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# Editorial

We are happy to be out again with the Newsletter, the first this year. The publication has now become an annual event and published to coincide with the hosting of Annual National Conference. We have continued to sustain the quality in terms of content and outlook.

As we are part of the national polity, a lot of things have taken place within the Institute and around. All these have been adequately captured in the various sections in this issue. The key areas worthy of note are mentioned below

The membership registration has continued to increase. Fresh graduates were inducted in three Universities and one Polytechnic so far this year. The awareness to do the same in Polytechnics is gaining ground.

Short training programmes planned for this year have been held as scheduled and most of them well attended. The Institute has continued to receive commendation in the area of capacity development. Scientists and Technologists who have been privileged to participate in the various programmes have been making positive impacts in their laboratories all over the country. The development of the National Headquarters has continued to receive the desired attention of the Management. It is our hope that before the end of the year the Laboratory Support Building, Abuja under construction would be completed and the gradual movement to Abuja would commence.

We are happy to report that the Institute's Journal of laboratory science got a boost by a grant of Five Million (₦5M) from JETFUND for its publication. The maiden issue of the Journal would be out soon.

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IFE 2011 was a successful outing for the Institute and it is hoped that **Calabar 2012** would follow suit. All hands are on deck to ensure a successful Conference.

Happy reading!

### EDITORIAL

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## NISLT Admits New Inductees into the SLT Profession

Ninety two students were admitted into the Science Laboratory Technology (SLT) profession at the induction ceremony of the third set of new graduates of SLT programme at Ladoko Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH). 22 inductees were from Physics/Electronics Option, 44 from Chemistry/Biochemistry Option and 32 from Biology/Microbiology Option. The ceremony was performed by the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the SIFAX Lecture Theatre, LAUTECH, Ogbomosho.

Welcoming the inductees and guest at the induction ceremony, the Dean, Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, Professor O. O. Fawole, who is also the Chairman Committee of Provost and Deans



Inductees in a group photograph with the Registrar, NISLT, Dr. I. F. Ijagbone, HOD, SLT, LAUTECH, Dr. S. O. Adewoye and Dr. ETI, NISLT, Mr. J. Osuh (L-R)

congratulated the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology on the occasion of oath taking and official admission of the graduates into the SLT profession. The Dean stated that he was proud of the immense contribution LAUTECH was making towards manpower development efforts of the nation. He further said that the challenge to maintain the momentum is the fact that products from the University were doing very well in the industries and commerce in terms of their practical application of knowledge and skills in their various work places. This he said was made possible through the collaboration with

NISLT in order to make their graduands relevant and recognized worldwide. The Head of Department, Science Laboratory Technology, LAUTECH, Dr. S. O. Adewoye in his address, said that LAUTECH is a trailblazer in producing graduates with Bachelor's degree of Technology in SLT in Nigeria and the first to present its graduates for official issuance of professional licence by the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology. Part-time B.Sc (SLT) he said had been approved by the University and that the department is also pursuing the approval and commencement of Postgraduate Diploma and Master of Science in Health, Safety and Environment. The HOD appealed to the Management of the Institution to transform into physical structures the Glass Blowing Workshop, which he said

had been approved two years earlier. He also asked for more academic staff, office accommodation, laboratory equipment and reagents and standard laboratories to facilitate some of their practicals.

In his keynote address, the Ag. Vice Chancellor, Professor Adeniyi Sulaiman Gbadegesin who was represented by the Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, LAUTECH, Professor A. B. Ogunwale said the programme started as an off-shoot of the Science Laboratory Technology Training Scheme (SLTTS) Diploma Award Programme. However, the programme he said was upgraded into a degree awarding status during the 2004/2005 academic session after the

Diploma Programme was phased out from the University programmes following the orders of the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the Federal Ministry of Education.

Appreciating the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology, the Ag. Vice Chancellor, Prof. A. S. Gbadegesin said LAUTECH is one of the first six institutions in the country to run Science Laboratory Technology as a Degree Programme and the first to have its graduating students inducted. He enjoined the graduating students to keep and protect the name of their alma-matter and uphold their integrity as they move through the journey of life while wishing them a successful career in their chosen profession.

Congratulating the Vice Chancellor, other Principal Officers, Management and Staff of the University for their collective commitment for a job well-done, the Registrar/DG/CEO, Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone declared that as the professional licence certificate was issued to the inductees as a result of the accreditation accorded the University by the Institute to carry out their professional practice there was the need for them to relate more with the Institute for their career development. He affirmed that as they join the league of professional Laboratory Scientists/Technologists, they were required to give a new direction for the profession in the service of the country.

The Director-General challenging the Inductees said the task ahead was enormous and that the sectoral goal was to use science and technology to drive the national economy and that since global attention was focused on knowledge based economy (KBE) driven by science and technology, much was expected from the inductees in that direction to make positive contributions. The Registrar stressed the Institute's support by putting structures on ground for career development including Government approved Scheme of Service for Laboratory Scientists that would enable SLT professionals rise to Directorate level in the Public Service like those in other professions.

## NISLT ADMITS ABRAKA GRADUANDS INTO THE PROFESSION OF SLT

The Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State witnessed the induction and admission of the first three sets of graduates (2007/2008, 2008/2009, and 2009/2010) of the Institute of Science Laboratory Technology into the Profession of Science Laboratory Technology by the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology.

The induction ceremony, which took place at the Pre-Degree Hall, Site III Abraka on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 witnessed dignitaries from all works of life. During the induction, 994 graduands were inducted into the SLT profession. According to the publication of inductees on the induction ceremony brochure 93 graduands were inducted in Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology, 115 in Biological Technology, 186 in Biomedical Technology, 43 in Environmental Technology, 90 in Microbiology Technology, 87 in Physics Electronics Technology, 136 in Physiology/Pharmacology Technology, 70 Biochemistry Technology, 43 in Chemistry Technology, 40 in Geology and Mining Technology and 91 in Industrial Chemistry and Petrochemicals.

The Vice Chancellor, Delta State University, Abraka, Professor Eric A. Arubayi during the induction ceremony emphasized that the induction of graduates of Science Laboratory Technology into the profession of Science Laboratory Technology was the first of its kind in the history of the Institute of Science Laboratory Technology, Delta State University, Abraka. The delay in the induction of SLT graduates due to non-preparation of results for Senate approval, which he said was responsible for the induction of three sets of SLT graduates at the Induction ceremony was now a thing of the past. He also said the graduation of the fourth set, will come up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the current 2011/2012 session. Prof. Eric Arubayi explained that the programme, which had been running on a part-time, had been given approval by the Nigerian University Commission for the establishment of a full-time segment of the programme. To this end the Vice Chancellor said, Senate of the University has approved the admission of students from the current Post UME into the programme for the 2011/2012 academic session. Hoping to achieve the ultimate soon, the Vice Chancellor in his commitment assured the inductees of their qualification to undergo postgraduate studies in the University and that the University had put arrangement in place to take care of the accommodation problem facing the Institute. Congratulating the inductees, the Vice Chancellor charged them to be good ambassadors of Delta State University.

In his address, the Registrar/DG/CEO, Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone expressed his delight in witnessing the first induction of the SLT graduates of Delta State University into the profession of Science Laboratory Technology. Congratulating the graduates, he said "it is with a sense of fulfillment that I formally welcome you to our dynamic profession". Having fulfilled their academic role, the Registrar advised the graduates to relate more with the Institute for their professional guidance as they enter into the world to carry out their practice. Admonishing the graduates, the Registrar said the journey to attain the zenith of their professional career was just beginning and that they must all strive to put in their best and excel professionally by doing things rightly. He also emphasized that they should not be too far from the Institute. In his conclusion, the Registrar said the Institute will continue to explore all possible areas of collaborations with the University for the Professional development of science laboratory technology programme, noting the role played by professional colleagues in the



Oath being administered to SLT graduates

University to support the programme..

Also speaking at the ceremony, the Director, Institute of Science Laboratory Technology, Delta State University, Abraka, Dr. Owhe-Uregbe U. B. said the award of professional licence by the professional body, NISLT allows the graduates to practise as Science Laboratory Technologist in any establishment where technologists are needed and are also empowered by law to establish and operate research laboratories in any part of the country.



# NISLT ADMINISTERS PROFESSIONAL OATH TO NEW MEMBERS

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The Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology administered its professional oath, which was taken by the new inductees of the University of Port Harcourt. The Induction ceremony, which took place on Monday, 23rd April, 2012 at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park witnessed dignitaries from all works of life.

In his welcome address, the Dean, School of Science Laboratory Technology (SSLT) Prof. Anthony E. Ataga mentioned that this epoch making event is a defining moment in the life of the Inductees. He said only 277 graduates successfully went through the rigorous academic training, among the 277 graduates, he said 20 bagged 2nd Class Upper division, 214 bagged 2nd Class Lower Division while 43 bagged 3rd Class (Honours). Among the 277 graduates that were inducted 25 Biochemistry/Chemistry Technology, 87 Biomedical Technology, 55 Geology/Mining Technology, 37 Industrial Chemistry/Petrochemical Technology, 44 Microbiology Technology, 22 Physics/Electronics Technology and 3, Physics/Production Technology graduates were inducted. Congratulating them on their remarkable achievements and presentation of NISLT professional license as Associate Members, the Dean admonished them to ensure that they adhere strictly to the ethics of the profession. Speaking further Prof. Ataga said the Institute as it was known had been upgraded to a school with six departments. He also informed that the school had commenced full-time (regular) Bachelor of Technology programme in Science Laboratory Technology this academic year with initial intake of 195 students.

The Vice Chancellor, University of Port Harcourt, Prof. Joseph A. Ajienka reaffirmed the establishment of the School of Science Laboratory Technology (SSLT) with a mandate to run Certificate, Full-Time and Evening/Weekend degree programmes in Science Laboratory Technology and a Dean and Associate Dean Appointed for the School of Laboratory Technology. Prof. Ajienka also mentioned that approval had been given for the construction of the School of Science building to adequately accommodate the SSLT and the Central Instrument Laboratory, this he said will solve the problem of inadequate office accommodation and laboratories in the University. It is my hope that when this project is accomplished, many more laboratory scientists would be trained and certified to fill the knowledge-gap occasioned by the acute shortage of relevant

personnel in the country's critical Laboratory Technology sector, he said. Charging the graduates the Vice Chancellor asked that they should be worthy ambassadors of the University. In his words "I encourage you to strive towards the ideal of diligence and excellence in service to humanity; ensuring that the best industry practices are maintained at all times noting that in the contemporary world, technological advancement is a major driver force of the new knowledge economy". The Guest Lecturer at the Induction Ceremony Engr. Dr. Ogbonna Joel who is the African Regional representative of National Registry of Environmental Professionals (NREP), USA and Deputy Director, Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), Uniport, delivered his lecture on "Efficient Laboratory Management a Key to Success in the Industry".

In his lecture Dr. Ogbonna said that the Laboratory is a fulcrum hence organizations rely on laboratory results to make critical



Inductees taking their professional Oath

decisions in engineering, science, process improvement and human Health management. He further commented on the need for laboratory scientists and technologists to practise professionalism by delivery quality services and adding value to their profession, which he said was doing things once and doing it right. He further explained that this could be achieved if laboratory personnels would think globally, and act locally; seek for knowledge; keep efficient data documentation and have team spirit.

In his address the Registrar/DG/CEO, Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone opined that the success-

ful completion of the programme provided the opportunity to perform the oath taking ceremony, which he said was the first of the series of events in the 2012 school's convocation ceremony. Congratulating the graduates the Registrar said as they leave the University they would earn two certificates namely the academic degree certificate to be issued by the University and the professional licence certificate issued to them as a result of the accreditation accorded the University by the Institute. The inductees were charged by the Registrar to relate more with the Institute for their career development as they carry out their professional practices. You will now join the league of professional Laboratory Scientists/Technologists required to give a new direction for the profession in the service to our great country he said.

The Registrar, NISLT particularly commended the Vice-Chancellor for the milestone achievement considering the history of SLT in the University and the

struggles over the years to accord it full academic rights and privileges. He said that there were obvious reasons to say that the Vice-Chancellor is the architect of modern SLT of the University.

Acknowledging the role played by laboratory technologists and scientists in the University for their technical support for the programme, Dr. Ijagbone implore the University authority to continue to solicit the support and use of the members of the Institute in developing the programme to its fullest for the enhancement of professionalism.

# HND SLT GRADUATES FROM POLYTECHNICS JOIN THEIR UNIVERSITY COUNTERPARTS INTO NISLT PROFESSION.

NEWS

Graduands of the School of Applied Science, Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State were inducted like their University counterparts into the profession of Science Laboratory Technology (SLT). They were the first graduates from a polytechnic to be inducted into the profession since the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) commenced inducting fresh graduates into SLT profession before formally exiting from their institutions.

Welcoming the graduands into the professional body of the Institute, the Director- General of NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone noted that the tasks ahead of SLT graduates were immense. He said they would join hands with other professionals in the sector where the Institute belongs to use science and technology to drive the national economy. Owing to the fact that globally, much attention was being focused on Knowledge-based economy driven by Science and Technology he tasked them to make their own positive contribution towards this direction.

Ijagbone urged them to continue to relate with the Institute as they progress in their career development. This he said would enable them to be guided professionally as they represent the new generation of laboratory technologists required to give the profession a new direction.

He said "Professionalism is all about honesty, integrity and competence. The journey to attain the zenith of your professional career is just beginning. You must all strive to put in your best and excel professionally by doing things rightly. As you proceed from here, you should not be too far from the Institute and get involved in our professional activities".

While he noted the role played by professional colleagues in the support of the programme, he solicited for more cooperation and collaboration in the area of professional development of science laboratory technology programme in the Polytechnic.

Earlier in her address, the Rector Federal Polytechnic Ekiti State, Mrs Akande who was represented by the Deputy Rector Academics, Dr. Nnamdi Aboloma noted the essence of induction and registration of the newly graduated students into the profession. He said such identification with the Institute would keep them ahead of their colleagues as it was now one of the requirements for employment.

Her words: "I hope the students are aware of the numerous advantages that will accrue to them by registering now. Having this registration puts you ahead of others who do not have NISLT licence because the possession of it has now become a requirement for employment".

He urged them to abide by the tenets of the Institute even though the requirements to practice may be fairly rigid as he noted that very sensitive issues concerning human lives were involved.

While inaugurating the members of the Association of Science Laboratory Technologists in the institution that same day, Mrs. Akande noted that it was very necessary to form the Association in order to check unethical practices of quacks. According to her belonging to such Association would make it easier to identify those who practice without licence.

She urged the members of the Association to strengthen themselves so as to become stronger and formidable in their struggle for professionalism.



SLT Graduates being Sworn into the SLT Profession



## NISLT PHASES OUT SLTTP EXAMS IN UNIVERSITIES, SET FOR PROFESSIONAL EXAMS

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Science Laboratory Technology Training Programme (SLTTP) that hitherto was carried out by the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), in conjunction with some universities has been phased out. The release of the recent examination results conducted in the six geo-political zones of the country marked the end of the conduct of SLTTP examinations by NISLT in Universities.

According to the Registrar/Director-General of the Institute, Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone, the phasing out of the examinations was to allow NISLT to shift its attention to the professional programme, which would be organized to admit new HND and B.Sc/B.tech graduates into the profession.

Dr. Ijagbone said students who still have problems with the released results should go back to their Institutions where they took the examinations.

He made this known at the meeting of Deans, Heads and Directors of SLT programme in Universities held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 and the Polytechnics and Colleges of Technology held also on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 respectively at the Institute's headquarters. The meetings had the same Agenda.

Dr. Ijagbone revealed that the selection of the Coordinators as well as the development of the curriculum for the

programme was on, he however said candidates and Coordinators should work together to ensure the smooth take-off of the programme. He said the Institute would only be involved in the conduct of examinations after which they would be admitted as members of the Institute if they are successful.

The Registrar stated that the proposed non-SLT graduate programme is an interim measure for the admission of those who had not studied SLT but are employed as technologists in laboratories. He enjoined affected persons to make use of the opportunity. He said the Management of NISLT and the Coordinators already in the programme would soon meet to draw up modalities for the take-off of the programme.

At the forum with the Coordinators of SLT programme in Polytechnics and Colleges of Technology, it was agreed that there should be uniformity in the curriculum used in running the SLT programme. Discussions on the HND curriculum used in the programme revealed different manners each Institution was running the programme. However, the Director-General, NISLT said he would be meeting with NBTE to discuss the matter further in order to rectify any anomaly in the system

Dr. Ijagbone further emphasized the essence of capacity development for technologists working in SLT departments being conducted by the

Institute. For more patronage the Coordinators of SLT programme recommended that information concerning human capacity development should be sent to the Vice-Chancellors, Rectors and Heads of Department for urgent attention. They also recommended that training should be included as NBTE requirement for accreditation of SLT programmes in Polytechnics.

In both fora, the DG pointed out the reason for professional registration and induction of SLT students into the profession. He said induction ceremony should be organized for SLT graduating students so as to add professional value to their programme. Most coordinators at the meeting requested that memos should be sent to the Vice-Chancellors and Rectors of the various Institutions for mandatory acceptance of inductions.

On progress report of SLT degree programme in various institutions, Dr. Ogedengbe informed that SLT programme in University of Benin had been approved as a full time programme.

It was gathered from the Institute that there was no outstanding NYSC exclusion certificate at the NYSC secretariat. However, new ones from Port Harcourt and Abraka were being processed to be forwarded to NYSC Secretariat, Abuja by NISLT for consideration.

## OBITUARY

On behalf of Management and the entire members of staff of the Institute the Registrar/DG/CEO, Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso, Ijagbone wishes to announce with deep sorrow but with gratitude to God the untimely death of Mrs. Patricia Mercy Oyewole at the age of 33years. Late Mrs Oyewole has since been buried. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

## NISLT TRAINS KWARA STATE SCIENCE TEACHERS

NEWS

The Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) in collaboration with Shepherd Green Nigeria Limited organized a training workshop on Procedures for Effective Science Practicals in Secondary Schools. The training workshop, which took place between 23rd and 25th January, 2012 was sponsored by Kwara State Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development. It was particularly organized in keeping with the mandate of the Institute which

focused on exposing science teachers and laboratory personnel in Kwara State to the latest practice and methods required in teaching students and use of basic modern laboratory equipment needed for science related disciplines. The opening ceremony was attended by the Deputy Governor of Kwara State Elder Peter Kisira who was represented by the Honourable Commissioner of Education and Human Capital Development, Alhaji Raji Mohammed, the Permanent Secretary and Directors from the State Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development, the Director – General of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology, Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone and other management staff of the

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development, Kwara State, Alhaji L.O. Alabi in his welcome address, emphasized the purpose of the training workshop, which he said was in line with the policy thrust of Kwara State Government targeted at re-positioning Kwara State Secondary Schools and placing them at an enviable height for other states to follow. He admonished the participants to take the training

appreciated the Director – General of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology, Dr Ighodalo F. Ijagbone, for his expertise in training science teachers and laboratory personnel in Kwara State secondary schools.

Also speaking at the opening ceremony, the Director, Education, Training and Inspectorate, Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology, Mr. Jackson Osuh



Kwara State Science Teachers, State Government Officers and Staff of NISLT

workshop seriously so that Kwara State would once again take the lead in educational deliverables.

Giving his good will message, the Chief Executive Officer, Shepherd Green Nigeria Limited, Mr Adebayo Ojediran appreciated Kwara State Government and the Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development for improvement of science education in secondary schools in Kwara state. He further

expressed delight that a training workshop of such magnitude had been embraced by Kwara State Government. He stated that this would eventually make a positive impact on science education in secondary schools in Kwara State.

In his address, the Registrar/DG/CEO, Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology, Dr. Ighodalo

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# NISLT TO ESTABLISH FORENSIC LABORATORY

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Plans are on the way to establish a forensic science laboratory that would render services to the Nigerian Police Force, other related agencies, organizations and members of the public. The Director General of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology, (NISLT) Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone made this known during a courtesy visit by the new Oyo State, Commissioner of Police to the Institute on Friday, 20th April, 2012.

While briefing the Commissioner on the Institute's Mandate, he said a concept note for the forensic laboratory had not been approved and whenever it is established would help the Police in crime investigation. He also promised to collaborate with the Nigerian Police to train the men and officers of the police on how to use the forensic laboratory when it is finally put in place.

He commended the efforts of the District Police Officer (DPO), Sango Police Station, CSP S.D. Akinfenwa whom he said had done much in changing the face of the police from the way people had always known it.

Commending the Management of NISLT for the good work they are doing, the Commissioner of Police, Oyo State Command T.Y. Mohid emphasised the importance of the forensic laboratories in the country and urged the Institute to come up with one, which he said would be of immense benefit to the police force and members of the public. He promised to get the message across to the Inspector General of Police.



The Registrar/DG/CEO, NISLT, Dr. I. F. Ijagbone and the Commissioner of Police, Oyo State Command T. Y. Mohid during the Commissioner visit to NISLT Headquarters at Ibadan

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## NISLT TRAINS KWARA STATE SCIENCE TEACHERS

Folorunso, Ijagbone said that the training workshop on laboratory procedures for effective science practicals in secondary schools in Kwara State was the first training workshop embarked upon by the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology in the year 2012. He further explained that the mandate of the Institute was to ensure advancement of science laboratory technology profession and effective and efficient management and administration of science laboratories in Nigeria.

He decried the current state of science education in Nigeria and appreciated the Honourable Commissioner of Education and Human Capital Development for being proactive in the

area of training and re-training of science teachers in the state's secondary schools. Concluding, the Registrar, NISLT charged all other State's Commissioners of Education to take a cue from Kwara State and synergize with the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology in the areas of laboratory services, training and re-training of science teachers, technologists and other laboratory personnel.

While declaring the training workshop open on behalf of the Deputy Governor of Kwara State, Elder Peter Kisira, the Honourable Commissioner of Education and Human Capital Development, Alhaji Raji Mohammed, expressed pleasure at the objective of the training workshop

which in his words was aimed at preparing science teachers in Kwara State for the enormous task of improving on the teaching and learning of practical aspects of science subjects in the state's secondary schools. He appreciated the collaborators who organized the training workshop and expressed his conviction that science is the pivot of technological development of a nation.

Wishing the participants fruitful deliberations, the Deputy Governor, Elder Peter Kisira concluded that the state will leave no stone unturned in ensuring that science teachers are adequately trained in a bid to ensuring that students in the area of science education come out in flying colours in their external examinations.

# Photo News



DG NISLT, Dr. I.F. Ijagbone and DG NOTAP, Dr. Bindir Umar Buba at a stakeholders meeting at NISLT Headquarters.



Members of staff NISLT dance with their Director-General, Dr. I.F. Ijagbone at the New Year party at NISLT headquarters, Ibadan.



From right DG NISLT, Dr. I.F. Ijagbone, National ALSTON Chairman Mr. Michael Ajayi, Dir. PRD, NISLT, Mr. F. Sunmonu, Dir. Admin and Finance, Mr. Joseph Musa, (Extreme end) SA to the DG, Mr. Adekola Babatunde, and other members of staff of NISLT and guests during an in-house seminar delivered by Miss Kehinde Eniola.



DG NISLT, Dr. I.F. Ijagbone during the press briefing on the 2011 Annual National Conference tagged 'Ife 2011'



Participants in a group photograph with NISLT and IITA Management Staff at the closing ceremony of a training workshop organized at IITA



NISLT staff during the STEP-B training at CMD, Ibadan.



Kwara State Polytechnic SLT Students in a group photograph with the Registrar, NISLT, Dr. I.F. Ijagbone, the Dir. PRD, Mr. F. Sunmonu and the Dir. Admin and Finance, Mr. Joseph Musa.



Members of NISLT committee on safety (L-R) Mrs. Yemisi Aruna; Mrs. O.O. Odu; Mrs. Michael Uwoje N.E.; Dir. Admin and Finance, Mr. Joseph Musa; Mr. Raheem Bello; Mrs. Olubajo-Ajibola, S.O. Uzoma L.C. during their inauguration



# Photo News



DG, NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo F. Ijagbone feeding questions from the press at the ministerial platform and science exhibition 2012 at Abuja.



The Hon. Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. Ita Okon Bassey Ewa ask questions on NISLT research products and with him is the Hon. Minister of Information, Mr. Labran Maku and the Director General, NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo F. Ijagbone



The commissioner for Industry and Applied Science, Hon. Adebayo Otagbiero at NISLT Research and Development stand during the ministerial briefing at Abuja.



The Hon. Commissioner for Industry and Applied Science, Hon. Adebayo Otagbiero inaugurates joint committee of his Ministry's Staff and those of NISLT on Science and Technology Development in Oyo State.



NISLT staff supplies data for IPPIS purpose.



Verbum displays NISLT new website.



NISLT/STEP-B Team, members of staff of grapevine consulting Ltd and Resource persons in a group photograph during an executive project management workshop at NISLT.



(1st at the Middle table) Dir. PRD, NISLT Mr. Florunsho Sunmonu, Dir. ETI, NISLT, Mr. Jackson Oshin and Mr. Emmanuel Odeku during NISLT Courtesy visit to Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria

## IFAD Review Team to IITA visits NISLT, -Concretizes Partnership.

A Review Team from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) a specialized agency of the European Community (EC) in collaboration with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) paid a visit to the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) as the Institute was one of the agencies of the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology that IITA is partnering with in Agricultural related services.

areas of capacity development, stressing that IITA has been very helpful in the training of the Institute's members at training workshops organised by the Institute.

Also speaking at the occasion, Dr. Lava Kumar, head of the IITA delegation thanked the Institute for the partnership/relationship that exists between the Institute and IITA. He informed the EC-IFAD team that the

commended the Institute's efforts in terms of neatness of the environment and facilities on ground. He noted that one of the major problems confronting African as a continent and Nigerian in particular was power generation. Lambou who was impressed with the installation of solar panels in the Institute informed that NISLT was the first place he had been to in Nigeria with the kind of structure and a very beautiful and serene environment where solar panels were really in place for electricity generation.

Welcoming members of the team to the Institute, the Director-General, NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone said management of NISLT was hopeful that the meeting would open up new frontiers for the Institute. He said the Federal Government was desirous of partnering with the private and other sectors through Public Private Partnership (PPP) programme as one of the key strategies for development.

While he made a presentation about the Institute and its activities to the visiting team he explained the mandate of the Institute to cover professional membership, regulatory activities and research in some areas of Science and Technology (S&T). He said the Institute had a multipurpose laboratory where different samples from all works of life, including agricultural samples were brought for analysis.

He noted that results of tests and analysis carried out by the Institute were of international standards noting that the Institute has a working relationship (tests results exchange programme) with a university in Holland WEPAL P. O. Box 8005, 6700 EC WAGENINGEN THE NETHERLANDS where results of tests and analysis carried out by the Institute were compared to ensure conformity with international standards.

He particularly emphasised that the Institute and IITA also work together in



The Registrar/DG/CEO, NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone 2nd left chats with Mr. Richard Lambou of Natural Resources Institute, UK/EC Review Mission.



The Registrar/DG/CEO, NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso brief the Visiting Team of IITA, IFAD and the UK/EC Review Mission on the collaboration efforts of the Institute.

Institute was one of the foremost agencies in the country that IITA is partnering with in the area of capacity development, research testing of agricultural products and biotechnology because of the uniqueness of the Institute in terms of facility, equipment, skilful manpower and technical know-how. He said efforts were in top gear to strengthen the partnership that exists between the two Institutes.

Mr. Richard Lambou, who spoke on behalf of the EC Review team,

He said the EC Review team were in Nigeria to monitor the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Project, a strategic alliance that unites organizations involved in agricultural research for sustainable development with the donors that fund such work project, which according to him included IITA's work on Agrobiodiversity in which they have collaborated with NISLT over the years and how IITA was partnering with other agencies and institutions for research particularly in agriculture. He said he was impressed with the partnership between the Institute, noting that NISLT and IITA could use science and technology to boost food production. He said he was looking forward to a sustained relationship between the two Institutes and in whatever way the EC could assist in the partnership. He thanked the Institute's Management for the good work they are doing.

Responding, Dr. Ijagbone said science and technology is a major factor in boosting agricultural development all over the world. He said whatever way the EC could assist the Institute in the attainment of its mandate would be highly appreciated. He emphasized the need to strengthen the partnership between NISLT and IITA. He said there was need for the two bodies to look critically at the elements of partnership with the aim of strengthening it.



# NAFOHEADS

## HOLDS PUBLIC SERVICE LECTURE

•Reposition Education for Breakthrough in S&T... Ijagbone.

NEWS

A sound Science based educational curriculum has been described as one of the factors that must be in place before a commendable level of development could be achieved in the country.

Speaking at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Service Lecture of National Forum of Heads of Federal Government Establishments (NAFOHEADS) Oyo State Chapter held at NTA Headquarters Ibadan on Thursday, 24th November, 2011, the Director General of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone submitted that education must be re-invented in order to provide human capital that could power a technologically driven economy. According to him, emphasis must be placed on elaborate system of formal and informal education tailored towards achieving set national objectives of the nation.

Citing China, as one of the countries with impressive economic growth, Ijagbone said China tailored its education to suit its objective of attaining science and technological growth, they used modes of purchase of technological licences; bargaining modality with foreign companies to provide technology transfer (condition for entering China market) and exploit industrial espionage to acquire technology.

Ijagbone who spoke on the topic titled "Science and Technology: The Bedrock of National Development" said the country needs to learn from other nations and that one of the simplest take-off points in the nation's effort to reverse its misfortunes was to look at functional models put in place by developed nations and which had been successfully replicated by most developing countries especially in the Asian Continent.

He was of the opinion that the economy of the nation should be moved from its over dependence on Oil to knowledge based economy. According to him, the application of knowledge in areas such as entrepreneurship and innovation, Research and Development, Software and Product design as well as levels of people's education and skills was now being recognized as one of the key sources

of growth in the global economy. He said knowledge economy was the latest stage of development in global economic restructuring and that the concept serves to direct the attention of policy-makers to science and technology issues and to their role in the economy.

As a way of contributing to the development of the national economy, Ijagbone said the Ministry of Science and Technology have come up with a New National policy to reposition science sector to its enviable role to national development. The policy he said would address the weak areas identified in the initial policies and focus on the National Innovation System (NIS) that drives science and technology globally.

He said the philosophy of the new STI policy was centred on Nigeria's vision 20:2020 while its objective was to develop, utilize and maximize national capability in STI as well as enhancing

subjects.

According to him, Science can only work for those who deliberately commit sufficient resources to critical activities that could yield results over a sustained period of time. On the way forward, he postulated that the nation's innovation and transformation policies should be centred on the need to activate her intellectual capacity by investing more on science and technology education from the primary to the University level for human capacity building.

He also stressed the need for multidisciplinary mission-oriented research and development activities in S&T, geared towards generation, acquisition, storage, application and diffusion of cognate knowledge for national development. "There is the need to foster innovative R&D activities that are largely demand-driven and market oriented in line with national development goals, he



The Registrar /DG/CEO NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone

sustainable socio-economic development and improve the quality of lives of Nigerians.

Ijagbone bemoaned the current situation where sciences teaching at all levels were handled in the abstract due to lack of basic facilities and inadequately motivated teachers which had resulted in poor performances of students in science

# Brief from ASLTON

## Making progress in style

By

MR. ADEPOJU EMMANUEL OLUBAMIJI  
National General Secretary, ASLTON

Rome, it is said, was not built in a day. The measure of hope of survival or success of a venture lies not wholly on how quick but how consistent, continual and stable. The activities of the young Association of Science Laboratory Technologists of Nigeria (ASLTON) – the foot army of Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology have steadily demonstrated rays of great hope for the needed change in the practice of Science Laboratory profession that can culminate into break-forth of technological advancement in Nigeria.

Although it is barely two years (June 2010) that the Association succeeded in having its pioneer National Executive Committee inaugurated, evidence abounds of progressive programs that have been carefully put together and meticulously pursued. Some of the decisions reached at statutory National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting as well as at expanded NEC meetings have translated to activities such as Conferment of Merit Award on eminent Nigerians (Kano 2010), implementation of ASLTON National Week (2011) in some states of the Federation, hosting of General Assembly twice at Kano and Ile-Ife, establishing and maintaining contact with Government Ministries, Parastatals and Agencies at the States and Federal levels, carrying out nomination/ election process (2011) of ASLTON Zonal Representatives on NISLT Council (still awaiting inauguration), participating in NISLT Induction Programs for graduating Science Laboratory Technology (SLT) Students, preparing and processing the Revised Scheme of Service for Laboratory Technologists, organizing branch Annual Lectures and Awards etc.

Is the foregoing an assumption or assurance that the vision has been grabbed? No, not yet fully by all! Therefore with politeness I challenge practicing (even employment seeking)

Science Laboratory Technologists that it is risky to be professionally stagnant or to be non-challant to new waves in SLT in Nigeria; for success in anything is said to be connected with action. Remember, "if you can't fly, run. If you can't run, walk. If you can't walk, crawl. By any means, make sure that you are moving" (Martin Luther). Let members lay hands on extracts of Secretariat Activities over the past two years or do a re-digestion of Resolutions and Communiqués rolled out so far or do an assessment of personal/branch performance in the areas of implementation of Work Plans adopted by the Association or what financial commitments have been demonstrated so far.

Then, can any individual/ branch boldly claim sufficient involvement or fulfillment? It is certain that "where there is no involvement there can be no commitment, where there is no commitment there can be no achievement, and where achievement is missing, fulfillment is absent" (Akokh Ojonugwa).

OR: Is there lack of understanding? Who is confused about ASLTON? Let him/her pick a copy of the Constitution of the Association and understand the objectives. Will a SL Technologist take solace endlessly that some other general group(s) cater for his/ her job welfare (remunerations)? Yes because it could be impossible to defeat an ignorant person in argument. Stakeholders should know that ASLTON objectives exceed mere job remunerations. The Association is out to, among other responsibilities, identify, pursue, achieve and make real the integrity of and incentives for Science Laboratory experts. We can take queue that the objectives of Nurses Association, Bar Association, Medical Association, Registered Engineers, Medical Laboratory, etc, etc are not within the bracket of remunerations. Long comments on this aspect may imply nagging except that it should be

known that the formation of ASLTON was neither a gang-up or conspiracy to rival an existing group but to foster career peculiarities... more so, the firmament has sufficient space for the hawk and the eagle alike. Therefore I encourage all and sundry to embrace clear understanding of what ASLTON stands for; Let those who are already abreast reject disillusionment.

ASLTON is not limited in attainment of its objectives if members would resume meaningful participation with a focus to project and consolidate the integrity that is commensurate with the intellectual / hard work requirements expected of a person to qualify as SLT professional. May I seize the opportunity of this medium to encourage Technologists to participate in NISLT training Workshops and let whatever trainings received translate to improved productivity on their works. You are also encouraged to participate in NISLT 2012 Conference when the stage for it is set. These are parts of the progress we should make.

In conclusion, we must arise now that it is our time and for the sake of posterity to improve upon what our predecessors were able to do. After all, what is worth doing at all is what doing well.

While commending the courage and sacrifices so far demonstrated by individuals or branches, I sincerely wish that more should be done. May we realize that the responsibility of building ASLTON and that of promoting SLT profession is a task that should be done. There is never a gain anywhere without pain. If our sacrifices of today would pave way for better tomorrow for SLT, then ASLTON venture is worth pursuing. Let us not relent because much is expected from whom much has been committed.

Long live ASLTON  
Long live Federal Republic of Nigeria.



## Uniben Aslton Branch Visits Nislt CALLS FOR CHECK OF QUACKS IN SLT PROFESSION.

In its bid to ensure that ethical standard was being maintained in Science Laboratory Technology (SLT) profession in Nigeria, the new executive officers of ASLTON UNIBEN branch has called on the management of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) to wade into the manner in which university authorities employ persons as technologist who were not professionally trained to man laboratories.

Among those employed were holders of the certificate of membership of the Institute of Science Technology London (ISTL) and first degree holders from other fields of sciences.

The Chairman of ASLTON UNIBEN branch, Mr. Chris Abbey, was of the opinion that ISTL certificate should not be a criterion for employment in the profession since holders of such certificate were not professionally trained by NISLT. They also noted the indiscriminate opening of science laboratories on the streets of Benin by those

who were not professionals and do not also have the licence to practice. He urged the Institute to use the opportunity and register all those laboratories operating illegally.

He suggested that a formal letter should be sent to Vice-Chancellors of universities across the country on the 18 months training programme the Institute planned to run for those who are not professionals but had already started working in their various laboratories across the country.

Responding, the Registrar/Director-General of NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo Ijagbone congratulated them for their new positions in office. He urged them to continue to work hard towards the strengthening of SLT profession in Nigeria and to ensure that they work together with the National

Executive Committee of ASLTON to fight for their welfare as well as contribute positively to the institution where they work.

Reacting on the anomalies observed in the area of employment of persons as technologists, Dr. Ijagbone said a list of registered members of NISLT would be sent to VC's of various institutions of higher learning to show those who are members of the Institute as well as write to ISTL to ensure that they get clearance from NISLT before registering anybody as their member. He however said the NISLT ACT that established NISLT super-cedes every

other rule the university was using on appointment of technologists.

Ijagbone made it clear that the 18 months training programme was not going to be a permanent one but rather for those who had already found themselves in the laboratory so that they could acquaint themselves with the nitty-gritty of the profession. He assured them that UNIBEN would be considered as one of the centres to be used for the training.

In a closing remark, Dr. Ijagbone encouraged them to work together to overcome the challenges facing the profession and to ensure that they make themselves agents of positive change in their various endeavours.

ASLTON COURTESY VISIT



Executives of ALSTON Uniben in a meeting with NISLT Management

## AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR EMERGES IN SCIENCE LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY PROFESSION AT UNIBEN

Dr. Francis Irobun Obahiagbon climbed through the ladder as a Laboratory Technologist and today he is an Associate Professor of Science Laboratory Technology, University of Benin. He is the first to occupy such a position in the university.

Dr. Francis Irobun Obahiagbon was born in 1953. He attended St Matthew's Cathedral School, Benin City between 1958 and 1964 and obtained the primary School leaving Certificate. He proceeded to Western Boys High School Benin City between 1966

and 1970 where he studied and obtained the West African



School Certificate and GCE O'Levels.

He was offered his first appointment as a Laboratory Technician in 1973 by the Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research NIFOR, Benin City. Due to his dedication to duty, he was granted sponsorship between 1975 and 1980 to read and qualify as a Laboratory Scientist in 2001 at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan. He rose through the rank and file of his profession in NIFOR and became a Chief Laboratory Scientist in 2001

While still desirous to study, he was again offered a second scholarship to read for an M.Sc in Biochemistry, at the University of Benin between 1996 and 1998 and thereafter a scholarship for a Doctor of Philosophy in Food Chemistry between 2003 and 2006 at the University of Benin, Benin City. He is currently on sabbatical leave at the University of Benin as an Associate Professor.

He is a member of numerous professional bodies and a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology. He has many international and local journal publications. He is also a member of the Clergy. He is happily married with four Children.

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# NISLT'S PARTNERSHIP WITH FRCN PAYS OFF

NEWS

To deepen its relationship with the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN), Ibadan National Station, the Management of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) has donated two computer systems, two printers and two UPS units to the Corporation.

Presenting the items to the Zonal Director, FRCN, Ibadan, Elder Dada Ogunde, the Director General of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), Dr. Ighodalo Folorunso Ijagbone stated that the relationship with the Corporation had been of immense assistance in promoting activities of the Institute. In his words "we approached you for partnership and I want to say that the partnership has paid off. In fact the whole country is a beneficiary because people have come to know us" The Director General further implored the Corporation to continue to sustain its leading role in the broadcast industry, as its first FM Station, Premier FM celebrates ten years of excellent broadcasting.

Responding, the Zonal Director, Elder Dada commended the

Institute for appreciating the role of the Corporation in projecting the activities of NISLT. He said apart from the relationship both organizations have established in the recent past, which had started yielding positive results and in which the generality of the people have been benefiting, he would want to also thank the Institute and its management for taken a decision to enter a relationship with the Corporation, which he said he believed would continue to wax stronger and will continue to be of benefit to almost every Nigerian. Elder Ogunde also stated that the Computers and the Printers would further strengthen the Corporation in the area of Information and Communication Technology.

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FRCN



Centre: The Zonal Director, FRCN, Ibadan, Mr. Dada Ogunde, The Registrar, NISLT Dr. I. F. Ijagbone, (4th Right) Director, Admin and Finance, NISLT, Mr Joseph Musa (2nd Right) and other Staff of FRCN

# ACTU ORGANISES ANTI-CORRUPTION SEMINAR

NEWS

Corruption has been identified as one of the major factors militating against the growth of the nation's economy as it was also agreed as the root cause of the multi-faceted problems confronting the country.

The Anti-Corruption Enlightenment and Sensitization Seminar organized by the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) was hosted at NISLT Headquarters on Tuesday, 28th February, 2012.

Speaking at the occasion, the Chairman, ACTU, Mr. Raheem Bello said the responsibility of curbing and fighting corruption lies on all and sundry and that every one should be involved in transparency and Anti-Corruption crusades, which would be the only way Institutional governance, could be strengthened for accountability.

He said the reason corruption thrives in the country was as a result of public officials paying lip service towards it and warned that if not dealt with would someday consume the nation. He said the only way out was for all to be alive to their various responsibilities in every day life endeavour.

He enjoined all to shun corruption and be transparent in the conduct of government business. He said "Corruption undermines good governance, subverts formal process of doing things which subsequently leads to heinous crimes in all spheres of our society".

Bello commended the Director General NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo Ijagbone for the transparency and accountability process put in place in carrying out the day to day activities of the Institute as well as the support for the work of ACTU in NISLT.

Delivering his lecture titled "Corruption in Nigeria: The Anti-Corruption Initiative", the Head Special

Operations, ICPC, Bako G.N (Esq.) enumerated the different faces worn by corruption in the society and said it should be fought by all through personal commitment. He opined that people should be committed to do what is right and that there should be cooperation amongst colleagues to ensure that right things were done, for as long as people, property or resources are affected.

Bako commended the former President of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo for the Anti-Corruption Initiative and Servicem instituted by his regime to fight corruption in the country. He noted that the privilege of service in public offices had been misunderstood and abused by public officials which he said had resulted in the decline of the nations socio-economic life and failure of effective service delivery in government institutions. He also said, if the public service had been transparent in service

delivery and accountable since independence, the anti-corruption wars would not have been necessary.

In his remarks the Head ICPC Oyo and Ogun State Office, Mr. Olukile Olusesan said all the ACTU Units in government institutions should embark on awareness creation to ensure that all manners of government transactions were carried out with integrity, He said one of the effective ways to achieve this was through posters which would help to build awareness of code of conduct.

He said "Posters are a great way of building awareness. This includes colorful illustrations and brief headlines across the top to catch an individual's attention. Collectivity is the key to achieving success in the crusade against corruption and ICPC is resolute in the pursuance of this to checkmate abuses that promote corrupt practices".



(From Left) Chairman, ACTU Forum, Oyo and Ogun State, Bar. B. Akalumen; Chief Admin. Officer (Personnel), NISLT, Mr. Raheem Bello, Senior Legal Officer, ICPC, Oyo State, Mrs. K. F. Adeoye; Deputy Director, ICPC, Abuja, Mr Gad-Nathan Bako; Director-General, NISLT, Dr. Ighodalo F. Ijagbone; Head, ICPC, Oyo and Ogun States, Mr O. Olusesan; Senior Planning and Research Officer, Oyo State, Mr A. I. Okpara; ICPC Officer, Miss Mayowa Odetunde; Splash FM Reporter, Chinyere Anorich



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FEDERAL MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT, SAMONDA, IBADAN

**NISLT 2012 PROMOTIONS EXERCISE**

Following the NISLT promotions, appraisals, assessments, examinations and interviews conducted at the end of 2011 for the 2012 promotion, these staff were promoted from their former positions to their present positions.

Name of Officer	Designation/ Grade & Step as @ January, 2012	DESIGNATION/GRADE & STEP ON PROMOTION W.E.F. 1ST JANUARY, 2012
Mr. Bello Raheem Olatunde	Assistant Chief Admin Officer	Chief Admin Officer
Mr. Olaiya Sanya Peter	Assistant Chief Accountant	Chief Accountant
Mrs. Odu Olusola Oluyemisi	Assistant Chief Admin Officer (ETI)	Chief Admin Officer (ETI)
Mr. Ipinmoye Oluwagbemiga Aremu	Principal Scientist	Assistant Chief Laboratory Scientist
Mr. Fatokun Julius Adedamola	Snr. Accountant	Principal Accountant
Mr. Adekola Samuel Babatunde	Admin Officer I	Snr. Admin Officer
Mr. Famakinde Oluwaseun Bamidele	Snr. Executive Officer (Acct)	Principal Executive Officer II (Accts)
Miss Sangoniya Oladoyin Olaitan	Computer Engineer II	Computer Engineer I
Mr. Otera Stephen	Executive Officer (Admin)	HEO (Admin)
Mr. Oginni Olatunji Temitope	Executive Officer (Accts)	HEO (Accts)
Mrs. Ojo Opeyemi Dolapo	Executive Officer (Admin)	HEO (Admin)
Mrs. Sobowale Folake Christianah	Executive Officer (Accts)	HEO (Accts)
Miss Olanrewaju Mariam Opeymi	Executive Officer (Accts)	HEO (Accts)
Miss Dowo Owa Bunmi	Assistant Executive Officer (Audit)	Executive Officer (Audit)
<b>CONVERSION</b>	<b>CONVERSION</b>	
Mr. Oyebade Hammed Ayodeji	Snr. Clerical Officer (Audit)	Executive Officer (Audit)
Mr. Akpan Idoteyin	Snr. Clerical Officer	Executive Officer
<b>JUNIOR STAFF</b>	<b>JUNIOR STAFF</b>	
Miss Oseni Rukayat Anuoluwapo	Clerical Officer I	Snr. Clerical Officer
Mr. Kosemani Adeshina Fatai	Driver II	Snr. Driver/Mechanic
Mr. Sule Mustafa	Driver II	Snr. Driver/Mechanic
Mr. Afolabi Oluseun Ezekiel	Technical Assistant	Snr. Technical Assistant II
Mr. Awusi Sola Michael	Library Assistant	Library Assistant II

# Briefs

## CALL FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The laboratory and the library had been commissioned at the headquarters of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT). However, work in the Multipurpose Laboratory and e-Library are on going in terms of equipment and man-power requirements.

The Institute has the vision of putting up standard laboratory to take care of services in chemical, biological and physical analyses. The biology laboratory is functioning to meet with the institute's mandate and the chemical laboratory is operating at full capacity. The physics laboratory is still in its planning stage. To bring the three areas of the Multipurpose Laboratory and e-library to international standard it requires quite a lot of money. Under the aforementioned circumstances, the management of NISLT is still soliciting support from members and friends of the Institution to enable it continue with the project especially with the buying of laboratory equipment and to put in place the physics laboratory.

NISLT honour roll is still opened to members and friends who are magnanimous in giving assistance to the Institute in respect to equipping the laboratory and the e-library.

## CALL FOR LABORATORY MATERIALS



As the Nigeria Institute of Science Laboratory Technology has commissioned its e-library, the management of NISLT wishes to use this medium to appeal to individuals, organizations and friends of the institute, to kindly donate Science Laboratory Technology based materials and other publications that would help in the advancement of knowledge of science laboratory technology profession and equally encourage research.

## CALL FOR NEWS ITEMS



We wish to announce that input into NISLT NEWSLETTER from ASLTON branches, members of the Institute and Corporate Organizations are welcome. Branch activities like seminars, workshops, personal profiles worthy of publication, planned exhibitions as may be the case

should be forwarded to the Registrar/CEO with inclusion of photograph/s if possible. If your branch or individual events/achievements are adequately reported to NISLT Headquarters, they shall feature in the Newsletter. Similarly, any scientific discoveries, breakthroughs, inventions, developments, trainings, scholarships or high level promotions and appointments should be reported. When such are published in our Newsletter, it shall encourage our members to perform and achieve more.

## NISLT ON-LINE

NISLT members and the general public are hereby informed that the Institute's website is now functioning and can be visited at [www.nislt.gov.ng](http://www.nislt.gov.ng). There are valuable information on the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology and other information that may be of great value and interest to you on the website which you may wish to know.

You can as well e-mail the Institute at [nisltech@yahoo.com](mailto:nisltech@yahoo.com). For the purpose of communication, members of the Institute and the public are advised to send their e-mail addresses across to the Institute at the above mentioned Institute's e-mail address for regular correspondence on professional matters and other activities.

## PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

NISLT wishes to inform members of the Institute that annual subscriptions payments can be made through any First Bank Branch wish NISLT Account Number 1812040000471 Agodi, Ibadan, Oyo State



# Staff Matters

## New Addition to NISLT Family



NISLT NEWSLETTER wishes to felicitate with NISLT staff that recently had new babies.

Mrs. Olusola Ola Oluwa in the department of Planning, Research and Development gave birth to a baby girl on the 31th of July, 2012.

Mr. Tella Adegbite of ETI department gave birth to a set of twin baby boy and girl on August 4th 2012.

Mrs Victoria Oguntuase of

Chemistry unit of NISLT gave birth to a baby boy on June, 13th 2012. NISLT staff rejoice with her.

Mr. Chukwuma Mmaduakonam of the Computer Unit also gave birth to a set of twin baby girls on 24<sup>th</sup> of June, 2012.

Mr. Julius Fatokun of Accounts Unit gave birth to a baby boy on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

Mr. Bira Wisdom of Registry Unit gave birth to a baby boy on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2012.

Mrs. Ope of the Personnel Unit gave birth to baby boy on 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2012.

Mr Ishola Sunday Ayobami of Chemistry Laboratory unit gave birth to a baby girl on 28th of Sept., 2012

## Latest couples in NISLT

The following members of staff in the Institute's Secretariat recently bade farewell to bachelor and spinsterhood.

1. Tella Adegbite of ETI department got wedded to his sweetheart Foluke Awe at "Go Ye" Pentecostal Church Sango, Ibadan Oyo State on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2011.
2. Patience Ufaruna of Accounts Unit, NISLT had her nuptial knot tied with her heart throb Mr. Samuel Enefola at Good News Church of Christ, Kogi State. The wedding took place on 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 2012.
3. Anthony Adie Ugah of Registry department got married to his Sweet Heart Jennet Shade Sowumi at St Paul Catholic Church University of Calabar, Cross River State on 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 2012.
4. Mrs Victoria Jegede of the Chemistry Laboratory bades farewell to spinsterhood as she had her nuptial knot tied to Mr Emmanuel Oguntuase at Christ Apostolic Church, Oke-Ipala district Ogbagi, Akoko Ondo State.



1 Tella & Foluke Adegbite



2 Patience & Samuel Enefola



3 Anthony & Jennet Ugah



4 Victoria & Emmanuel Oguntuase

## NEWS

# NISLT DEBUTS AT THE 13TH RIGAN GAMES

The first RIGAN Games Festival was hosted by the Forest Research Institute of Nigeria (FRIN), Ibadan 31 years ago, precisely, April 1981 and the 13th edition of the RIGAN Festival in which the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), Ibadan made their very first appearance was hosted the second time by the Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR), Benin, Edo State between 25th November and 4th December 2011.

The Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT) went with a contingent of 4 ladies and 18 men.

In the football game NISLT team won only one out of the three preliminary matches played and could not proceed to the knockout stage. The representative NISLT in Ayo lost to his opponent in the quarter final whereas in badminton, Mr. Musa Ibrahim of NISLT won a bronze medal. In the track and field events NISLT competed with more experienced professional from other research institutes and as a result they lost at the preliminary stages.

In his address, at the opening ceremony of the RIGAN games tagged "NIFOR 2011" The Executive Governor, Edo State, Comrade Adams Aliyu Oshiomhole who was represented by the Commissioner for Youth and Sports, Hon. Iziegbe Anita Eybuomwan stated that the importance of sporting activities and indeed physical and mental exercises to the good health of workers, relief of work related stress

and galvanizing the enormous potentials of the work force for improved productivity in the research institutes cannot be over emphasized. He therefore commended the organizers of the games. In his words "the RIGAN games is therefore a worthwhile initiative, which deserved commendations". Also speaking at the occasion, the Acting

opportunity to interact positively and foster the much needed peace, love and unity in Nigeria.

The Research Institutes Games Association of Nigeria (RIGAN), which came into existence in 1979 comprises thirty five Research and Development Institute from the Federal Ministries of Agriculture, Science and Technology,

Health, Education and Environment and they are basically involved in research work in areas that has to do with Industry, Science, Agriculture and Food Technology creating solutions to problems relating to the respective economic sectors in Nigeria.

RIGAN has its headquarters at the National Horticultural Research Institute (NIHORT), Ibadan. The Association is to bring together the various Research and Development Institutes through sports, promote friendliness by providing recreation, interaction and other healthy competition among member Institutes, achieve sound mind and fitness for staff of member Institutes, create a medium to

publicize member Institutes and to expose hidden talents in staff of member Institutes that could be tapped into by those who may need them for possible National Assignment in the field of sports.



NISLT Contingent to the RIGAN Games



NISLT FOOTBALL TEAM

Executive Director, Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR) Dr. S.N. Utulu implored the participants to compete for laurels with the spirit of sportsmanship and use the rare