000.00
12	TURNITIN(UNDER GRADUATE)	38,500.00
13	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	105,000.00
14	CLEARANCE FEES	939,000.00
15	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	74,782,800.00
16	REGISTRATION FEES(PRE-DEGREE)	729,500.00
17	ITS DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE	3,500.00
18	SIWES LOG BOOK	347,000.00
19	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES (SHOP)	244,000.00
20	PREPAID METER	26,000.00
21	TRICYCLE REG	14,000.00
22	MOTORCYCLE REG FEES	132,000.00
23	SUNDRY OTHER INCOME	26,000.00
	TOTAL	₦116,497,920.00
	PAYMENTS	
24	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	1,491,900.00
	(a) Refund	9,850,864.20
	(b) Advance	
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Ajiboye Printer Nig. Ltd. - Supply	9,223,500.00
	(b) Benjamii Multiple Links - Supply	1,847,199.38
	(c) Beta days - Supply	1,412,515.63
	(d) Em Ezewaka Resources - Supply	1,137,350.00
	(e) Falana Suits Ltd. - Hotel Bill	45,150.00
	(f) Abuja Electricity Dis. Company Plc - Electricity Bill	15,327,868.74
	(g) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	707,450.00
	(h) Ola Dandy Tailor & Co. - Supply	10,000,000.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	₦51,043,797.95