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Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

I bring you warm greetings from the office of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi.

With great pleasure, I would like to introduce to you another scintillating edition of UNIMED Echo, a biannual news publication of UNIMED. This is the third edition in less than two years since assumption of office by the current Vice-Chancellor. Our aim is to keep you, our esteemed reader, abreast of the developmental strides in UNIMED.

Talking about developments in UNIMED, the highest regulatory body for all tertiary institutions in Nigeria, the National Universities Commission (NUC) in the 2021 ranking of universities in the country has ranked UNIMED among the best, rating the institution as the 3rd best-specialized and 4th best State-Owned university in Nigeria.

One notable feat captured in this edition is the foundation laying of the Olu Akinkugbe Faculty of Pharmacy. The building which is going to be the first structure on UNIMED permanent site is to support the dream of the University in its bid to start Pharmacy programme in the next academic session. Closely related to this development is the introduction of the SURGE initiative which is aimed at ensuring that UNIMED is fully settled and operational on its permanent site by its 10th Anniversary on 8th December, 2024.

This edition also features the induction of the first set of Physiotherapy and Nursing graduates into their professional bodies, granting them the license to practice anywhere in the country.

In addition, this edition of UNIMED echo also highlights achievements in grantsmanship, community partnership and services, staff training, Friends of UNIMED Fund (FUF) growth among other events in the university.

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GOVERNOR *Lays* FOUNDATION FOR **UNIMED** **FACULTY OF PHARMACY**

The Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, on Sunday, December 5, 2021 laid the Foundation of Olu Akinkugbe Faculty of Pharmacy as the first building at the permanent site of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Laje Road, Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria.

Speaking at the ceremony, Governor Akeredolu described the occasion as historic, and commended Chief Olu Akinkugbe, the initiator of the project through, the establishment of Olu Akinkugbe Pharmacy Education Trust (OAPET) to support the establishment of the Faculty of Pharmacy in UNIMED.

“There are two very important reasons why I consider this occasion historic. Firstly, we are witnessing a unique demonstration of a private trust: The Olu Akinkugbe Pharmacy Education Trust partnering with a public university, the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo. It is noteworthy that the Trust Fund was created with the



specific purpose of supporting the establishment of the Faculty of Pharmacy of UNIMED. Secondly, this represents a significant milestone in the establishment of this university as a specialised training institution in Nigeria, positioned to produce graduates with the capacity to address the need of our health system within the State and the nation at large”, Akeredolu declared.

The Governor noted the importance of Pharmacy in health care and the potential that the support from OAPET offers the university. According to the governor, “The principal task of the modern pharmacist is to identify, resolve and prevent drug-related problems. It is only logical that our University also trains pharmacists along with the other health care professionals already being trained.” “Over the past seven years of its existence, UNIMED has developed programmes in virtually all areas of medical and health sciences, but has not been able to start its Pharmacy programme to date due to resource limitation”, he added. Governor Akeredolu advocated for similar partnerships and support from other individuals and organisations as a veritable

pathway for moving tertiary education forward in the state.

“This partnership provides a clear illustration of how we can move tertiary education forward in our dear State and country through the productive partnership of multiple stakeholders, especially Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and private citizens. Again, our esteemed parents constitute a critical part of the stakeholders and they must equally show the readiness to contribute not only in terms of school fees but also in making donations of various kinds that will help the institution.”

“We are, therefore, most grateful to Chief Olu Akinkugbe and his family for their extraordinary generosity. This is a truly inspiring project. This uncommon approach of leaving a legacy and giving back

to society and generations yet unborn is worthy of emulation”, the Governor stressed.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi explained that the occasion was one step in the evolving history of the young institution, but one giant step towards the realisation of the vision, mission and purpose of the institution.

He noted that the University, through Prof. FolaTayo, had earlier convened a three-day meeting of an expert advisory group consisting of 30 leading professionals drawn from various pharmaceutical disciplines, several sectors, the university system, industries, regulatory agencies, and international development organisations. The



Pharmacist's summit was held from 22nd September 2020 to 24th September 2020.

Fatusi noted that the task of the expert advisory group was to help develop relevant documents and advise on the pathway towards achieving the kind of world-class pharmacy education Nigeria needs in the 21st century, in order to address the gaps in its current training curricula and educational activities.

Dignitaries at the occasion included the Osemawe and Paramount Ruler of Ondo Kingdom, Oba Dr. Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo, CFR; the former Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko; Secretary to the State Government, Dame Oladunni Odu; the Chairman, UNIMED Governing Council, represented by a member of the Council, Hon. Surveyor Niran Akinniyi; Members of UNIMED Governing Council, Dr. Yemi Mahmud and Hon. (Dr.) Adeluse Obe; the Lisa of Ondo Kingdom, High Chief Sir. Simeon Olusola Oguntimehin; the Sasere of Ondo Kingdom, High Chief Olusola Adeduro and the Adaja of Ondo Kingdom, High Chief Solafuboye Ayodeji; Senior Special Assistant to the Governor, Hon. Dr. Ajibayo Adeyeye; Chairman, Ondo West Local Government, Hon. Ebenezer Akinsulire ;Chairman, Ondo East Local Government, Hon. Olawale Akinkuotu Chairman, UNIMED Parents Consultative Forum, Dr. Gbade Ikuejube and the Secretary of the Forum, Chief (Evang.) Olumuyiwa Asagunla.

Members of the Olu Akinkugbe Pharmacy Education Trust (OAPET) and the Akinkugbe Family were also present, including Mr. Gbenga Oyebo MFR, Mrs Kofo Akinkugbe, Mr. Yinka Akinkugbe and Mr. Kunle Akinkugbe.

Principal Officers of the University were also in attendance: the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Clinical Services), Prof. Adolphus Loto; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Roseangela Nwuba; the Registrar, Dr. Woleola J. Ekundayo; Bursar, Mr M.S.O. Shittu and, the Acting Librarian, Mr. Femi Joseph Folorunso.



The Olu Akinkugbe Pharmacy Education Trust (OAPET) has inaugurated its fundraising and investment drive for the proposed N2.5 billion Olu Akinkugbe Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria.

The eight-man trusteeship council, which comprises eminent Nigerians and leading minds in pharmacy practice, has been established to govern fundraising

and management of the Faculty of Pharmacy. This further establishes the corporate governance well associated with the Faculty's patron, Chief Olu Akinkugbe, as well as ensures its sustainability.

The OAPET is chaired by a former Minister of Health and Social Services and Chairman, Juli Pharmacy and the MTN Foundation, Prince Julius Adelus-Adeluyi, OFR, mni, and members include Chairman of Access

Bank Plc and former Chief Executive of National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (Federal Ministry of Health), Dr. (Mrs) Oritsedere Awosika, MD/CEO Secure ID Nigeria, Mrs. Kofoworola Akinkugbe, and Co-founder and Chairman, Aluko

& Oyebo (Barristers & Solicitors) and Chairman, Teach for Nigeria, Mr. Gbenga Oyebo.

Others members are Pro-chancellor, Caleb University, a Professor of

Pharmacy and former Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lagos, Rev. (Professor) Fola Tayo; Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Professor Adesegun Fatusi; Registrar, Dr. Woleola Ekundayo; and Director, Central Office for Research and Development, UNIMED, Ondo, Professor Olumide Ogundahunsi.

In his address during the launching of OAPET, Chief Olu Akinkugbe, who already provided part of the funding

OAPET LAUNCHES FUNDRAISING FOR PROPOSED FACULTY OF PHARMACY AT UNIMED



for the project, expressed his gratitude and reiterated his passion for pharmacy and the provision of best-in-class healthcare.

Chief Olu Akinkugbe said he saw the task of building the Faculty of Pharmacy as predestined. He said, "When I was approached by the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, to be associated with this project, I knew I had no alternative, largely for two reasons: first, my family has been involved in providing health services in Ondo for a little more than a hundred years – my father qualified as a druggist in Ondo in 1919 and my late younger brother was associated with the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo as its first Pro-Chancellor; second, everybody knows how much pharmacy has come to the fore as a result of the current pandemic.

"Today's pharmacists must have enhanced skills to combat this menace. Research is always a collaborative enterprise amongst medical professions. The fact that UNIMED has emerged, within seven years, as a top medical institution, assures me that when they start producing pharmacists, they would be top-class," Chief Akinkugbe stated. The launch was chaired by Chief Philip Asiodu, who called for support from the guests and all who can perceptively discern the need for investment in Nigeria's medical and pharmaceutical sectors.

Delivering his speech during the event, the Governor of Ondo State, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, represented by his deputy, Hon. Lucky Aiyedatiwa said, "we are here to support Chief Olu Akinkugbe who is a pride of Ondo, the Sunshine State. When the past governor, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko kicked off the project to build the University, we knew it was a legacy to be preserved and an opportunity to showcase the great minds of our youths in Ondo state. There is no befitting individual for the proposed Faculty of Pharmacy to be named after than the iconic pharmaceutical expert and one of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria's earliest presidents."

Promising to support the vision of building a best-in-class faculty of pharmacy, the Deputy Governor said, "we are happy to support the Olu Akinkugbe Pharmacy Education Trust and Chief Oludolapo

Akinkugbe as they embark on this monumental project, and we will do everything within our power to ensure that the vision is brought to fruition."

The Chairman of the Olu Akinkugbe Pharmacy Education Trust, Prince Julius Adelus-Adeluyi, while calling on the government, well-meaning Nigerians and individuals in the diaspora to support the delivery of Chief Akinkugbe's vision, said, "This project presents the ultimate opportunity to immortalize an individual deserving of it. Chief Oludolapo Ibukun Akinkugbe is passionate about service and philanthropy and, as a model to many of us who follow in his steps, we are privileged to support a visionary in bringing the Faculty of Pharmacy to life."

The Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi expressed profound appreciation to Chief Olu Akinkugbe for accepting to partner with the institution. He said: 'Proudly, our University is Nigeria's first specialised health and medical sciences university. Our vision is to be a one-stop institution for everything medical or health sciences. Already we have twenty-six programmes, which is the largest number of medical sciences courses in any Nigerian University, even when we are just seven years old. One piece that is missing in the whole agenda is pharmacy. It is something we have always wanted to do but we have been unable to do it because of the resources required for such a programme. And for us, anything that is worth doing is worth doing well. We will rather not do it than do it halfway. So, our commitment is that, if we are going to start the Faculty of Pharmacy, it must be world-class. Our goal is that by next year, the National Universities Commission will be available to do the resource verification that will enable us to start the programme.'

The occasion was graced by dignitaries from across the nation, including High Chiefs of Ondo Kingdom, representing the paramount ruler of Ondo Kingdom, His Imperial Majesty, the Osemawe of Ondo, Oba Dr. Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo CFR, Jilo III; former Chairman, First Bank Nigeria, Ltd, Mrs Ibukun Awosika; Nigerian lawyer and former Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Mr Henry Odein Ajumogobia, SAN; President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, Mazi Samuel Ohuabunwa, OFR, MON, NPOM, KSC.



UNIMED INDUCTS PIONEER PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

“With the commencement of the Bachelor of Prosthetics and Orthotics last session, in addition to the existing Bachelor of Physiotherapy, the University has already equalled the record of any Nigerian university in terms of the highest number of medical rehabilitation programmes established.”

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 inducted 23 graduands as the first set to complete the Physiotherapy programme of the University.

The induction was performed by the Registrar, Medical Rehabilitation and Therapists Board of Nigeria (MRTBN), Dr. Olufunke T. Akanle. Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi charged the inductees not to abuse the privilege, but work excellently as ambassadors of the citadel of learning. Fatusi noted that the university is proud of its history of blazing a trail of excellence in the field of health and medical sciences.

He said the vision is set towards a higher plane, still “as we relentlessly pursue the agenda of being a “one-stop” institution for all health and medical courses. He noted that the need for experts in physiotherapy has continued to increase globally which translates to the fact that many opportunities will come their way, adding that while using these opportunities and forging ahead with future careers, they should conduct themselves responsibly as worthy ambassadors of UNIMED.

The VC added that the institution is actively working in close collaboration with the National Universities Commission, hoping that the University will be the first in Nigeria to establish Bachelor's degree programmes in three other medical rehabilitation fields, namely: Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Audiology. According to him, the inductees have been called to the health profession of physiotherapy where diseases, injuries and deformities are treated by various physical methods, and urged them to adhere to the professional values on which the foundation of their training was laid.

Speaking at the event, an Associate Professor, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan and the guest lecturer, Dr. Adesola Odole encouraged the inductees not to get tired of learning, relearning and unlearning to stay abreast of knowledge and that they should use the advantage of the Internet. The Chief Medical Director, UNIMEDTH, Dr. Oluwole Ige, represented by the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Michael Gbala appreciated the founding fathers of the University for being impactful and assured that the teaching hospital will



continue to be of help to the university.

Also, the Dean, Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation, Prof. Matthew Olaogun congratulated the inductees, charging them to be better products to suppress global challenges. He advised them to remain focused on their chosen career, and pursue what they have learnt in the University with the spirit of godliness and excellence, while praying that they succeed by God's grace.

The President, Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy who was represented by Dr. Felix Oyinlola Odusanya and the President, Association of Academic and Clinical Physiotherapists of Nigeria, Dr. Udoka Okafor who

joined on zoom in their separate remarks welcomed the inductees to the profession.

An elder in the physiotherapy profession, Mrs. Mary Adeola Okunbolade (JP) thrilled the inductees by narrating her experiences in the profession. Mrs. Okunbolade, a retired Director of Physiotherapy from Ekiti State, described physiotherapy as a noble field and encouraged parents to give the inductees the needed support.

Speaking on behalf of other inductees, Miss Deborah Ogheneakporobo Omorode said what will define them in life is what they do with the knowledge acquired over the past few years.



UNIMED INDUCTS FIRST SET OF NURSES

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo on Wednesday December 1, 2021 inducted the first set of professional nurses trained in the University. The induction was carried out by the Registrar,

Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, represented by the Deputy Registrar of the Council, Mrs. Adenike Awe.

In her welcome address at the induction ceremony, held at the University's Main Auditorium, Odosida campus, the Acting Dean, Faculty of Nursing Science, Dr. Bridget Akin-Otiko congratulated the inductees and appreciated all members of staff of the faculty for their commitment.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi charged the 36 graduands to be of good conduct in the course of their practice and in dealing with patients and clients, reminding the inductees that the institution is Nigeria's first specialised university of medical and



to Alabi Oluwatoyin Matthew as the best graduating student for the 2020/2021 set and to Oshifade Oyeyemi Oluwaseun as the best in leadership for the 2020/2021 set of graduates.

Professional charges were taken from the Director of Nursing Services, Ministry of Health, Mrs. A. I. Ogundele; the President, National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives (NANNM), Comrade Nurse Kehinde Olomiye. The event turned colourful as the Acting Head of the Department of Nursing Education and Administration, Mrs. Olufunke Iwaola invited the inductees for decoration and the students took a bow.

health sciences and a product of powerful vision and innovative mindset. Fatusi explained that, as of today, the University has 26 courses spread across eight faculties and two schools, adding that there is no other institution in Nigeria that has the same number of health and medical courses.

“One of the records the institution is proud of is the nursing programme that earned encomium and honour from the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, fully accredited by the Council and the National Universities Commission (NUC).

“The number of students we are allowed to take has been increased to 75 for regular students and 50 for those who are registered nurses,” he added.

He urged them to adhere to the core values of the practice of nursing, human dignity, integrity, honesty, hard work, teamwork, among others as the foundation of all health professionals.

Speaking at the induction, the guest speaker, Prof. Abimbola Oluwatosin from the University of Ibadan, said nurses are to focus on caring; saying that has been highlighted in Nursing as the essence and main reason for its existence as a field of knowledge and profession. She added that the nurse's central role is to promote, maintain, or establish human connectedness for therapeutic outcomes.

High point of the occasion was the presentation of awards by the National President, University Graduate of Nursing Students Association (UGONSA)

A representative of the inductees, Mr. Opeyemi Oshifade lauded the management team under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor as well as the Dean and other members of staff for their support.

Dignitaries at the occasion included the Director of Nursing Services, Hospital Management Board, Mrs. Yetunde Olawale; the Director of Nursing Services, Primary Health Care Board, Mrs. Kajero among other nursing leaders.



ONDO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TERTIARY EDUCATION VISITS UNIMED

November 9, 2021



VISIT OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NIGERIA

December 1, 2021



VISIT OF THE SOCIETY OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE - AUGUST 3, 2021



UNIMED VC Fatusi, 38 OTHERS, ELECTED NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE FELLOWS

The Vice-Chancellor of University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) Ondo City, Ondo State, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, has been elected a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Medicine (NAMed).

According to the Secretary of NAMed, Prof. Oluwole Atoyebi, The UNIMED VC was elected alongside 38 other eminent scholars for the 2020/2021 cohort after fulfilling the stringent criteria for various specialties of the merit-based organization.

Fatusi, a public health and community medicine specialist, was a 2001/2002 Packard-Gates Leadership Fellow at the University of Washington, USA and a Fellow of the West African College of Physicians in Community Health. He also worked previously as a Reproductive Health Adviser for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) programme in Nigeria, Provost, College of Health Sciences at Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) Ile-Ife, and Director of International Research for Guttmacher Institute, New York. He obtained his Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) from Obafemi Awolowo University in 1987 with distinction in Community Health. He won the Federal Government award for the best candidate in Part I examinations of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria in Public Health in 1992 and graduated from the International Master of Public Health programme of the Hebrew University, Hadassah, Israel with summa cum laude honours.

As a leading expert in Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal and Adolescent Health, Fatusi has led several national health-related research initiatives, in addition to consulting for many government agencies as well as international development organizations.

In his first year as Vice-Chancellor of UNIMED and as part of his drive to deepen medical research and training, he established the Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation in the institution - the first of its kind in any Nigerian university. Under his leadership, UNIMED also established the first full-fledged School of Public Health in Nigeria.

He is the Vice-President (Sub-Saharan Africa) for the International Association of Adolescent Health (IAAH) and a member of the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing.

Interestingly, his wife, Prof. Olawunmi Fatusi, a foremost professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery and past Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife is also among the newly elected Fellows.

Fatusi's latest honour in his profession is another recognition of his outstanding contributions and performance in the fields of medical training and research in Nigeria and on the global stage.

UNIMED wins British Council's IAU Grant Award

The Institute of Health Humanities and Entrepreneurship (IHHE) of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria has won the British Council's Innovation for African Universities (IAU) grant award.

The grant, which is worth £100,000, will help to establish a digital entrepreneurship hub called 'UNIMED Co-creation Hub. The idea is to provide a platform where both students and lecturers will be trained to develop entrepreneurial ideas that will enable them to be creative in identifying novel businesses around them.

UNIMED is one of the 6 Nigerian universities and one of the 24 African universities that made the success list. Over 50 applications were assessed through a rigorous process of multistage evaluation and 24 project applications were selected to be part of the programme.

“ To actualise the project, UNIMED will partner with Liverpool John Moores University United Kingdom and Teenpreneurs Educational Foundation Lagos.

The British Council aims at building 'connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and other countries through arts, culture and education.'

The Acting Director of the Institute, Dr. Iheanacho Metuonu who won the grant for the University appreciated the Council for the initiative and the University Management for the support received.

“The support and interest from the IAU programme and the Centre of Excellence have been quite remarkable and we thank everyone who participated towards this success especially the unalloyed support from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi. I say congratulations to you Sir and IHHE, UNIMED on this achievement,” Metuonu said.



UNIMED WINS \$300,000 FORD FOUNDATION GRANT FOR SPARKLE PROJECT

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has received a \$300,000 grant from Ford Foundation, United States of America

The University, through the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi is receiving the grant to power a project named 'Strengthening Programming for Adolescent and Youths through Resource and Knowledge Generation and Link to Evidence' (SPARKLE).

According to a letter dated September 27, 2021 and signed by the President, Ford Foundation, Darren Walker, the grant will be released in annual installments over three years beginning September 1, 2021.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi said the SPARKLE project is aimed at contributing to improved health and development of youth and adolescents in Nigeria through effective use of evidence-based study.

Prof. Fatusi noted that “youths are a major demographic group and their overall development is central to national development: investment in youth development is an investment in the future of countries and the global community and critical to achieving demographic dividends. An evidence-based approach in terms of measuring and tracking the health, development, and well-being of youth and other young people is critical to driving effective advocacy and intervention efforts.”

Providing further information on the SPARKLE, the Project Lead, who is also the Director of Academic Planning, UNIMED, Dr. Olorunfemi Ogundele, stated that the project would be addressing some national issues and the outcomes could be used by policymakers in catering for the needs of the society, thereby making the project live beyond the initial three-year projection.

“The project will engage in advocacy activities targeted at influencing policymakers and other critical stakeholders in the youth development domain and develop relevant policy-related and advocacy products” Dr. Ogundele stated.

UNIMED **wins** 30 Million Naira NRF TETFUND GRANT

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria, has won the TETFund National Research Fund (NRF) grant worth thirty million naira.

The keenly contested grant was won by an associate professor in the Department of Biology and the Deputy Director, Central Office for Research and Development (CORD) UNIMED, Ondo, Dr. Oyetunde Oyeyemi, to conduct studies on the identification of common diagnostic biomarkers for schistosomes. Schistosomiasis is a poverty-associated disease with serious health consequences prevalent in many parts of Sub-Saharan Africa. In the tropics, over 200 million people are estimated to have the disease, with approximately one-tenth experiencing severe illness. Effective control of the disease will entail quick and efficient identification of infected individuals.

Serological diagnoses are available alternatives and are sometimes used in combination with microscopy to improve diagnostic accuracy. A few anti-capture devices have been developed and few proteins were identified as biomarkers for the diagnosis of schistosomiasis. However, cross-reactivity of parasites' proteins in areas where helminth polyparasitism exists limit the accuracy of some of the currently available diagnostic biomarkers.

According to Dr. Oyeyemi, the study will “identify new diagnostic biomarkers for *S. mansoni* and *S. haematobium*. More importantly, cross-reacting proteins in *S. mansoni* and *S. haematobium* will be leveraged for diagnostic advantage in a multiplex system.”

He noted that the development of a single diagnostic biomarker for the two predominant *Schistosoma* species in Africa will be cost-effective and time-saving for the diagnosis of each parasite species.



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UNIMED introduces STEM COMPETITION to Boost Scientific Innovation

- VC advocates creation of platform to nurture future scientists
- CAC Oke-Isegun wins competition

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has organised a science fair competition among secondary school students in Ondo City to promote and encourage scientific innovation among the youths.

The UNIMED Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (U-STEM) concept encourages the utilization of local materials, tools, and appliances by young people to produce prototypes that will improve quality of life by addressing everyday challenges through the application of hands-on skills and scientific knowledge.

The theme of the 2021 U-STEM Competition is 'Enhancing Youth Capacity for Innovation and Societal Development.' The top prizes included Five Hundred Thousand Naira (₦500,000) worth of sponsored school projects among other benefits.

On Monday, September 13, 2021, the U-STEM Committee headed by the Acting Director, Campus – Community Partnership Office, UNIMED, Dr. Lawal Oyeneyin, mni issued seed capital to five shortlisted

Earlier, the University had invited all secondary schools in Ondo City to submit proposals and budgets for their projects. The STEM Committee thereafter selected Ondo Boys High School; Topclass College, Ondo; La Salle College, Ondo; Hallmark Secondary School, Ondo and C.A.C High School, Ondo.

Some of the proposed appliances included food preservation devices, smoke absorbers, a kerosene-powered refrigerator, vacuum cleaner among others.

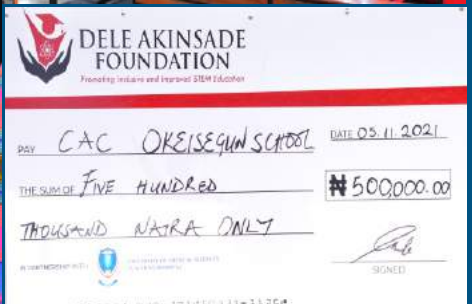
Meanwhile, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo City Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has stressed the need for the creation of a platform that would nurture future scientists, inventors, engineers and mathematicians in Nigeria.

The Vice-Chancellor made the call at the maiden edition of the UNIMED – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (U-STEM) competition held on Friday 5th November, 2021 for secondary school students in Ondo City.

The competition which was put together by the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo City, Ondo State was designed to develop science and technology in the young ones.

With five participating schools, there was an exhibition that added glamour to the occasion.

Speaking at the inaugural competition, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi said the programme was organised to serve as a platform to inspire secondary school students to pick interest in science and technology and enhance their development.



“One of the ways we can start preparing the next generation of scientists across the fields of medicine and surgery is to begin to get young people to understand that the world we live in is a world of innovators and to support their dreams,”Fatusi stated.

In the meantime, CAC Oke-Isegun High School has won the maiden edition of the UNIMED Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (U-STEM) competition.

The secondary school located around Akinjagunla area of Ondo won the competition for producing Smoke Absorber and showcasing it at the exhibition on Friday 5th November, 2021.

Among other gifts, the school received five set of computers on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at a ceremony held at the school compound.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, represented by the Director, Advancement Unit, Prof. Augustinah Nireti Duyilemi presented a certificate of participation to representatives of the school as well as a plaque for the School Principal.

The event, which was coordinated by the Campus-Community Partnership Office with the first prize of N500,000 was supported by Mr. Dele Akinsade Hallmark Secondary School which came second in the competition received a set of

laboratory equipment worth N250,000, courtesy of Dr. Jubril Oyeneyin. Ondo Boys High School came third in the competition and received laboratory stools worth N125,000 and sponsored by the family of late Prince Olu Gbadehan, an alumnus of OBHS.

Other donors included the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, Dr. Sola Akinniyi (Union Diagnostics), Dr. Blessing Uteh and Engr. Gboye Adegbenro



UNIMED MOBILIZES 869 STUDENTS FOR 2021 SIWES PROGRAMME

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has mobilized eight hundred and sixty-nine (869) students for the 2021 Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) exercise.

This was made known at the 2021 SIWES orientation programme held at the Main Auditorium, Odosida Campus on Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Addressing the students, the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo City, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Roseangela Nwuba, identified the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) as a veritable platform for Nigerian students to gather needed experience and practical training which can prepare them for contributing their quota to national development.

The VC noted that SIWES will enrich the students with opportunities to develop their creativity, resourcefulness, and interpersonal skills among other attributes which they need to take up the mantle of leadership in the future.

The SIWES Coordinator of the University, Dr. Jacob Arawande stated that those who are being mobilized for the 2021 SIWES exercise are from five faculties which are Faculties of Science, Basic Medical Sciences, Allied Health Sciences, Nursing Sciences and Medical Rehabilitation.

He appreciated the support of the Vice-Chancellor stating that there had been a tremendous development of the SIWES Unit of the University.

“It is worth mentioning that the SIWES Unit had been enjoying the commitment and unwavering support of the Vice-Chancellor and his entire management team. Prof. Fatusi provided office space and other facilities for the Unit to run effectively,” Arawande stated.

Delivering the keynote address, the Area Manager, Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Akure Area Office, Mr. Gabriel Oladimeji said Nigerian students are expected to embark on SIWES for six months where they can gain experience in handling machinery and equipment which may not be available in their institutions.

“I implore you, Students, to take advantage of this opportunity to acquire more skills within this period of your industrial attachment. Comport yourselves decently in your workplaces, obey constituted authorities and observe all safety measures in any organization you find yourselves,” he advised.



UNIMED Selected for Seeding Labs' Instrumental Access Program

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria is to receive an award of laboratory equipment and supplies that will advance scientific research and teaching

With the August 2021 announcement, UNIMED is the newest awardee selected to receive the scientific equipment from [Seeding Labs' Instrumental Access](#) programme.

Instrumental Access makes high-quality laboratory equipment and supplies available to university departments and research institutes in low and middle-income countries. It is the flagship programme of Seeding Labs, a US-based NGO working to empower every scientist to transform the world.

The UNIMED Centre for Molecular Bioscience and Medical Genomics was chosen for the Instrumental Access award after a rigorous and competitive selection process that involves the evaluation of applications from institutions around the world. To be considered, applicants outline the ways that an infusion of scientific equipment would remove barriers to stem education and research at their institution—paving the way for new avenues of scientific inquiry and expanding hands-on opportunities for students. Thus, such equipment provides a foundation for other critical resources that allow scientists to

generate new knowledge, leverage sustainable funding, and better prepare university students for the scientific workforce and innovation economy.

To date, the Instrumental Access programme has catalyzed scientific innovation at more than 100 universities and institutions in 36 developing countries

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The UNIMED Centre for Molecular Bioscience and Medical Genomics was established to inspire young Nigerian students and scientists through collaborative research and training, in the twin domains of molecular bioscience and medical genomics to increase understanding, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of human diseases. The training and research programmes of the Centre are currently focused on diagnosis and molecular epidemiology of infectious diseases and pathogens, drug resistance monitoring and testing, and genetics of non-communicable diseases.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo Professor Adesegun Fatusi congratulates the Centre and all members of staff saying, “these equipment will further enhance the capacity of the Centre to deliver high-quality training and research and apply innovation in science and technology for improved health and well-being of our population”.



UNIMED ranked 19TH BEST UNIVERSITY IN NIGERIA

- 3rd Best Specialised University

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has been ranked by the National Universities Commission (NUC) as the 19th best University in Nigeria.

The latest ranking, released on Monday, December 13, 2021, was carried out using twelve indicators to rate one hundred and thirteen (113) federal, state and private universities across the country. (Some universities did not participate in the ranking exercise)

The University was rated 3rd best among specialized (Medicine, Science, Technology) universities in the country, coming behind the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) and Ladoké Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Oyo State.

UNIMED also came 4th among all state-owned universities after LAUTECH, Edo University and Lagos State University (LASU); 2nd among the seven (7) public and private universities located in Ondo State, coming after FUTA; and the first among the three Ondo State-owned universities. The institutions were ranked based on the total number of full-time students, the number of international students, students and staff ratio, efficiency, google scholar index and contribution to the knowledge economy.

Other criteria include percentage of international staff, percentage of programmes with full-time accreditation, research citations per capital, amongst others.

This is cheering news for the University community given that UNIMED is less than seven years old.

July 5- July 9, 2021



UNIMED Pioneers Sustainable Community-Owned Primary Health Care Model

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has officially launched a 'Maximally Community-Owned Primary Health Care Model' at Oke-Igbo in Ile-Oluji/Oke-Igbo Local Government Area of Ondo State. The goal is to make universal healthcare available to all individuals in the community.

The model is the brainchild of the Institute of Community Health Innovation and Development, School of Public Health, UNIMED Ondo, in collaboration with the Ondo State Government and the Oke-Igbo community.

The event, which was held at the Palace Hall, Oke-Igbo, Ile Oluji/Oke-Igbo Local Government Area, Ondo State had in attendance public health experts from various parts of the country who joined physically and virtually.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi said Nigeria has toyed with the idea of primary health care in the country for many years with little success because of the lack of community ownership.

“The truth is that if it is not owned by the community, it is not primary health care. It must be a health service that people can afford, and the community can run it. That is the only way we can ever sustain primary health care. The fact that we as a people can take our own lives in our hands and propel our idea by our imagination and commitment, that is the way to sustain primary health care in our country,” the VC stated.

The Oluoke and Paramount Ruler of Oke-Igbo, His Royal Majesty, Oba Lawrence Oluwole Babajide appreciated the Management of the University for choosing Oke-Igbo as the first beneficiary of the model. He encouraged the community to give all necessary support to ensure the success of the programme.





The Acting Director of the Institute of Community Health Innovation and Development, UNIMED, Ondo, and former Executive Secretary, Ondo State Primary Health Care Development Agency, Dr. Olugbenga Osunmakinwa said the programme is aimed at complementing the effort of the State Government in ensuring that good health care is attainable for all, especially for those in the rural community. He said the University is partnering with the Ondo State Ministry of Health and the Community in the provision of manpower and other facilities to provide door-to-door health care services to the people of Oke-Igbo community.

One of the eggheads of UNIMED School of Public Health, a Professor of Disciplinary Public Health and Community Medicine and a specialist in Population and Clinical Epidemiology and Occupational Health, Prof. Michael Asuzu described the event as laudable saying the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo is shaping healthcare policies to advance public health locally.

In a goodwill message at the occasion, the Permanent Secretary, Ondo State Ministry of Health, Pharm. Folakemi Aladenola, represented by the Director, Planning, Research and Statistics, Dr. Uche Odionyenma noted that primary health care is the first contact someone has with the health system when there is a health problem. He said that the existing primary health care structure is being used as a vehicle for the delivery of the project.

A member of the UNIMED Governing Council who joined the event virtually, Prof. Tolu Odugbemi, OON, described the event as a remarkable starting point in effective standard primary health care delivery in Oke-Igbo kingdom.

'Congratulations on the official launching of the Sustainable Community-owned Primary Health Care Model, Oke-Igbo. All hands will be on deck to make the laudable project excel with the hope that a modern healthcare centre will spring up in the nearest future,' he stated.

UNIMED introduces SURGE,

MOVES TO PERMANENT SITE IN 2024

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo has started its institutional developmental strategy, tagged “SURGE”, to seek assistance from notable Nigerians to construct world-class infrastructures and facilities at the University's permanent site located at kilometre 5, Laje Road, Ondo City.

SURGE



SURGE is an acronym that stands for 'Support for UNIMED'S Renaissance, Growth and Expansion'. The model was designed by the University to help it move to its permanent site by the year 2024 when the university will be celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi while speaking at the permanent site noted that the University is the only institution in Ondo State that has not moved to its permanent site, noting that the University cannot thrive if the society does not support it financially.

Prof. Fatusi mentioned that being a part of UNIMED SURGE is setting a legacy that cannot be erased for generations yet unborn. He expatiated that donors' names will be written on a plaque for generations to come. The Vice-Chancellor also stated that an individual or organization can become a SURGE ambassador by supporting the institution with 100 bags of cement, 1000 concrete blocks, donating or erecting a building, donations of learning and teaching equipment, and many more.



UNIMED GOVERNING COUNCIL VISITS PERMANENT SITE

Members of the Governing Council, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo on Thursday, December 16, 2021 visited the permanent site of the University. The visit which followed the 15th Statutory meeting of the Governing Council was to ascertain the boundary of the site as well as examine the master plan of the university vis-à-vis the physical features of the land. The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi, led other members of the Council on a tour of the site which is located at Kilometre 5, Laje Road, Ondo City.

Members of the Council who visited the site included Chief Isaac F. Akintade, Hon. (Surv) Niran Akinniyi, Dr. Yemi Mahmud and Chief Adetola Wewe.

Others in the entourage included the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Admin. & Clinical Services) Prof. Adolphus Loto, the Registrar, Dr. Woleola J. Ekundayo, the Bursar, Mr. M.S Oluwanife Shittu, FCA, the Acting University Librarian, Mr. Femi Folorunso and the Alumni Representative on Council, Mr. Richard Daodu.





OPINION

findings for the improvement of health in communities with a high burden of diseases.

The dream of the founding fathers of the University was to establish an institution that will

provide integrated education and research of exceptional quality in all health-related sciences, expand access to compassionate and high-quality health care for under-served populations, and to lead the scientific pathway for reducing the burden of disease in our society.

There is no doubt today that UNIMED, Ondo is living up to these lofty goals. The recent ranking of the University by the National Universities Commission (NUC) indicates that the institution is leaving no stone unturned to fulfil the vision and mission goals. In less than seven years of its establishment, the University was ranked as the 19th best university in Nigeria, a country with more than two hundred universities. More thrilling is the fact that the university was ranked as the 3rd best among specialized institutions (including those in Medicine, Science or Technology), coming behind the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) and Ladoké Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Oyo State, which were established decades ago.

Furthermore, the ranking placed UNIMED as the 4th among all state-owned universities after LAUTECH, Edo University and Lagos State University (LASU), and it was rated 2nd to FUTA among the seven universities located in Ondo State, Nigeria. Despite being the youngest, UNIMED also occupied the 1st position among the three universities owned by Ondo State government.

Meanwhile, the NUC ranking came at a huge cost. In line with international best practices, the institutions were ranked based on the total number of full-time students, the number of international students, students and staff ratio, efficiency, Google Scholar index and contribution to the knowledge economy. Other criteria included the percentage of

UNIMED SCHOOL FEES:

The untold story of achieving excellence in Medical Education

Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress in every society, in every family.' These were the words of the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Laureate, Kofi Atta Annan. As indicated in the quote, the importance of education in the development of any society cannot be overemphasized. One area where such development is very important is in the field of health sciences. In fact, the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic in the year 2020 has shown the world that health and medical education is sacrosanct not only to our overall development but our survival.

Hence, the idea behind the establishment of Nigeria's first University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), located in Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria is to build a **thriving medical and health sciences University**, locally, nationally and internationally recognized for excellence and innovation in health education and research, and for the ability to translate research

international staff, percentage of programmes with full-time accreditation, research citations per capital, among others. Attaining the lofty position in NUC ranking came on the heels of hardwork, dedication and perseverance of the Management and staff to the vision of UNIMED, Indeed, the standards established by UNIMED in all her operations naturally resonate with global indices for university ranking.

Talking about the cost of such standards, the Management of the institution believes that unlike any other field of education, health and medical sciences should not be taken with levity and there should be no room for compromise when it comes to international best practices.

In view of this, coupled with the economic realities around the world, the University in the last quarter of



2021 rolled out a new school fees schedule that generated concern among stakeholders.

While economic realities may influence students' career decisions, it is important to note that medical education is not cheap anywhere around the world. Infact, without government subsidies, the majority of our citizens may not be able to receive such education. For instance, in the Faculty of Dental Sciences, the University of Medical Sciences Ondo boasts of 20 Phantom heads - one of, if not the highest in any dental school in the country. Each unit of this training equipment costs more than three million naira (N3,000,000) aside the costs of installation, other kits and regular maintenance processes. Interestingly, this is just one out of numerous pieces of equipment needed to train a dental student. However, as it stands today, the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria has approved that the University

can only admit 10 students into Dentistry for an academic session. This is the kind of financial dilemma that medical education contends with in Nigeria across all medical subjects.

In truth, without government subsidy, the cost of training a dental student in line with international best practices is more than five million naira (N5,000,000) for an academic session. At UNIMED today, there is about 50 percent subsidy for all indigenes of the State who study Medicine and Dentistry bringing the total fees payable to 1.3 million naira for the first session, against the N2.5 million payable by non-indigenes. Similarly, Nursing students of Ondo State origin are asked to pay N900,000 while non-indigenes pay N1.2 million.

In the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, where Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology are domiciled, students are expected to pay N350,000 while Medical Laboratory Science and Physiotherapy students are to pay N900,000. Other programmes in the Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation and the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences cost N500,000 or less. The fact is that 18 out of the 26 programmes in the University cost N350,000 or less per session.

Conclusively, the mantra of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo is 'excellence or nothing'. The University believes that there is no room for compromising standards when it comes to medical education, no matter the cost. Unfortunately, the monetary cost of such a stance may seem high at the moment, but it pays in the long run in terms of yield and quality.

There is no doubt that such principles may not be appreciated by all, especially by those who align with sharp practices in the education sector. However, one of the lessons from the corona virus outbreak is that health and medical education cannot be treated with the 'business as usual' approach. The nation must be prepared for the future and the future starts with quality health and medical education.

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Public Relations Unit

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October 21, 2021



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MSN Elects UNIMED'S JEFF-AGBOOLA as President

An Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and the Acting Director, Center for Continuing Education, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria, Dr. Yemisi Jeff-Agboola has been elected as the President of Mycotoxicology Society of Nigeria at the 14th Annual Conference of the Society held at the University of Abuja on 28th September 2021.

The Mycotoxicology Society of Nigeria (MSN), is a group of eminent Nigerian Scientists in the academia, industries, regulatory agencies and other stakeholders in the food and feed industry, united by their desire to address the burden of mycotoxin contamination in Nigeria and improve the living conditions of humanity, through sound socio-economic and scientific studies on mycotoxins in food and feedstock with the primary aim of promoting awareness leading to the study and control of mycotoxins in foods and animal feed.

Dr. Jeff-Agboola holds a Ph.D. in Food Microbiology (with a special interest in Mycotoxicology and Food Safety) from the



Federal University of Technology, Akure.

Dr. Jeff-Agboola developed an interest in Gender Responsive Agricultural Research in 2013 when she became an African Women in Agricultural Research Development (AWARD) Fellow. Recently, she won the Fulbright African Research Scholar Programme (ARSP) award for advanced research in the USA as a Post-Doctoral visiting Scholar at Poultry Science Department, Auburn University, Alabama, USA.

With her election, Dr. Jeff-Agboola becomes the

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Accreditation of PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT BY MRTBN (July 6, 2021)



WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY

September 8 is world Physiotherapy Day. It is an opportunity for physiotherapists from all over the world to raise awareness about the crucial contributions their profession makes to keeping people well, mobile and independent.

The theme for the 2021 celebration is 'Long COVID and Rehabilitation.'

The Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation and the Department of Physiotherapy, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo in collaboration with the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) celebrated the day with a road walk and colloquium.

The road walk led to a visit to the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi in the office.





UNIMED
 Holds
1st EMERITUS PROF. OLADIPO O. AKINKUGBE
Distinguished Lecture

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo organized the first Emeritus Prof. Oladipo Akinkugbe's Distinguished Lecture, on Thursday 29th July 2021 at the University Auditorium, Odosida campus. The late Emeritus Prof. Akinkugbe was the first Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State.

Delivering the lecture titled “Strengthening the Health System in Nigeria through Research and Innovation”, the Distinguished Guest Lecturer, former Minister of Health and past Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Prof. Isaac F. Adewole said 'research on health provides direction for appropriate policies and programmes that bring enduring solutions to the

“To us in UNIMED, Emeritus Akinkugbe lives on ”

country's health needs. He noted that the habit of importing health intervention without local hard evidence often waste resources and investments.”

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, described Late Emeritus Professor Akinkugbe's contributions to tertiary education, healthcare and research as



legendary. "To us in UNIMED, Emeritus Akinkugbe lives on! As an institution committed to excellence in medical education, research and services, Prof Akinkugbe was not a historical note in our developmental trajectory, but a continuous inspiration and evergreen symbol for all we stand for and aspire to be ... "Excellence or Nothing", the VC said. The Governor of Ondo State, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Princess Oladunni Odu, appreciated the university for deeming it fit to celebrate late Prof. Akinkugbe.

The former Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua, FAS who was represented by Barr. Damilola Adejumo at the occasion donated a cheque of one million naira (N1,000,000) to the best student of Internal Medicine in honour of Emeritus Professor Akinkugbe.

The event was graced by the Osemawe and Paramount Ruler of Ondo Kingdom, Oba Dr. Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo, CFR; the former Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko, CON; and the wife of the late icon of medicine, Prof. Mrs. Folasade Akinkugbe



The PLACE of ART in MEDICINE:

An interview with
CHIEF ADETOLA WEWE



Chief Adetola Wewe is one of Nigeria's renowned artists with about 40 years experience and a member of the UNIMED Governing Council. Recently, he was awarded the first fellowship as an ARTIST IN RESIDENCE of the University of African Art. The Public Relations Officer of the University, Temitope Oluwatayo was at the Ondo Gallery of Chief Wewe and spoke to him on the achievement and more.

Can you tell us more about yourself?

I am basically an artist trained at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Osun State. I graduated in 1983 and I proceeded to the University of Ibadan in Oyo state where I bagged a Master's Degree in the year 1986.

After school, I lectured at Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo City, Ondo State for four years, thereafter, I was appointed as a Senior Artist at Daily Times of Nigeria. I was illustrating cartoons for Poise Magazine which was a soft sell at that time. I also did cartoons for a weekly magazine called Times Week. I worked there for a year before I left to join a group of young guys who published a magazine called Exchequer.

I proceeded in my artistic career as I took up a job in a Gallery in Lagos established by a Lebanese. There at the gallery, I was managing the Gallery and making picture framing. I was there for a year before I returned to Ondo where I started painting; I was doing this until 2009 when Dr, Olusegun Mimiko the former Governor of Ondo State appointed me into his cabinet as a Commissioner for Culture and Tourism. I had not been a practicing politician but I crept into it because Mimiko was my friend and I had always been his think tank for a long time, even when he

was a commissioner, till he became the governor. The former Governor dissolved his cabinet and I returned to my studio. The Governor of Ondo State, A r a k u n r i n Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, brought me out of the studio again by appointing me as a member of the UNIMED Governing Council.

Sir, kindly tell us about your career achievements so far

As an Artist, I have over 40 exhibitions both in Nigeria and outside of Nigeria including Germany, France, Holland, the United States of America and the United Kingdom.



I have also received lots of awards. I won the 1st prize award of Guinness Art competition for professional artists between 2004 and 2005. The following year, Nigerian Brewery also had their art competition where I won the first prize award. The first prize I won with Guinness took me to London for an exhibition that was sponsored by Diageo while the Nigerian Brewery sponsored an exhibition for me in Holland in 2006. In 2010, I participated in an exhibition sponsored by the Republic of China for the Olympics in London. 500 artists were invited to the Olympics and I won the gold medal.

Recently, in October 2021, the University of Africa, a social media team of art practitioners, historians and lovers of art gave me a fellowship award. They communicate mostly on Facebook. I am the recipient of the first fellowship award. The award is all about 'practicing' because people don't know how to practice, and a lot of people want to know how to practice. As for me, I practice quietly. I interacted mainly with the students of Texas in Austin, materials were provided and they were amazed at the number of artworks made in one month.

What is the place of Art in Medicine?

Recently, I read in the newspaper, where Medicine students in the United Kingdom are made to offer courses in Arts and also made them visit museums. As a Medical Doctor, when you look at a piece of art deeply and you can get a feeling from it, then you are strengthened to examine your patients and get facts to commence treatment. To excel in the field of medicine, you need to be imaginative, going beyond what the patient is telling you to an artistic look into where the pain is coming from, observe if the person is sane or not, perceive if the patient is actually saying or acting truly about how he/she is feeling. One of the ways of getting a mentally ill person to normalcy is by giving them paints or musical instruments to work with it. As shown by previous studies, painting regulates psychiatric patients' thinking and heals while music calms the patient.

In the course of studying fine art, you do a bit of Anatomy to understand how the body moves and functions. To diagnose better as a medical doctor or a physiotherapist, you need to be able to draw

the body parts and get the forms right. A plastic surgeon will perform excellently well if he or she can mould body parts rightly, and as you know, drawing and moulding are essential parts of art.

I was in Germany for an exhibition titled, 'Beyond Art and Psychosis', most of the paintings on the exhibition were produced by psychiatric patients during world war. The patients were given materials to work with to help their minds. Painting helps to stimulate thinking and therefore heal the patient. A psychiatric patient communicates his or her thoughts through paintings, gradually the patient will begin to think right if he has a doctor that has the knowledge of art and can respond appropriately to the artistic communications.

Colours speak aloud and it has the power to control emotions just as music calms the nerves, it has a psychological effect on people therefore, a medical doctor should understand the effect of colours on people. In history, a famous Artist Leonardo da Vinci opened up the womb of a pregnant woman to study, and he drew what he saw properly. This famous Artist did a lot of medical drawings.

Why are you more interested in traditional art?

I trained at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile Ife, its motto is 'for learning and Culture', therefore we were encouraged to reflect our culture in everything we do. Beyond that, my dissertation at the Master's level was on Apoi Ijaw Mask. These masks are horizontal and are inhuman and animal forms.





UNIMED

appoints

New Deputy Vice-Chancellor

The Governing Council of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has approved the appointment of Prof. Roseangela Nwuba as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University.

The appointment was approved on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at the 13th Statutory meeting of the Council under the leadership of the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi.

Prof. Nwuba's appointment followed her election at the 13th Special Senate Meeting held on Monday, July 5, 2021. Until her appointment, Prof. Nwuba was the Dean of Postgraduate School of the University.

Nwuba is a Professor of Molecular and Cellular Parasitology. She took up the position of Dean, Faculty of Science in August 2018 after she served as the pioneer Head of the Department of Biological Sciences from December 2015 to July 2018.

She also recently won a Seeding Labs Instrumental Award which led to the provision of equipment worth millions of naira to accelerate capacity building, institutional research and effective

teaching within the institution. She also won the TETFund2019 National Research Fund grant for her research on epigenetic determinants of Dizygotic twinning in Igbo-Ora, southwestern Nigeria.

Prior to joining the University of Medical Sciences, Prof. Nwuba served at the University of Ibadan from 1985 to 2015 where she rose from the position of Assistant Lecturer to the Head of the Cellular Parasitology Programme, Cell Biology and Genetics Unit, at the Department of Zoology.

She and her Malaria Research Group were instrumental to the successful winning of several international grants from funding agents such as the World Health Organization and Wellcome Trust. Their research focus was mainly on characterizing different specific antibodies against malaria antigens in individuals naturally exposed to malaria, which can be exploited for the development of an effective vaccine for the control of Malaria. During that period she trained over 45 postgraduate students for their Masters and Ph.D. Degrees.

She has published her research findings in several reputable journals and delivered presentations in both local and international conferences. She holds a B.Sc. Degree in Zoology from the University of Jos; MSc and Ph.D. Degree in Molecular and Cellular Parasitology from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

She is happily married to Engr. Marc Nwuba with three lovely children, Chiamaka, Kosy and Toby.

September 24, 2021



Training on “ Safe Clinical Practice:
The role of situational awareness”
by Prof. Leroy Edozien

December 8, 2021



UNIMED VC Bags SPAAN AWARD

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi on Wednesday 27th October 2021 bagged an award of excellence from the Speech Pathologists and Audiologists Association in Nigeria (SPAAN).

The award was given at the 2021 International Annual Conference of the Association which was held at the International Conference Centre, University of Ibadan.

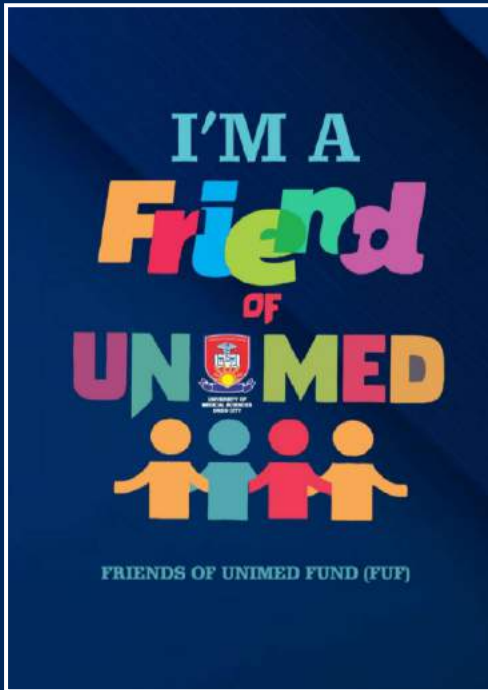
President of SPAAN, Prof. Julius Abiola Ademokoya said UNIMED VC bagged the award because of his outstanding contribution to the development of the Audiology and Speech-Language Therapy professions in Nigeria.

“Prof. Fatusi is one of three recipients of this award, two individuals and one corporate organization. He was chosen because of his contributions to Audiology and Speech Pathology which dated back to his days as the Provost of College of Health Sciences at the Obafemi Awolowo University Ile Ife. He is the first Provost to initiate the creation of the Department of Audiology”, Ademokoya noted.

“As the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Fatusi also established Nigeria's first Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation which houses the departments of Audiology and Speech-Language Therapy,” he added.

The theme for the 2021 SPAAN Annual Conference was “Emerging Trends in Rehabilitation of Communication Disorder in COVID-19 Era and Beyond”.





UNIMED FUF grows as Governing Council Members Donate

The Friends of UNIMED Fund (FUF) initiative of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), has continued to record progress with several donations from various stakeholders.

As part of the outcomes of the 13th Statutory Meeting of the University's Governing Council, members at the meeting demonstrated quality leadership with generous donations in cash and kind to support the needs and aspirations of the University.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi appreciated the Council members for being generous with their time, spending hours on various deliberations for the progress of the University.

Dr. Fawehinmi thereafter donated the sum of one million naira (N1,000,000) to the University. He also donated two sets of computers to support the University in its dream of conducting Post-UTME within the school instead of leveraging on facilities of other institutions.

Other members of the Council, Surveyor Niran Akinniyi and Barrister Niyi Kukoyi donated one set of computer each. In addition, internal members of the Council also donated computers to the University. The Vice-Chancellor donated three (3) sets of computers, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Roseangela Nwuba donated one, while the Director, Office of Strategy and Programme Management, Prof. Adeduro Adegeye donated two (2) sets of computers.

ADEBAYO ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN NASU UNIMED

Comrade Adeleye Adebayo, popularly known as Marshall, has emerged as the pioneer Chairman of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), UNIMED chapter.

The election which was held on 28th October 2021 at the University Chapel, Odosida Campus Ondo had in attendance the Registrar of the University, Dr. Woleola Ekundayo who represented the university management.

Other elected executives of the Union includes, Comrade Oluwagbenga Dolire (General Secretary), Comrade Janet Ayeni (Treasurer), Comrade Dominic Akinkuade (Public Relations Officer) and Comrade Margaret Akintujoye (Woman

Leader). In addition, Comrade Rachael Adeyemi will be in charge of welfare while the position of Assistant General Secretary went to Comrade Olarewaju Oyebade and Comrade Remigius Odinachi will be representing the Ex-Officio

Information gathered by UNIMED Echo from the Union members indicated that the election process was free and fair and the executives were sworn into office on the same day.

The Registrar of the University, Dr. Ekundayo congratulated the elected officers and the Union on the success of the election. He noted that the University management will continue to work hand-in-hand with the Union to promote the welfare of members of staff.

SSANU UNIMED BRANCH SPECIAL CONGRESS





UNIMED NOMINATED FOR NCC PROJECTS

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has been nominated for the school support project of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

According to a letter signed by the Director, Projects Department of NCC, Mr. A. I. Sholanke, FCA, the University's wireless Internet facility will be upgraded by the Commission.

'We are pleased to inform you that your Institution has been nominated to benefit from the Upgrade of Existing Wireless Internet Cloud (WIC) Project implemented by the Nigerian Communications Commission under the Advance Digital Appreciation Programme for Tertiary Institutions (ADAPTI),' he stated.

As noted in the letter, the nomination of UNIMED, Ondo was facilitated by the Senator representing Ondo Central, Dr. Ayo Akinyelure.

TRAINING OF ACADEMIC STAFF ON PEDAGOGY

November 23, 2021





Interview:

Media Chat with **PROF. ADESEYE AROGUNJO** Former DVC Academic

Sir, can you tell us more about yourself?

I am Prof. Adeseye Muiyiwa Arogunjo, a native of Ipe in Akoko South-East Local Government Area, Ondo State. I started my academic career at St. Luke Primary School, Ipe-Akoko and I then went to Ayegbe Community High School at Ise-Akoko. I thereafter proceeded to Oscars in Ikare-Akoko and later gained admission into the University of Ilorin to study Physics where I graduated in 1991. I served at the then Gongola State, which was later divided into two, we were in the orientation camp when the State was divided into Taraba and Adamawa State. I was then posted to the Taraba side, and I was the Corps liaison officer for Kareem Lamido Local Government.

I was at the University of Ibadan for my master's degree in Radiation and Health Physics. Thereafter, I got an appointment as Assistant Lecturer in the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA) on October 4, 1995. I rose through the ranks to become a professor of radiation and health physics.

What was it like starting a University?

It was a very challenging one for me. Interestingly, I had started work at this great citadel of knowledge, UNIMED with the recommendation letters from the then Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Friday OKONOFUA before I got my appointment letter as a sabbatical Professor of Physics in January 2017.

I was appointed the pioneer Head of the Physics Department during the first Management Meeting held at the Council Chamber. Meanwhile, the Vice-Chancellor had earlier appointed me as the pioneer Dean, Faculty of Sciences, 30 minutes before the commencement of the meeting. As a Management Staff, therefore, I had huge responsibilities ranging

from building the Senate to building the Academic career structure of the University.

Can you tell us about the Academic Activities of the Institution?

The process of admission had already started before I joined the University of Medical Sciences. The institution started with five (5) programmes, which were: Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) and Dentistry (BDS). Students were admitted through direct entry into MBBS and BDS during the 2015/2016 academic session; therefore, there was a need for the accreditation process to begin.

The University had its first National Universities Commission (NUC) Resource Verification and MDCN advisory visits in 2016, and 2017, and this great citadel of knowledge got its accreditation for some programmes. In 2018, UNIMED got its first professional accreditation (MDCN) for Basic Medical Sciences and the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation.

The University came up with other programmes in the faculties of Sciences and Nursing programme which was under the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences before the establishment of the Faculty of Nursing Sciences. The Institution had a total number of fourteen (14) programmes during the tenure of Prof. Friday Okonofua as the Vice-Chancellor and all these courses got full accreditation before he left except for the BDS programme that was given an interim or partial accreditation.

Prof Adesegun Fatusi, the present and second Vice-Chancellor of this University joined the institution in March 2020 with great ideas that had further skyrocketed the development of the university. On arrival, he established a consultation forum consisting of the Heads of Departments, Deans, and Professors, and the forum was headed by me. This forum was saddled with the responsibilities of developing new programmes and coming up with a good curriculum.

The forum came up with twenty-two new programmes that were presented to the National Universities Commission (NUC) for resource verification, out of which twelve were enlisted for resource verification. Presently the university is running twenty-two (22) programmes including the twelve new programmes selected for resource verification as earlier mentioned.

What was the admission process like?

The admission process was also a tedious one for me. I became the pioneer Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academics in 2017, and I was in charge of the senate matters, admissions, and anything that has to do with academics. ; I was saddled with the responsibility of coordinating the admission process from Post UTME to liaising with the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB). In 2017 when Prof. Oloyede became Chairman of the board of JAMB, he made things easier with the introduction of the 'CAPS' Central Admission Processing System. The measures set by JAMB for giving admission were based on merit, catchment, educationally displaced areas, and discretion. The University of Medical Sciences, therefore, award admissions to candidates based on the following: Merit 40%, catchment (still on merit) 20% pre-degree 20%, and discretion 20%. This percentage also has to do with the professional body's approved quota.

How do you maintain the standard of the school with pressure coming from various stakeholders who want their wards to study Medicine or other specific courses?

The quality of any institution depends on the quality of the students admitted into the school; therefore, the school does not allow sentiments to override its goals. UNIMED is the first Specialized Institution in Nigeria and we cannot afford to produce low-quality health professionals. We chose to base about 80 percent of all admitted students solely on merit and with such stance, quality or standard is guaranteed.

What were some of the challenges faced?

The major challenge I had during my service at the University of Medical Sciences was fund. The school was established during the time that Nigeria was going through a lot of financial crisis, so, it had no take-off grant and it was relying solely on the subvention from the Ondo State Government. Now that the subvention does not come in regularly and the expenditure of the school is far more than the subvention, it takes the

grace of God for the school not to collapse.

What is your view about the establishment of natural sciences in a medical school like ours?

The bedrock of any technology, either human or physical is sciences; therefore, it would have been absurd to start a University of Medical Sciences without Natural Sciences programmes such as Biology, Physics, and the likes. The management of the Institution that started the programme knew that medicine is all about Science and it will be appalling to run a medical specialized school without natural sciences programmes.

As a professor of radiation and health physics, what can you say about radiation contributing to health challenges in society?

Radiation has twin activities that can either be hazardous or helpful to humans. The paradoxical nature of radiation depends on the application of the radiation. Radiation will be hazardous if not properly handled. Whereas, cancer treatment is based on radiotherapy born out of radiation. It is important to have a proper understanding of the radiation around us, such as what it can do, what it cannot do, and how we can make sure it does not go out of its bounds.

What is your advice to students?

Everyone wants to study medicine. This is a good decision but not everyone will be fulfilled being a medical doctor. It is possible to fare better and achieve greater height in other professions. Parents need to stop forcing or instigating their wards to study Medicine because they want to be addressed as parents of medical doctors. That time in which we push our wards to study a course because of the supposed pride inherent in the course has passed. Your child can make you proud in any field as long as there is commitment and the desire to excel.

What is your plan going from here?

My plans are in the hands of God. He created me and he has been playing well, even where I don't merit.

To end this session, can you tell us about your favourite food, choice of attire and music?

I love pounded yam (*iyam*) with any kind of soup. I am a native person; therefore, I love wearing traditional wears. While growing in my town Ipe-Akoko back in the olden days, I loved Juju music by King Sunny Ade, and I was referred to as the King Sunny Ade of Ipe-Akoko.

**SEND FORTH CEREMONY BY THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
FOR THE FORMER DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR, ACADEMIC,
PROF. ADESEYE AROGUNJO (AUGUST 12, 2021)**



UNIMED HOLDS SPECIAL SENATE FOR AROGUNJO

The Senate of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State on August 12, 2021 had a special senate session in honour of Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo, the pioneer Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University.

The event was the first of such by the Senate of the University. Members of the Senate took turns to appreciate and eulogize the University Don for his contributions to the growth of the University. His wife and children were present at the event

SENFORTH CEREMONY BY THE BURSARY DEPARTMENT FOR MRS. DEBO AJAGUNNA, FORMER CHIEF ACCOUNTANT, UNIMED (AUGUST 20, 2021)



NOVELTY MATCH OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE



Osemawe's Birthday

November 11, 2021



HIGH CHIEF ADEDURO'S BIRTHDAY DECEMBER 2, 2021





**VC'S
BIRTHDAY
DECEMBER 3**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY HON. MAKINDE August 16



CHIEF ADEGOKE'S BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER 29



Wedding Ceremony

OF THE SON OF THE FORMER VICE-CHANCELLOR,
UNIMED, PROF. FRIDAY OKONOFUA



UNIMED 2021 Christmas Carol





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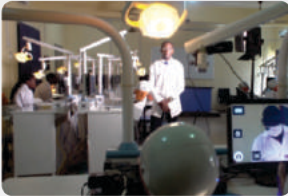
SCHOOL FEES FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS FOR 2021/2022 ACADEMIC SESSION

	NEW STUDENTS		RETURNING STUDENTS				
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1 FACULTY OF CLINICAL SCIENCES AND DENTAL HEALTH							
INDIGENES	1,320,000.00		546,250.00	396,500.00	455,000.00	468,000.00	494,000.00
NON INDIGENE	2,245,000.00		603,750.00	461,500.00	520,000.00	533,000.00	559,000.00
2 FACULTY OF NURSING SCIENCES							
INDIGENES	900,000.00		477,250.00	364,000.00	403,000.00	455,000.00	
NON INDIGENE	1,200,000.00		534,750.00	429,000.00	468,000.00	520,000.00	
3 FACULTY OF BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES(ANATOMY, BIOCHEMISTRY, PHYSIOLOGY)							
INDIGENES	350,000.00		270,250.00	253,500.00	305,500.00		
NON INDIGENE	400,000.00		304,750.00	318,500.00	370,500.00		
4 SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE)							
INDIGENES	350,000.00		270,250.00	253,500.00	305,500.00		
NON INDIGENE	400,000.00		304,750.00	318,500.00	370,500.00		
5 FACULTY OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION(PHYSIOTHERAPY)							
INDIGENES	900,000.00		477,250.00	364,000.00	403,000.00	455,000.00	
NON INDIGENE	1,200,000.00		534,750.00	429,000.00	468,000.00	520,000.00	
6 FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES (MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES)							
INDIGENES	900,000.00		477,250.00	364,000.00	403,000.00	455,000.00	
NON INDIGENE	1,200,000.00		534,750.00	429,000.00	468,000.00	520,000.00	
7 FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES (RADIOGRAPHY, HUMAN NUTRITION &DIETETICS, HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT)							
INDIGENES	500,000.00		477,250.00	364,000.00	403,000.00	455,000.00	
NON INDIGENE	750,000.00		534,750.00	429,000.00	468,000.00	520,000.00	
8 FACULTY OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION(OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AUDIOLOGY,SPEECH THERAPY, PROSTHETIC & ORTHOTICS)							
INDIGENES	500,000.00		477,250.00	364,000.00	403,000.00	455,000.00	
NON INDIGENE	750,000.00		534,750.00	429,000.00	468,000.00	520,000.00	
9 FACULTY OF SCIENCES(SCIENCE LAB TECH)							
INDIGENES	350,000.00		154,000.00	154,000.00	192,500.00		
NON INDIGENE	400,000.00		176,000.00	176,000.00	214,500.00		
10 FACULTY OF SCIENCE(ICT BASED COURSES, COMPUTER SCIENCE, HEALTH INFORMATICS)							
INDIGENES	350,000.00		154,000.00	154,000.00	192,500.00		
NON INDIGENE	400,000.00		176,000.00	176,000.00	214,500.00		
11 FACULTY OF SCIENCE(OTHER COURSES)							
INDIGENES	180,000.00		154,000.00	154,000.00	192,500.00		
NON INDIGENE	240,000.00		176,000.00	176,000.00	214,500.00		



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