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NUC APPROVES COMMENCEMENT OF DOCTOR OF PHARMACY AND SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY PROGRAMMES AT UNIMED, ONDO

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has considered and approved the establishment of the full time mode for Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.) and B.SLT. Speech Language Therapy programmes to be run by the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo.

These programmes shall commence with effect from 2024/2025 academic session, which begins on the 6th October, 2024. In a letter conveying the approval, with reference number NUC/AP/S33/VOL 1/40 and signed by Abubakar M. Girei, Acting Director of Academic Planning, on behalf of the Executive Secretary, the Commission enjoined the University "to provide adequate human and material resources for the development and growth of the programme".

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, in his reaction to the NUC approval, thanked the Commission for their prompt action after the resource verification visit and assured NUC of UNIMED's unwavering commitment to making the programmes a huge success "I thank NUC for the confidence reposed in UNIMED, particularly with the dispatch with which the approval was given and I assure the Commission of our commitment to making the programmes the envy of all".

HIGHLIGHTS

- NUC Approves Commencement of Doctor of Pharmacy and Speech Language Therapy Programmes at UNIMED, Ondo
- UNIMED, again, records 100% in the professional examination of the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria
- Scholars champion precision science research in Nigeria at UNIMED's 2nd Faculty of Science Conference
- UNIMED's Internal Audit Unit organises capacity building training for its staff
- Ondo State House Committee on Tertiary Institutions Visits UNIMED for Oversight Function

FROM THE EDITOR

Exactitude is the order of the day in the 21st Century, particularly with advances in science and technology. It's therefore not surprising that the 2nd Faculty of Science Conference beamed its searchlight on "Bridging Scientific Research and Healthcare: Exploring Emerging Trends". Check out how the conference interrogates precision science research in this edition.

Records can easily be lost if there is no institutional memory. Documentation of history is not only relevant for the current generation but also to the generation next. Realising the significance of documenting history, the UNIMED Management has launched a policy on this. What is the policy about and how will it benefit the University?

Also featured are stories of NUC approval of Doctor of Pharmacy and Speech Language Therapy programmes for the University, 100% success rate by the Medical Laboratory Science in their professional students

exams and capacity building training for Audit staff of the institution.

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UNIMED, AGAIN, RECORDS 100% IN THE PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION OF THE MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE COUNCIL OF NIGERIA

The Department of Medical Laboratory Science (MLS), University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo has recorded a 100% pass in the first and second professional examination held on 22nd and 23rd of August 2024.

The Department, housed within the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, presented 41 students for the examination. The Head of Department, Dr. Samuel Oyedeji attributed the success to the commitment of staff in imparting knowledge in the students and the prompt response of the management in getting the necessary learning equipment. "This would not have been possible without the dedication of staff in the department. The support of the Management in creating enabling environment for learning in terms of provision of equipment and other necessary facilities cannot be overlooked. We are grateful to the University and commend the diligence of our students too.", the HOD submitted. The Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi praised the

department for the landmark achievement. According to him, feat such as this has been demonstrated repeatedly by the Faculty of Nursing Science students in their professional exams. "The Faculty of Nursing Science has made it a custom to have a 100% pass in all their professional examinations. I am not surprised that the Medical Laboratory Science is following that trend. It is who we are by God's grace. We have invested into them and we are happy that they are making us proud. The success is not just for the students; it is for the department and the school at large," Fatusi said.



SCHOLARS CHAMPION PRECISION SCIENCE RESEARCH IN NIGERIA AT UNIMED'S 2ND FACULTY OF SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Scholars and experts at the 2nd Faculty of Science Conference held between 23rd and 26th September, 2024 at the Laje Campus of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, Ondo State, have advocated precision science research in Nigeria.

A Professor of Zoology at the University of Ibadan, Alexander Odaibo, has urged government at all levels to support the advancement of precision science research as part of measures to achieve objectives of the National Health Promotion Policy.

Prof. Odaibo, who disclosed that Nigerian scientists were the best in the world, described the challenges facing health institutions in Nigeria as man-made, stressing that they can be unmade by man with genuine commitment at all levels.

The zoologist stated this during the 2nd conference of the Faculty of Science of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) in Ondo City, Ondo State, with the theme "Bridging Scientific Research and Healthcare: Exploring Emerging Trends."

Odaibo, who was represented by Professor Mobolanle Oniya from the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA), who spoke on "The Future of Precision Science: Integrating Multidisciplinary Research for Tailored Healthcare Solutions," said Nigeria was not exempted from the inefficient system of healthcare practices with a population of over 200 million people.

According to him, "our role as scientists is a challenge to use our knowledge and skills to ameliorate these living and life conditions because health is life.

"The current trend in research is multidisciplinary collaboration as opposed to sole investigation, and thus the reflection of the theme is apt with the modern trend.

"On its part, the Federal Ministry of Health's National Health Promotion Policy indicates that 'Health Promotion is an effective tool for galvanising individual and collective health actions aimed at preventing diseases, improving the health and wellbeing of the populace, as well as ensuring a healthier society for all.

"The prospect of precision science in health care solutions is mammoth, and as such, our research must be need-driven to attend to these emerging challenges as well as the resident ones."

The don, who advised the colleges of medicine and allied health sciences to create special research centres in precision science with clear goals on the health solutions being researched, said these should be in partnership with other global health initiatives enlisting integrative data analyses and sharing."



Secondary School Students at the Conference.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor of UNIMED, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, stated that the conference would serve as a platform for sharing knowledge, fostering collaborations, and inspiring new ideas.

Prof. Fatusi, who spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Prof. Roseangela Nwuba, said, "This theme resonates deeply with our mission to enhance health outcomes through innovative research and interdisciplinary collaboration. It also reminds us of the critical role that scientific research plays in addressing the complex challenges our communities face.

"From the advancements in medical technology to the breakthroughs in disease prevention and treatment, the synergy between scientific inquiry and practical application is more vital than ever."

On his part, the Chairman, Conference Organising Committee, Dr. Olorunjuwon Bello maintained that the outcomes of the conference would in no small measure contribute to the advancement of science and healthcare, enhancing the visibility of the university and influencing healthcare policies for years to come.

The Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. Mojisola Nkiko, said, "As we navigate a rapidly changing scientific scholarship and healthcare ecosystem, it is essential that we not only adapt but also innovate in shaping our academic community.

"Together, we can explore new methodologies, embrace technological advancements, and foster inclusive environments that enhance multidisciplinary research initiatives as we mainstream into global best practices."



Prof. Mobolanle Oniya, the representative of Prof. Odaibo delivering his lecture at the conference



DVC Prof. Roseangela Nwuba speaking at the conference



UNIMED'S INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT ORGANISES CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR ITS STAFF

...as Head of the Unit says audit assignment should be simple and unambiguous

The Internal Audit Unit of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, Ondo State organised a capacity building training for its staff on Thursday 26th September 2024 at the Council Chamber of the University at Laje Campus.

The training, which was declared open by the Deputy Registrar (Governing Council Affairs), Mr Imoleayo Adeniran, was designed to improve the capacities of members of staff of the Unit and expose them to global best practices in auditing. The training was facilitated by the Head of the Unit, Mr. Olorunsogo Obamuyi.

Obamuyi, in his presentation titled "Internal Auditing Reporting System", explained that audit assignment is to audit reports, draw conclusions, make recommendations

and follow-up to ensure that appropriate corrective actions are taken. To this end, he said auditing thrives on facts, simplicity and unambiguity. In his words, "the report must be factual, convincing and unbiased; it must be presented in clear, appropriate, precise, simple and unambiguous language and tone. It must be well planned and presented, in a logical arrangement, be a complete document, giving no cause for the reader to make other reading or enquiries."



The Principal Officers in attendance, the University Librarian, Dr Oduwole Adebambo, and the Bursar, Mr M.S.Oluwanife Shittu, commended the initiative and encouraged other departments and units of the University to take a cue from it and extend such to members of staff under them.

The Head of Internal Audit Unit, Mr Obamuyi appreciated the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi for the support given to the Unit to ensure the success of the training. According to him, "This training would have been impossible but for the unquantifiable support of the Vice-Chancellor and his Management team"

UNIMED LAUNCHES UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND DOCUMENTATION POLICY

The Management of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, has approved the implementation of the institution's Archives and Documentation policy.

The policy statement outlines the guiding principles and objectives for the management and preservation of the University's historical records and archives. It ensures that the rich institutional history is safeguarded for future generations. Key highlights of the policy include definition of archival materials and scope of collection, acquisition, appraisal and preservation procedures, access and usage guidelines and digitization and conservation strategies.

According to Dr. Bolarinwa Ogundeji, the Head of UNIMED's Archives and Documentation Office, "the Archives and Documentation policy provides the necessary statutes to guide the operations of the Archives and Documentation Office and the university community". She explained further that "the policy encompasses all records and documents generated in the course of university business in all units, departments and offices within the University, hence the need for members of the University community to familiarise themselves with its contents".

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi said the approved policy statement is available on the University's website and will be reviewed periodically to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. He added that "the approval of this policy demonstrates our commitment to preserving our institutional history and promoting academic excellence." The University Archives and Documentation Office, established in 2023 as a unit under the Vice Chancellor's Office, serves as the centre for collecting and preserving records of historical value in the University, and establishing guidelines for record governance.



GET INVOLVED

We invite all members of the University community to **explore the Archives Centre and contribute to the preservation of our shared history**. As the Office starts on a strong and enthusiastic footing, all administrators and staff of the University are to work with the Archives and Documentation Office to actualize its mandate. The Office is currently curating memoirs, books and contents for the 10th Anniversary of the University and the cooperation of everyone is required to actualize this important project. For any inquiry, the Office can be reached through:

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Phone: **08038306132**

Location: Learning Resource Centre, University of Medical Sciences, Laje, Ondo.

ONDO STATE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS VISITS UNIMED FOR OVERSIGHT FUNCTION

... as VC solicits for increase in government subvention

The Ondo State House Committee on Tertiary Institutions visited the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo for oversight functions on Friday, 26th September, 2024.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Roseangela Nwuba who stood in for the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members of the Committee and highlighted the key achievements of the University in teaching, research and community service since the last visit of the Committee. She specifically mentioned the accreditation of new programmes such as Doctor of Pharmacy and Speech Language Therapy, infrastructural development (Resource Learning Centre), attraction of top quality academic staff, outstanding performances of students in professional exams, among others. While she appreciated the support of the state government thus far, she said the University could have done much more with improved funding. She therefore appealed for increase in government subvention to the University. In her words



"While we are proud of our achievements so far and appreciate the support of the state government, we want to appeal to the House Committee on Tertiary Institutions to help us see to increase in government subvention to the University".

The Bursar of the University, Mr. M.S. Oluwanife Shittu reiterated the need for increased funding for the University's activities and asked that the bill on the nomenclature of the University should be looked into to avoid confusion in the public domain. "We really covet more support of the state government in the area of funding to be able to attend to the needs of the University that keep increasing day in, day out".

The Librarian, Dr Oduwole Adebambo said "a well-stocked library is critical to the growth of the University and this requires adequate funding. I join other principal officers to seek for improved funding for the institution."

The House Committee led by Honourable Rotimi Abitokun commended the University for being the pride of the state despite being the youngest university around. Members of the Committee specifically pointed out the integrity of the institution in infrastructure development, academic performance and admission process.

"Our mission here is to assess if the institution is using government funds for what they are meant for. Without exaggeration, the school has done well as the development of the University is visible to all." He further added that the Committee will ensure that there is more funding for the activities of UNIMED to ensure that the institution continue to be the pride of the state. "We will ensure there is increased funding for the University and we will also see to how the state government will fulfill the N1 billion pledged for the construction of the University's Senate Building."

The Committee assured that the bill on the name of the University will be sped up and advised the Legal department of the University to ensure its land is protected against encroachment, and relate with the Committee when necessary for appropriate support and intervention.

Other members of the Committee in attendance include Honourable Felix Afe, (Member) Hon. Messiah Oluwatoyin (Member), Chief Oyadeyi O.K. (Clerk of the Committee) and Mr Akande Ariyo (Asst. Clerk of the Committee)

PHOTO SPEAKS

Ondo State House Committee on Tertiary Institutions Visits UNIMED



Sparkle's Project Systematic Review Workshop



UNIMED 2nd Faculty of Science Conference



UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES,
ONDO CITY, ONDO STATE
FACULTY OF CLINICAL SCIENCES

1st FACULTY OF CLINICAL SCIENCES CONFERENCE

Theme
'Reducing the Burden of Non-Communicable Diseases in Nigeria'

SUB-THEMES

- Current Advances in Screening, Prevention, Detection and Management of Hypertension and its complications
- Substance Abuse in society - Predictive Factors, prevention, treatment options and outcomes
- Surgical intervention in diabetes care and cerebrovascular diseases
- Chronic Kidney Disease - Epidemiology, risk factors, prevention and management
- Cardiovascular diseases in the Paediatrics age group - a growing concern
- Surgical Interventions in the management of cerebro-vascular diseases and head injuries

DATE 2nd - 5th OCTOBER 2024	VENUE TETFUND Buildings, Laje, Ondo City, Ondo State	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Prof. Olufemi AJAYI Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria	10 CME POINTS AVAILABLE
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SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS

Dr. Mary Idowu Edward - Dean, Faculty of Nursing
Prof. Teslim Onigbinde - Dean, Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation
Prof. Abiodun Ogundaini - Faculty of Pharmacy
Bilamin Popoola - Consultant Librarian, UNIMED

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Please specify the sub-theme relevant to your abstract on your submission

Deadline for Abstract submission: 30th August, 2024

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• Founder/Team Profile: A brief overview of your team, including relevant skills and experience.
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- Email your business proposal as an attachment to cedi@unimed.edu.ng
- Include your name, affiliation, and contact details in the body of the email.
- Write "Business proposal Submission: [Your Title]" in the subject line.
- For product prototype
- Submission: visit Unimed U-Cohub centre at Laje Campus

Deadline: 30th September, 2024

Selection Process: All submissions will undergo a thorough review by our expert panel, considering relevance, originality, clarity, and impact. Authors of selected Business Plan proposal and product prototype will be notified via email by October, 2023.

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