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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Health Practitioners Urged to Embrace Integrative Medicine**
- **Public Relations, Corporate Affairs and Media Units, now Directorate of Public Relations and Corporate Affairs**
- **ADESEGUN FATUSI ALUMNI RESEARCH GRANT**

- **UNIMED Becomes First University in Nigeria to Implement West African Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science (WAPCMLS) Dual Fellowship Programme**
- **Visitation Panel Arrives in UNIMED**
- **Thought of the Week with Dr. David O. Agbaje**

HEALTH PRACTITIONERS URGED TO EMBRACE INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE



Health practitioners have been urged to embrace integrative medicine. This was the submission of Pharmacist Titus Tile; Director, Traditional and Complementary Medicine, Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Abuja at a webinar organised by the Centre for Herbal Medicine and Drug Discovery in the Faculty of Multidisciplinary Studies of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, on Thursday, 13th March, 2025.

At the webinar aptly tagged "Towards Advancing Traditional and Complementary Medicine in Nigeria: Opportunities and Challenges",

He added that "notwithstanding the challenges experienced over the years, TCAM has lots of career opportunities".

The speaker then emphasised the need for improved research, increased public awareness and education to make CAM acceptable to all.

The webinar was anchored by the Centre's Acting Director, Dr. Oghale Ovuakporie-Uvo and had 123 registered participants including two international delegates from the United States of America and the Gambia.

Pharmacist Tile described integrated medicine as "a situation where patients can opt for either orthodox or non-orthodox care". He said patients must be given the opportunity to access integrative medicine as practiced in other regions of the world. He highlighted different practices in Complementary Alternative Medicine (CAM) to include acupuncture, homeopathy, chiropractic, herbal medicine, aromatherapy, among others.

FROM THE EDITOR

No 21st institution can exist in isolation. It's an age of collaboration and cross-fertilisation of ideas. In recognition of this reality, UNIMED signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the West African Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science (WAPCMLS) to become the first University to commence the WAPCMLS dual fellowship programme in Nigeria. Details inside this edition of UNIMED Weekly.

To remain relevant in any field of endeavour, learning, unlearning and relearning must be prioritised. The Registrar of the University, Ezekiel I. Adeniran, at the 3rd In-house Registry Seminar, demonstrated how knowledge could be a game-changer as he exposed staff of the Registry to "Brief Writing". You can read more about this inside

The Centre for Herbal Medicine and Drug Discovery organised its first webinar on Thursday, 13th March, 2025 on the theme: "Towards Advancing Traditional and Complementary Medicine in Nigeria: Opportunities and Challenges". What was the outcome? Details are in this newsletter.

This edition contains other regulars such as 'Thought of the Week with Dr. Agbaje', 'Quote of the Week', among others. As usual, this edition of UNIMED Weekly is informative and educative. Enjoy it and have a productive week ahead



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PUBLIC RELATIONS, CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND MEDIA UNITS, NOW DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

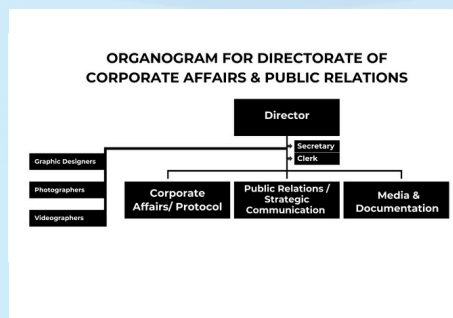
The Management of the the studios (TV and University has approved Radio) be transferred to the harmonisation of the Directorate.

Public Relations, With this development, Corporate Affairs and the three units (Public Media Units of the Relations, Corporate University into the Affairs and Media Units) Directorate of Public have now been merged Relations and Corporate and to be addressed as Affairs.

In a memo dated 5th March, 2025

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which conveyed the approval and signed by Mr. M.A. Akinkuade on behalf of the Registrar, it was further stated that



CHANGE OF NAME

The University Community is invited to note that **Mrs Oluwayinka Esther SOLANKE** has officially changed her name to **Miss Oluwayinka Esther BAIPE**.

Please note this development in every official correspondence and interaction with her.

UNIMED BECOMES FIRST UNIVERSITY IN NIGERIA TO IMPLEMENT WEST AFRICAN POSTGRADUATE COLLEGE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE (WAPCMLS) DUAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The University of He added that "the Medical Sciences achievement was made the WAPCMLS team (UNIMED), Ondo has possible with the making this relationship become the first visionary leadership of possible. Please be University in Nigeria to the immediate past assured of our implement the Vice-Chancellor of the commitment as an WAPCMLS dual University, Professor institution to maximise fellowship programme. Adesegun Fatusi ". this opportunity to This development The Chairman of the advance MLS education followed the signing of Nigeria Chapter of in Nigeria". the Memorandum of WAPCMLS, Prof. Musa Present at the MOU Understanding (MOU) Muhibi, commended the signing ceremony were on the Dual Fellowship leadership of UNIMED for the principal officers of Programme between the bold move. "I salute the University as well as the West African the leadership of UNIMED the Acting Dean, Postgraduate College of for this bold move. Faculty of Allied Health Medical Laboratory Without a doubt, this Sciences, Professor Science and the MOU will add lots of Festus Olajubu, the University of Medical value to MLS education pioneer Dean of Faculty Sciences, Ondo on in Nigeria", he said. of Allied Health Thursday, 6th March, Professor Adesegun Sciences and founding 2025. Fatusi, the former Vice- HOD of MLS, Professor A. Speaking on the Chancellor, who led the A. Abubakar and Dr. development, the Head, UNIMED team at the G.O. Adeosun. Medical Laboratory signing ceremony, Science Department, Dr appreciated the Ojedeji said "The WAPCMLS team and signing of the MOU promised that UNIMED marked a historic would make the best use milestone in advancing of the MOU to advance postgraduate training MLS education in Nigeria. and professional In his words, development in Medical Laboratory Science".



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ADESEGUN FATUSI ALUMNI RESEARCH GRANT

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

✚ Must be a first or second-class upper graduate of UNIMED, Ondo, Ondo State.

✚ Must be currently pursuing a postgraduate programme (M.Sc or Ph.D) in any course within the University.

✚ M.Sc student applicants must be in their first year of the programme.

✚ Ph.D student applicants must have graduated with at least a Ph.D. grade during their M.Sc. programme, which must have been undertaken in UNIMED.

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- ✚ Must be a current M.Sc. (1st-year) or Ph.D. student at UNIMED.
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UNIMED REGISTRAR TRAINS STAFF ON BRIEF WRITING

The Registrar of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, Mr. Ezekiel Imoleayo Adeniran trained members of staff of the Registry on "Brief Writing in Higher Education Administration" on Thursday, 13th March, 2025 at the Oladipo Akinkugbe Hall.

The facilitator explained the meaning of brief, benefits and its components. He highlighted the components of a brief to include introduction, regulation, observation (s) and recommendation(s).

Mr Adeniran, while wrapping up the training, encouraged staff of the Registry to place premium on personal development and continuous learning as these will improve their competence. According to him, " I want to encourage you all to take personal development seriously. Continuous learning will surely improve your competences".

He then advised staff at the training to be conversant with the various extant rules and necessary books guiding university administration to make them discharge their duties well



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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No one can see their reflection in running water. It is only in still water that we can see." – Taoist proverb

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UNIMED STUDENTS EXCEL AT NANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME

Students of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo excelled at the National Association of Nigerian Students' organized entrepreneurship programme over the weekend in Ondo.

Ayobola Praise Olaniyan, a 300 level Nursing student and Oladele Ruth Olamide, a 100 level Community Health Science student received hair dryer and cash gifts for their innovative ideas at the programme. In a statement jointly issued by the leadership of the University's Students' Union (Comrades Abiodun Victor Ayomide, Akinbola Ayobami David and Oladun Daniel Adebajo),

they said "We are proud to report that our students excelled in the programme, with one student receiving an hair dryer to support her hair styling business, while another student received cash gifts to boost her crotchet business".

They added that "this achievement is a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit and creativity of our students, and we are grateful to NANS for providing this opportunity"

The programme, aimed at enriching and supporting Nigerian students and entrepreneurs, provided a platform for our students to showcase their entrepreneurial skills and innovative ideas.



VISITATION PANEL ARRIVES IN UNIMED

... Says we are on fact-finding mission, not on witch-hunting



The Visitation Panel set up by the Governor of Ondo State, Hon. (Dr.) Lucky Orimisan Aiyedatiwa to assess the state of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, pending the assumption of office of the 3rd substantive Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ebunoluwa Adejuyigbe, has arrived the institution. They arrived on Monday, 17th March, 2025.

The Panel, led by Prof. Gbenga Olumekun, who is the Director of the University Advancement Office at Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, was received by the University Management.

The Chairman of the Panel, Professor Olumekun allayed any fear of witch-hunting by making it clear that they were on fact-finding mission. In his words, "I want to put your mind at rest.

We are not on witch-hunting. We are here on accreditation/verification exercise to see if the University has been complying with the statutes and instructions of government". The Panel then intimated the University Management of the modalities with which they will work in the course of carrying out their assignment.

Reacting to the Panel's Chairman's remarks, the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adolphous Odogun Loto, assured the team of the University's full cooperation. According to him, "Let me assure you that the University is fully ready to cooperate with you and give you all the necessary support to make your assignment a success".

The Visitation Panel has six weeks to complete its assignment and submits its report to the Governor.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK WITH DR. DAVID O. AGBAJE

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**Real knowledge is knowing
the extent of one's ignorance.
-Confucius**

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MEANING:

This insightful quote from Confucius emphasizes the importance of self-awareness in the pursuit of knowledge. It suggests that true wisdom comes from recognizing and acknowledging what we don't know. By understanding the limits of our own knowledge, we create the opportunity for growth, learning, and humility. This awareness can inspire curiosity and motivate us to seek out new experiences and information. Embracing our ignorance as a stepping stone to learning encourages a mindset that values lifelong learning and exploration. Isn't it uplifting to think that this acknowledgement can lead us to richer insights and a deeper understanding of the world?



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SEND OFF FOR THE VICE CHANCELLOR.**



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END OF TENURE MEDIA CHAT WITH PROF. ADESEGUN FATUSI

