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UNIMED BEGINS EMERGENCY RESPONDERS' TRAINING FOR POLICE FORCE, FRSC, CIVIL DEFENCE AND OTHERS IN ONDO STATE

As part of its strategically planned community service, the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, held a stakeholders' meeting during the week to sensitise the various security apparatus in Ondo State on its plan to begin training for the Nigerian Police Force, Federal Road Safety Corps, Civil Defence, Amotekun, among others to stem high rate of avoidable death on our highways often occasioned by inadequate emergency response skills.

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FROM THE EDITOR

UNIMED is, without doubt, the pride of Ondo State and it keeps evolving as the envy of other universities in Nigeria. What is the reason for this? It's simply excellence! This confirms the assertion of Aristotle that "excellence is what you repeatedly do". In this edition, we have a catalogue of stories that show a University that is not resting on its oars!

The 6th Inaugural Lecturer of the University, Professor Abdulazeez Abubakar, demonstrated how society can benefit from research. The Lecturer explored how mankind can wriggle out of a world held hostage by microbes. This is coupling research to development - an excellent way of impacting the society positively!

The University's Stakeholders' Meeting on Emergency Responders training for security apparatus is well documented as it shows



UNIMED's commitment to community service.

Also in this edition, we have the story of Faith Onibudo, an MBBS student, who emerged as the Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) Champion with the mandate to campaign against abuse of antibiotics in the society.

Dr Agbaje, in his column, treated the topic of mentorship. He made us realise that collaboration is critical to success. To excel in life, strategic guidance is key.

In all, this is an edition of UNIMED Weekly that is unputdownable! Enjoy it!



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BE PREPARED FOR MORE EPIDEMICS AND PANDEMICS IN THE NEAREST FUTURE - DON

At the 6th inaugural lecture of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, held on Tuesday, 12th November, 2024 at the Laje Campus of the University, a don, Professor Abdulazeez Abubakar in his lecture titled "A world held hostage by microbes: Exploring the ways out of captivity", has called on governments at all levels to be prepared for more epidemics and pandemics in the nearest future.

The lecture, predicated on the ravaging effects of microbes and possible solutions to alleviate the havoc wreaked on the hosts, explored various microbial arsenal for attack and defence as tools for human hostages such as possession of Beta lactamase enzyme, production of Serotoxins, presence of H antigen, among others. While delivering the lecture,

the don recounted his research experience that led to significant contributions towards exploring ways out of microbial captivity. Abubakar, a Professor of Public Health Microbiology and Parasitology at the University, said "microbes are everywhere around us: in the air, water, and land, residing in our foods, drinks, meats, toilet door handles, wash-hand basins and toothbrushes. Therefore they are capable of wreaking havocs on their hosts, if good personal hygiene and environmental sanitation are inadequate to control, contain and curtail them".

As a result of the presence of microbes everywhere, Abubakar recommended the need for governments at all levels to be prepared for more epidemics and pandemics in the nearest future based on the previous experience from the recent COVID-19 pandemic and other emerging diseases such as Ebola and Lassa. According to him "we cannot afford to be caught unawares again!"

He added that a conducive environment must be provided for productive research by government and researchers also must strive towards multidisciplinary collaborations locally and globally so as to be free from a world held hostage by microbes.





While speaking at the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Adetusi, commended the security men present at the event for their efforts in emergency situations, but said a lot more can still be done to save lives on our highways with cutting-edge knowledge in emergency responses, “Without doubt, our security forces are trying in the area of saving lives that could have been lost with their responses and this must be commended. It is however disheartening that we still lose many more precious lives daily due to inadequate knowledge about what to do immediately”. He said this development calls for ‘urgent and deliberate interventions to complement the efforts of the security forces’. The Chief Consultant to the University on Emergency Responders’ training, Professor Olugbenga Akingbola,



a Professor in the Pediatrics Division of Pediatric Critical Care Tulane School of Medicine & Children’s Hospital of New Orleans, LA USA, who joined the meeting online from the United State, highlighted the benefits of the training and enjoined members of Nigeria’s various security forces to take advantage of the training to improve their skills in emergency responses to accidents on our highways. He said “This is a commendable initiative by UNIMED. It shows a university that cares for its host community and the state, as emergency responders’ training is critical to saving lives.

I encourage our security forces to see this as an opportunity to learn, unlearn and relearn new skills and methods in this area”. UNIMED, for over two years, has been undergoing this training internally for health professionals. The University, whose motto is ‘for learning and community service’, is ready to open this up to the public so as to reduce a lot of avoidable deaths on Ondo State highways. In attendance at the meeting were the Nigerian Police Force, Civil Defence, Federal Road Safety Corps, and a host of others.



UNIMED STUDENT EMERGES AFRICAN YOUTH ANTI-MICROBIAL RESISTANCE (AMR) COMMUNICATION CHAMPION

A student of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo has emerged as African Youth Anti-Microbial Resistance Champion.

As AMR Champion, Faith Onibudo, an MBBS student is to sensitise the public about abuse of antibiotics during this year's World Anti-Microbial Resistance Week slated for between Monday, 18th November and Friday, 22nd November, 2024.



This programme is supported by Stop superbug squad, One Health and Development Initiative.

Faith Onibudo will be on Adaba FM on Friday, 22nd November, 2024 by 5pm and UNIMED Radio on Wednesday, 20th November, 2024 around 10am to ensure there is enough campaign about how to minimise abuse of antibiotics in our society.

UNIMED EXCELS AT OBAFEMI AWOLowo UNIVERSITY DENTAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION INTERSCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION

The Dentistry students of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo excelled at the inter-school quiz competition organised by the Obafemi Awolowo University Dental Students' Association on the 14th November, 2024.

The students came 3rd in the competition and shone brilliantly throughout the exercise.



The Dean of the Faculty of Dental Sciences of the University, who also doubles as the Chairman, Committee of Deans, Professor Ezekiel Taiwo Adebayo, expressed his delight on the performance of the students and encouraged them to keep the flag flying, "This is a commendable feat! I must say that the students have represented the school well. I congratulate them on this accomplishment and encourage them not to rest on their oars", he said.



This achievement is a testament to UNIMED's commitment to excellence in all its activities and endeavours.

RESULTS OF THE 4TH VC FOOTBALL CUP (10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION)

Allied Health Sciences 1 - 1 Public health
Basic Medical Sciences 0-0 Dentistry
Nursing 0-2 Clinicals
FMR 0-1 Sciences



Quote of the Week

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit" - Aristotle

SOME LINKS TO 6TH INAUGURAL LECTURES

Be prepared for more epidemics and pandemics in the nearest future, says Ondo Medical Vardity Don
<https://www.optimaltimesnews.com/2024/11/14/be-prepared-for-more-epidemics-and-pandemics-in-the-nearest-future-says-ondo-medical-varidity-don/>

Microbial threats: Expert urges global action to prevent pandemics
<https://www.thehopenewspaper.com/microbial-threats-expert-urges-global-action-to-prevent-pandemics/>

SOME LINKS TO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS' TRAINING FOR POLICE FORCE, FRSC, CIVIL DEFENCE AND OTHERS IN ONDO STATE

UNIMED begins emergency responders' training for Police, FRSC, Civil Defence, others in Ondo

<https://www.thehopenewspaper.com/unimed-begins-emergency-responders-training-for-police-frsc-civil-defence-others-in-ondo/>

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK WITH DR. DAVID O. AGBAJE

If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.

- Isaac Newton

Meaning:

This quote by Sir Isaac Newton FRS (1642–1727), an English polymath who was active as a mathematician, physicist, astronomer, alchemist, theologian, and author widely recognized as one of the most influential scientists of all time, means that his own achievements and insights were made possible by the work and contributions of those who came before him.

It emphasizes the idea of building upon the knowledge and discoveries of previous scholars and thinkers. Newton acknowledges that his own understanding and success are not solely the result of his individual efforts but are greatly influenced by the foundational work laid down by others in the fields of science and mathematics. This reflects a broader theme of humility and appreciation for collaboration in the pursuit of knowledge.



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The entire University Staff (Academics and Non-Academics) are hereby informed of a proposed

“Coalescence of tribute “
to celebrate the end of tenure of the Vice Chancellor,
University of Medical Sciences, Laje Road, Ondo City, Nigeria

Interested individuals are enjoined to provide a tribute of not more than 250 words in length. Such tribute should be sent to:

1. aafon@unimed.edu.ng
2. wowolawi@unimed.edu.ng
3. oidowu@unimed.edu.ng

Deadline: 30th November, 2024.



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PHOTO SPEAKS

PICTURES FROM THE 6TH INAUGURAL LECTURE





COURTESY VISIT TO THE OSEMAWE OF ONDO KINGDOM ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE CHANCELLOR OF UNIMED AND 71ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



**COURTESY VISIT OF PROF. MARTHA I. DAVILA-GARCIA PHD, FASPET
PROFESSOR OF PHARMACOLOGY, HOWARD UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON DC,
USA, TO THE LABORATORY FOR EXPERIMENTAL AND TRANSLATIONAL
NEUROBIOLOGY (LETNEU) UNIMED ON THE 13TH OF NOVEMBER, 2024 B**

