



PAINFUL EXIT, ... funeral service today

On Thursday last week, Osun State University community was thrown into mourning following the sudden death of a hardworking and industrious Laboratory Technologist, Mrs. Olaitan Esther ONABIMIJI, who was a staff in the College of Health Sciences.

Mrs. Onabamiji, a humble and committed staff died on Wednesday, 4 December, 2013, at the age of 33.



According to a statement from her family, burial service will hold at Dada Estate Baptist Church, Osogbo on Monday, 9 December, 2013 at 9.00 a.m.. Interment follows immediately after burial service at Eesa Tuntun, Ido-Osun.

It is not how far, but how well. Adieu Mrs. Onabamiji; may her soul rest in perfect peace.

PRO-CHANCELLOR COMMENDS ADEBOOYE, CHALLENGES OTHER ACADEMICS AND UNIVERSITIES TO FOLLOW SUIT

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Osun State University has commended the Director of Research and Linkages of the University, Professor Adebooye and other

scientists.

Professor Olawoyin gave this commendation at the opening ceremony of IDRC held at the Main Auditorium of Osun State University, Osogbo on Monday, 2nd December, 2013.



(L-R) Prof Olawoyin, Prof Okesina and Prof Adebooye inspecting some posters

Professor Olawoyin said: It is particularly gratifying that our own scientists have succeeded in creating a profound awareness of the food values of indigenous vegetables such as, *woorowo*, *igbagba*, *ebolo*, *iyannrin*, *amunututu* and *ewuro*, among others.

In this regard, special commendation must go to Professor Clement Adebooye for collaborating with three other universities to make the funding possible.



Cooperative farmers societies receive cheques

He challenged other academics and universities to follow the team's laudable example for the benefit of our nation.

Thereafter, cheques ranging from ₦100,000 to

₦200,000 were distributed to seven cooperative societies from South-West by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adekunle Okesina assisted by the Bursar, Mr. Fatai Adebayo Lasisi.

Okesina Challenges Scientists to Work Together; as DG IITA advises small scale farming households to seize new production and marketing opportunities

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adekunle Okesina, has challenged scientists in the country to work together with a view to confronting the challenges of food insecurity in different parts of Africa.



Okesina gave this charge at the opening ceremony of the 2013 College of Agriculture Distinguished Lecture. He said: 'We have had many revolutions in this nation: we had green revolution; operation feed the nation, yet the impact has not been felt. This seems to be the appropriate time for the lecture 'The Need of a Brown Revolution in Africa & Engagement of the Youth in Science Driven Agribusiness.'



I therefore want to challenge our scientists to work together and facilitate exchange of experiences to

confront the challenges of food insecurity in different parts of Africa.'

In his lecture, the Guest Lecturer, Dr. N. Sanginga, advised small scale farmers to seize new production and marketing opportunities, and corresponding actions by national planners and development agencies to better empower farmers' collective action.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council who declared the ceremony open, also challenged the scientists to explore Agriculture to provide employment for the unemployed youths.

FINAL ADMISSION LIST OUT, PAYMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE FEE EXTENDED TILL 13 DECEMBER, 2013

The final admission list of Osun State University for the 2013/2014 admission exercise into various degree programmes has now been released.

Meanwhile, the deadline for payment of acceptance fees has been extended till 13th December, 2013.

According to a statement from the Office of the Registrar, any candidate who fails to complete the acceptance registration on or before the deadline will have his or her provisional admission forfeited.

NUC HOLDS 50+1 CELEBRATION ON 9 AND 10 DECEMBER

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is now set to hold its 50+1 anniversary celebration.

The anniversary which had to be postponed because of the unfortunate death of Professor Festus Iyayi, will now hold from 9 – 10 December, 2013.

According to a letter from the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Professor Sola Akinrinade FNAL, there will be exhibition, presentation of compendium on Nigerian universities and novelty football match between the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and the NUC management.

The statement added that the anniversary would be rounded off with dinner and award nights.

WORDS OF WISDOM

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Nelson Mandela

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

The management and entire staff of Osun State University rejoice with the staff members whose birthdays fall on the dates noted below as they add another year to their lives:

MORAKINYO, Abiodun L. – **9/12**
OYERINDE, Festus A. – **9/12**
ADEBISI, Kehinde R. – **10/12**
AKINRINADE, Adebisi A. – **11/12**
YUSUFF, Florence A. – **11/12**
ABIODUN, Azeez O. – **12/12**
BUARI, Jelili O. – **12/12**
LAYONU, Kudirat K. – **12/12**
OGUNDIPE, Saheed O. – **12/12**
OLAGOKE, Aminat A. – **12/12**
AWONIYI, Ilias Olufemi – **13/12**
IBRAHIM, Musibau A. – **13/12**
OYEKANMI, Mukaila O. – **13/12**
OLUWADEBI, Ayomiposi G. – **14/12**
OLAYIWOLA, Morufu O. – **15/12**
ODEBODE, Samuel O. – **16/12**
ADENIYI, Sunday A. – **17/12**
OJO, Amos A. – **17/12**

Wishing you many happy returns.

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WORLD MOURNS MANDELA

South Africa as well as the entire world is in deep sadness following the death of former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela who died Thursday at the age of 95 (July 1918 – 5 December 2013).



Mandela attended the Fort Hare University and the University of Witwatersrand, where he studied law. Living in Johannesburg, he became involved in anti-colonial politics, joining the ANC and becoming a founding member of its Youth League. After the South African National Party came to power in 1948, he rose to prominence in the ANC's 1952 Defiance Campaign, was appointed superintendent of the organisation's Transvaal chapter and presided over the 1955 Congress of the People. Working as a lawyer, he was repeatedly arrested for seditious activities and, with the ANC leadership, was unsuccessfully prosecuted in the Treason Trial from 1956 to 1961. Although initially committed to non-violent protest, he co-founded the militant Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) in 1961 in association with the South African Communist Party, leading a sabotage campaign against the apartheid government. In 1962 he was arrested, convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the government, and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Rivonia Trial.

Mandela served 27 years in prison. An international campaign lobbied for his release, which was granted in 1990 amid escalating civil strife.

As South Africa's first black President Mandela formed a Government of National Unity in an attempt to defuse racial tension. He also promulgated a new constitution and created the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate past human rights abuses. Continuing the former government's liberal economic policy, his administration introduced measures to encourage land reform, combat poverty, and expand healthcare services.

As a lover of peace, he acted as mediator between Libya and the United Kingdom in the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing trial, and oversaw military intervention in Lesotho. He declined to run for a second term, and was succeeded by his deputy, Thabo Mbeki. Mandela subsequently became an elder statesman, focusing on charitable work in combating poverty and HIV/AIDS through the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

He gained international acclaim for his activism, having received more than 250 honours, including the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize, the US Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Soviet Order of Lenin and the Bharat Ratna.

Meanwhile, officials flags in countries around the world, including at the White House and 10 Downing Street in London, were ordered at half-mast. He is to be buried on December 15, 2013.

INVITATION TO

INNOVATION FAIR AND LAUNCHING OF THE SOUTH WEST NIGERIA COMPETITIVENESS FORUM AND INNOVATION CLUSTER CONSORTIUM

DECEMBER 10-12, volc2013

THEME

"PROMOTING REGIONAL INNOVATION CLUSTER INITIATIVES FOR GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS OF SOUTH WEST NIGERIA ENTERPRISES"

CO-SPONSORS:

GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF OSUN, OSUN STATE UNIVERSITY, ADULAWO INNOVATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (AITI), AND THE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA FOR WESTERN NIGERIA (DAWN) COMMISSION

OBJECTIVES

The Innovation Fair is being organized to:

- Expose the numerous innovative capabilities of the people of South Western Nigeria in order to make them relevant to the economy;
- Showcase the research results from tertiary institutions, and Research Institutes in all areas of developmental efforts with a view to employing these for economic empowerment of the citizens;
- Create a platform for interaction that will present problems and possible solutions for upgrading domestically initiated products;
- Prepare for knowledge - driven "cluster initiatives";
- Develop Data on invention, innovations, research results and innovation - based entrepreneurs in South West of Nigeria for future development purpose;
- Enhance the development of a framework for Building a Knowledge Based Society on Innovation, Infrastructure and Quality of Life in the region (BKBSIIQL);
- Connect innovators with investment opportunities;

The expected outcomes of the Event include: (1) Benchmarking the State of the Art of Innovation in South West Zone of Nigeria; (2) Identification of low hanging fruits for formation of Innovation Cluster Initiatives; (3) Proposal of Organizations and Processes essential to the inception and development of Innovation Cluster Initiatives in the Region; (4) Organization and Launch of the South West Nigeria Competitiveness Forum and Innovation Cluster Consortium (SWNCFICC).

The three-day event is free and open to interested enterprises, industries, institutions, government agencies, financial institutions and individuals, that wish to contribute to the formulation of the necessary framework for knowledge based economy in the region. The event will present a combination of lectures, panels and exhibits as well as opportunities for networking and collaborations among attendees.

Advance registration on line is strongly recommended, as seating is limited. The event website for registration is <http://www.swncficc.eventbrite.com>

Three (3) Candidates for Innovations and Technology Presentations will be selected from the pool of

Exhibitors by anonymous judges, who would have visited the exhibit booths of all the exhibitors during the first two days of the Event. Based on their presentations, the judges will rank the candidates and Innovation and Technology Recognition and Prizes will be announced at the afternoon session as indicated on the Agenda.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Although there is no charge to attend this event, Advanced Registration is required and mandatory. In addition to obtaining the free tickets from Eventbrite, prospective attendees are required to provide the following information to the Organizer via email (adulawoinstitute@gmail.com) not later than 30 November, 2013:

Full Name:

Organization:

Type of Organization: (e.g. Private Enterprise, Academic Institution, Government Agency etc)

Address:

Title:

Innovation Clusters of Interest:

Brief Biography (1 Paragraph):

This information is necessary in order to maximize the value of this event to all attendees.

Five common mistakes grant applicants make

By Sharifa Kalokola provides a summary

The road towards winning a research grant can be bumpy – especially since calls for proposals often make for complex reading. Here, research managers from several leading South African universities summarise common mistakes that researchers make when reading and trying to follow application guidelines.

1. Failing to read the small print

One of the most common mistakes is that researchers don't read the instructions for applicants properly, says Ninette Mouton, research grant manager at the University of Pretoria. She advises researchers to write a list of points that the funders want and another of items that are not covered by the grants. After writing the lists they should match up their needs with those of the funders.

To make sure their applications match the call for proposals, researchers can utilise the language used by the funder to describe their project. 'Use the same terminologies that the funder uses when writing the proposal summary,' says Mouton.

2. Fear of e-filing

Nthabiseng Motloi, research manager at the University of South Africa, says many researchers struggle with electronic submissions, which have become the norm in the digital era. Some funder websites are not user friendly, and technical errors can occur. This can be frustrating, she says, but it's important to be patient. 'Researchers get disappointed when the systems crash,' she says, and she adds that at such times research management offices can help researchers by offering e-filing support.

3. Last-minute applications

Many researchers leave reading the application guidelines until it's too late, says another South African research officer, who did not wish to be named. 'Some academics relax until the deadline approaches. This leads them to make mistakes,' she says. 'Taking time to prepare and write applications is key for success,' she adds. Sending applications to friends or colleagues to proofread is another good practice.

4. Confusion over costing

Bavesh Kana, a researcher at the University of Witwatersrand, says that the financial planning of a proposal can be particularly tricky. 'There are some terminologies like "direct and indirect cost" that need familiarity,' he says. 'The way to get clarity on these issues is usually to ask the funder directly.'

5. Failing to ask questions

Some application guidelines remain ambiguous and difficult to understand even with the most meticulous reading. Jannan Dietrich, a researcher at the Perinatal HIV Research Unit of the University of Witwatersrand, says that when this happens researchers need to contact the funders and ask them to clarify. 'Researchers have to build good relationships with funding agencies so as to get instant support when any queries arise,' she says.

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CALL FOR PROPOSAL

WHAT IS YOUWIN!?



The Youth Enterprise with Innovation in Nigeria (You WiN!) Programme is a collaboration of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Communication Technology (CT), the Ministry of Youth Development and the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development that will launch an annual Business Plan Competition (BPC) for aspiring young entrepreneurs in Nigeria, in line with the Federal Government's drive to create more jobs for Nigerians. The programme will be implemented in partnership with Nigeria's private sector, who will be requested to provide funding support.

GOAL OF THE PROGRAMME

The main objective of the Youth Enterprise with Innovation in Nigeria (YouWiN!) Programme is to generate jobs by encouraging and supporting aspiring entrepreneurial youth in Nigeria to develop and execute business ideas that will lead to job creation. The programme will provide aspiring youth with a platform to show case their business acumen, skills and aspirations to business leaders, investors and mentors in Nigeria.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME:

- Attract ideas and innovations from young entrepreneurial aspirants from Universities, Polytechnics, Technical colleges, and other post-Secondary institutions in Nigeria;
- Provide a one time Equity grant for 1,200 selected aspiring entrepreneurs to start or expand their business concepts and mitigate start up risks;
- Generate 80,000 to 110,000 new jobs for currently unemployed Nigerian youth over the three years during which the three cycles will be implemented;
- Provide business training for up to 6,000 aspiring youth entrepreneurs spread across all geo-political zones in Nigeria;
- Encourage expansion, specialization and spin-offs of existing businesses in Nigeria; and,
- Enable young entrepreneurs to access a wide business professional network and improve their visibility.

PLEASE NOTE!!!

- YouWiN! is an equity contribution to your business. It is therefore NOT A LOAN but a grant.
- Award recipients will be paid according to the needs of the business and specific mile-stones stated in the business plan.
- Award recipients must be registered with CAC before disbursement of funds even though they do not need to be registered to apply. YouWin! will support the registration process.
- Award recipients will operate accounts using their registered companies with any of the participating commercial banks prior to disbursement.
- Award recipients must sign a grant agreement with the managers of YouWiN! before disbursement of funds.

To apply, visit <https://www.youwin.org.ng/about-youwin/>

International Climate Protection Fellowships

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

With the International Climate Protection Fellowships the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation enables prospective leaders to conduct a research-based project in the field of climate protection and climate-related resource conservation during a one-year stay in Germany. Up to 20 International Climate Protection Fellowships are granted annually, funded under the Federal Environment Ministry's (BMU) International Climate Initiative. The fellowships target prospective leaders from non-European emerging and developing countries (see [list of countries](#)), who are engaged in the field of climate protection and climate-related resource conservation in nongovernmental organisations, public administrations, politics, academia or business in their countries. The research-based projects are carried out in cooperation with hosts in Germany; candidates choose their own projects and their own hosts. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is running the programme in cooperation with the Federation of German Industry (BDI), the Centre for International Postgraduate Studies in Environmental Management (CIPSEM) at Dresden International University, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (DBU), the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the Renewables Academy AG (RENAC). The call is subject to appropriate funding being awarded to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Programme objectives:

The global challenge posed by climate change can only be met by cross-border international collaborations. This programme makes a contribution to this by enabling future decision-makers and multipliers to conduct a research-based project in cooperation with specialist colleagues in Germany. Funding is available for project proposals which address issues directly relating to climate protection as well as adaptation to climate change, e.g. in the area of climate-related resource conservation. The project should facilitate the mutual exchange of knowledge, methods and techniques between the fellows and their hosts in Germany, taking into account the question of practical applicability in the fellows' countries. Contacts to various institutions in different sectors (universities, research institutes, ministries, environmental authorities, companies, non-governmental organisations, etc.) in the context of the project are expressly welcomed.

In addition to financing the project, the fellowship aims to facilitate and promote the development of long-term contacts and collaborations with colleagues in Germany. In the course of group programme events (introductory seminar, training courses, final meeting) during the fellowship year, fellows should gain an overview of climate protection and climate-related resource conservation as well as the important actors in these fields in Germany. Another objective of the programme is to create cross-border, cross-disciplinary networks amongst the fellows as a precondition for building an international expert network on climate protection and climate-related resource conservation. As a long term objective, networking should be extended to include scientists working in these fields in the respective countries who are members of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's network of excellence.

Target group:

Applicants must demonstrate clearly visible leadership potential based either on experience in initial leadership positions or on appropriate references. They must also have completed their first university degree (Bachelor's or equivalent) less than 12 years prior to the start of the fellowship (1 March 2015) with outstanding results. Furthermore, they must have extensive professional experience in a leadership role (at least 48 months at the time of application) or hold a further academic or professional qualification. They are also expected to have gained initial practical experience through involvement in projects related to climate protection and climate-related resource conservation.

In addition to applicants with a background in the natural and engineering sciences, candidates who have been engaged in legal, economic and societal issues relating to climate change are encouraged to apply for this programme. Graduates who are interested in spending time studying or training in Germany should apply to the programmes offered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) or other funding organisations. Post-doctoral researchers wishing to pursue an academic research project should apply to the Georg Forster or Humboldt Research Fellowship Programme for Postdoctoral.

Researchers (up to four years after completion of doctorate) or for Experienced Researchers (up to 12 years after completion of doctorate).

Fellowship specifications:

The fellowship amount reflects the fellow's academic and professional qualifications, current position and professional experience and is currently set at 2,150 EUR, 2,450 EUR or 2,750 EUR per month. This includes a mobility lump sum and a contribution towards health and liability insurance.

The following timetable for the one-year stay in Germany is designed to facilitate networking amongst the fellows and is mandatory for everyone:

- January, February 2015: intensive language course in Germany (optional)
 - March 2015: introductory seminar
 - April 2015 – February 2016: work on project at host institutes in Germany
 - June 2015: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Annual Meeting including reception held by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany
 - Autumn 2015: several-day training course
 - January/February 2016: final week including reception held by the leadership of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- Fellowships may be extended by up to three months on application.

Additional benefits:

Allowance for research costs to be paid to the hosts in Germany amounting to 800 EUR per month (for projects in the natural and engineering sciences) and 500 EUR (for projects in the humanities and social sciences);

Language fellowship for a one- to two-month intensive language course in Germany immediately prior to the start of the fellowship; when a fellowship has been granted, the Alexander von

Humboldt Foundation may provide financial support for improving fellows' language skills while they are still in their own countries. Fellows with little or no knowledge of German are strongly advised to take a two-month intensive language course in Germany;

Lump sum for the fellow's **travel expenses** if the costs are not borne by a third party; **Europe allowance** for a maximum of one to two months spent studying or researching at an institution in another European country during the fellowship, provided that this is necessary to carry out the project in question;

Family allowances for visits by family members lasting at least three months (up to 326 EUR per month for the marital partner and up to 234 EUR per month for each child);

For single parents accompanied by children under the age of 18 on stays of at least three months, an allowance is available (400 EUR per month for the first child, 100 EUR for every additional child);

Additional extension of the fellowship by up to three months if children under 12 also accompany the fellow to Germany;

Extensive alumni funding after successfully completing the stay in Germany, especially support for networking with collaborative partners in Germany during the fellow's entire career.

Application requirements:

1. **First university degree (Bachelor's or equivalent)**, completed less than 12 years prior to the start of the fellowship (1 March 2015)
 2. **Extensive professional experience** in a leadership role (at least 48 months at the time of application) in the field of climate protection or climate-related resource conservation **or a further academic or professional qualification**
 3. **Initial practical experience** (at least 12 months at the time of application) through involvement in projects related to climate protection and climate-related resource conservation (possibly already during studies)
 4. **Leadership potential** demonstrated by initial experience in a leadership position and/or appropriate references (see no. 8)
 5. **A detailed statement by a host in Germany, including a mentoring agreement;** details of the proposed project must be discussed with the prospective host prior to application
 6. **Citizenship** of a non-European emerging or developing country (see list of countries) which is also the fellow's habitual abode and place of work
 7. **Very good knowledge of English and/or German**, documented by appropriate language certificates
 8. **Two expert references** by individuals qualified to comment on the candidate's professional, personal and, if applicable, academic eligibility and his / her leadership potential.
- Prospective applicants, who have spent more than six in Germany at the time of the application deadline, or more than 12 months in a country that is not on the relevant list of countries, should contact the Humboldt Foundation (info@avh.de) before submitting an application as they may be ineligible on formal grounds.

Applicants who have already received sponsorship from the Humboldt Foundation in the form of a fellowship or award are not entitled to apply to this programme but should turn to the appropriate alumni sponsorship programmes. Those sponsored in the context of this programme are excluded from applying for other fellowships offered the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at a later date.

Application procedure:

Applications must be completed online. The completed application form including all the necessary additional documentation must be submitted by the closing date for applications (**15 March 2014**). Additional information on online applications, all the documentation required and access to the online application procedure are available on the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's website (<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/icf>). Immediately after submitting the documents, the applicant will receive a confirmation.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all the necessary documents have been submitted. Incomplete applications may be excluded from the selection procedure.

The proposed host in Germany should send his/her confidential statement directly to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation by the closing date at the latest.

After reviewing the applications, an independent selection committee will decide, probably by the beginning of July 2014, which candidates will be invited to participate in a selection meeting in Germany lasting several days. This selection meeting will take place from 16 to 19 September 2014 and applicants will be given the opportunity to outline their project to the selection committee and the other applicants as well as to attend individual interviews held by the selection committee. At the end of the meeting the selection results will be announced.

Further information on the selection procedure can be found in the FAQs on the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's website.