

## **COMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE/ SCIENTIFIC WORKSHOP OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY TAGGED 'ABUJA 2016'**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Conference and Scientific Workshop of the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology held at the University of Abuja from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2016. It was held under the Chairmanship of the Honourable Minister of Science and Technology – Dr. Ogbonaya Onu, who was ably represented by the Director, Science and Technology Programme – Mr. Udoh. Over 310 numbers drawn all over the political zones of the country representing tertiary institutions, research institutes, industries and private sector were in attendance. After robust deliberations, members and stakeholders arrived at the following resolutions:

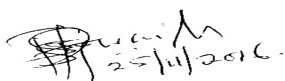
1. There is need for members to develop quality, well written articles for publishing in journals of international repute. Members should endeavor to key into the advancement of the profession positively.
2. The conference pointed out the need for both the Senate and House Committees on Science and Technology to take up the responsibility of facilitating adequate funding of the Institute for effective implementation of its flagship programmes and activities most especially the accreditation of Science Laboratories in the Country. They should also intervene in the efforts of the Institute to access fund from TETFUND for the publishing of the next edition of the Journal of Laboratory Science.
3. The importance of Science Laboratory Technologists in the use and maintenance of science laboratory equipment for the conduct of research is noted. To this end, it is pertinent that they are properly equipped through sponsorship for training and retraining on a regular basis to keep abreast of new technologies.
4. Regulations should be put in place to develop well rounded Technologists by ensuring that at every step of the way graduates of SLT at the national diploma level must observe their mandatory

and relevant industrial attachments in relevant laboratories before proceeding to Higher National Diploma.

5. The Institute should make personalized seals with membership number available for private practice to ensure that members are no longer dependent on IPAN for authentication of results and communicate same to the appropriate authorities.
6. Given the current membership strength of 19,056, the Institute should devise strategies for articulate membership drive so that all categories of members are active.
7. Members should embrace their professional body and be fully involved and committed to the programmes and activities of the Institute.
8. ASLTON should ensure active participation of their members at all levels
9. Following the recent establishment of new tertiary Institutions by government, the Institute should assist relevant Institutions to develop curricula in all options on the SLT programmes.
10. ASLTON should be vested with the responsibility for the negotiation of harmonized welfare package for its members with National Salaries and Wages Commission.
11. In the light of the recession, technologists should research, initiate and develop practical and sustainable process technologies in various fields for the development of new products and services that can be patented in Nigeria.
12. The Institute should work with the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology to ensure that the problem of unemployment in the Science Laboratory Technology profession is tackled by putting in place measures for the employment of only registered and licensed members in science laboratories.
13. Government through the Institute should set up specialized laboratories for development and quality assurance of indigenous products to promote export drive of agricultural products that can compete favorably on the global commodities market.
14. The Institute should facilitate mechanisms of resolving the recurring and perennial challenges between Science Laboratory

Technologists and Medical Laboratory Scientists in the pursuit of technological advancement as is being practiced globally.

15. NISLT must be proactive and collaborate with relevant agencies to regulate the influx of fake laboratory products especially reagents in the Nigerian market.
16. The AGM agreed that the Institute should give executive approval for award of fellowship and issue 'To Whom It May Concern' in lieu of certificate pending the signing of their original certificates by the Council.
17. The AGM agreed that the Journal of Laboratory Science of the Institute should be made compulsory for purchase by all members.
18. The conference agreed that the NISLT should facilitate quick review of the enabling ACT 12 2003 of the National Assembly.
19. The FMST should facilitate the prompt appointment of substantive Director General for the Institute
20. The Institute should organize 2017 annual National Conference while ASLTON takes over the organization of the conference beginning from the 2018 edition.



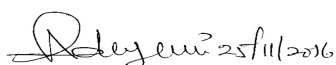
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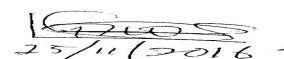
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