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## Footprints on the Sand of Time



There are ongoing radical structural transformations dotting the nooks and crannies of the Institute. These solidly built structures are eloquent testaments to the ideals the indefatigable

Executive Director, Dr. Patrick Adebola has

set out to implement. They cut across road construction, laboratory, conference hall, electrification, training centre, perimeter fencing, furniture and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). These rock solid edifice are a sharp departure from the norm in public establishments. These are the best of its kind in the annals of the Institute. The ED is indeed appending golden footprints on the sands of time.



On-going Business Incubation Platform (Training Centre)



On-going extension of the perimeter fencing



On-going road construction at the Senior Staff Quarters



On-going 1500 capacity conference hall



On-going solar electrification project



Printers and Computers supplied







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Some of the Furniture supplied

## Resettlement Allowance Paid



The long awaited resettlement allowance of staff has been paid. This is one in the series of the dividends the Institute has

enjoyed since the assumption of office by Dr. Patrick Adebola as the Executive Director (ED) barely a year and ten months. The allowance, according to the Acting Head, Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sorinolu Oluwatoyin, even encompassed the backlogs inherited by the ED. A total sum of about 15.9 million was paid as the last tranche having paid out about 38 million earlier. The ED whose humility belies his exalted position has without ceasing identified with the plight of all rank and file; little wonder he labours tirelessly to put smiles on all faces. The affected staff now smiles to the banks.

## CRIN Partners with the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC)

In a bid to move the Institute forward even in the face of the financial quagmire bedeviling progress in research, the interactions of the ED, Dr. Patrick Adebola, with the Nigerian

Exports Promotions Council (NEPC) finally yielded fifty million naira grant. The NEPC offered the grant in order to support the



production of cash crop particularly cocoa and cashew. According to Dr. O.S. Ibiremo the programme leader, Cashew, enabling proposals were developed to this effect. As

regards cashew, the Institute embarked on capacity building of the stakeholders – farmers, produce merchants etc at Ogbomosho (Oyo State) and Kabba (Kogi state). The other component of the grant is the establishment of polyclonal seed garden; to this effect, the Institute successfully procured 2 hectares of land at Ilero (Oyo State) and Kabba College of Agriculture (Kogi State). About 1600 grafted seedlings of cashew were used. The land selection, soil evaluation, clearing, layout and planting of the seedlings was been effected at the sites. The succeeding phase is gapping up and field maintenance.



The Polyclonal seed and scion garden project





## ARC� News

### NSPRI Awarded Certificate of Accreditation by NiNAS



In what was described as an epoch making occasion, the Nigerian Stored Produce Research Institute (NSPRI) Ilorin on 11 August, 2022 was

awarded a certificate of Accreditation by the Nigerian National Accreditation System (NiNAS). In his remarks, the Hon. Minister of State (HMS) in the Ministry, Alh. Mustapha Baba Shehuri appreciates the Executive Secretary (ES) ARC� and the Executive Director (ED) NSPRI for coordinating the activities towards achieving this certification. Represented by the Director of Agricultural Lands and Climate Change Services, Engr. Shehu Tijjani Bello, the Hon. Minister further remarked that the issue of post-harvest losses is something that calls for concern in order to ensure food security, while also acknowledging that fallout of poor management of farm produce can cause colossal damage if not properly looked into. He, however, admonished that adequate care must be taken in ensuring that standard is maintained even though it is a herculean task. Earlier, the ES ARC�, Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu mni, commended NSPRI management for coming out tops in the procedure which, according to him, is a thing of honour to have considered the HMS more qualified to receive the award on behalf of the Institute. In her speech, the ED NSPRI Dr.

Patricia Pessu expressed the delight in coming to the Ministry to receive the award while stating that the certification will bring about credible and acceptable results as well as contribute to food safety and quality in Nigeria. The occasion was also attended by the representative of the DG NiNAS and team of consultants.



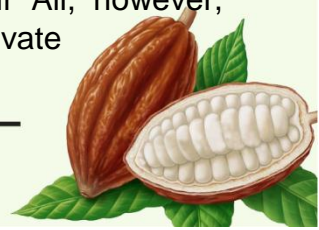
Presentation of the certificate

### Meeting of the ES with National Association of Sports Coordinators of Agriculture & Related Discipline (NASCARD)



The ES of ARC� held a meeting with the National Association of Sports Coordinators of Agriculture and Related Discipline

(NASCARD) on August 9, 2022. The team of NASCARD, which was led by the President, Okechalu Audu Ali, paid a visit to the ES in order to show appreciation over his high regard to the association. Mr Ali, however, emphasized the need to reactivate







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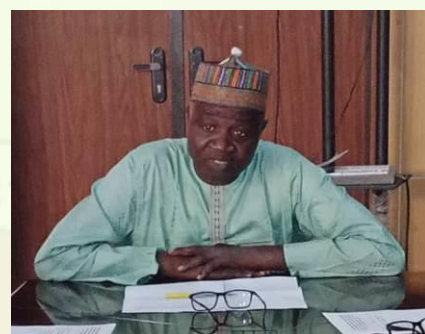
Schools' sports and requested that the ES assist in making the Provosts take the issue of check off dues very seriously as there is no single year that they do have up to 10 Colleges that paid up to date. He equally opined on the need to allow the students to move around and partake in sports completions while announcing the proposed date and venue for the next games as 13th to 27th November, 2022 in Ibadan.

While responding, the Executive Secretary, Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu mni thanked the team leader for his eloquent presentation while urging them to help bring up a formula for sustainability of the association. Prof. Sharubutu indicated that the Hon. Minister recently set up a committee to implement the new Act and one of the objectives is the need to restructure the Colleges for proper oversight and also to create modalities to enhance the achievement of whatever the Colleges are willing to set up. The ES assured the delegation that he is willing to discuss with the Hon. Minister on some of the issues once they are properly documented. He equally assured them that a desk officer will be assigned the duty of ensuring that the upcoming games are better than ever.

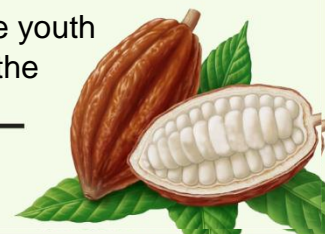


Presentation of a portrait to the ES

## Meeting on the Establishment of the Campus of Federal College of Fisheries and Marine Technology, Lagos at Ngo, Rivers State and Federal College of Agriculture Ishiagu at Enugwu- Ukwu, Anambra State



A meeting was held on July 12, 2022 on the establishment of the campus of Federal College of Fisheries and Marine Technology, Lagos at Ngo, Rivers State and Federal College of Agriculture Ishiagu at Enugwu- Ukwu, Anambra State. In his opening remarks, the Executive Secretary of ARCN, Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu mni having welcomed the guests, expressed the desire of the Council to develop both institutions into full-fledged capacity. Prof. Sharubutu also indicated that based on the reports accrued from the visits, the Council has identified all the advantages and challenges. In his words, he opined that "we shall ensure that we do what we have powers to do up to the National Assembly level in order to ensure the passage of the Acts establishing them". The two Hon. members sponsoring the establishment of the campuses, Hon. Dr. Awaji-Inombek Abiante and Hon. Dozie Nwankwo expressed their willingness to commit their personal and material resources towards the effective and smooth take off of both campuses. One of the Technical Advisers who was a member of the visitation panel to the proposed campuses, Dr G.A. Malomo remarked that both campuses have already established structures and the traditional rulers as well as the youth leaders are willing to support the







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idea. In conclusion, the ES directed that the two Provosts involved should endeavour to make budgetary provisions in order to ensure the development of the facilities while the sponsors are to continue to put in some support, respectively. At the end of the meeting, the guests were conducted round the Council premises to inspect the Communication Centre and the various renovation works presently going on.



ES (middle) with the guests

(ARCN report submitted by Kayode I. Aiyedogbon, Head, Protocol and Publicity)

## Excursion Galore

“A golden fish has no hiding place” is an age long axiom; little wonder enthusiastic Institutions and even individuals flock the Institute to catch a glimpse of the horde of research activities that has spanned over fifty years. In a row was the Plant breeding Masters’ Students of the Pan African University for Life and Earth Sciences Institute (including health and agriculture) - PAULESI and Students of Michael Otedola College of Primary Education, Epe, Lagos State; they were led by Dr Olasupo, a Plant Breeder with the Institute and an adjunct lecturer with the University as well as Dr.

Salako Yusuf, a lecturer with the College. According to Dr. Olasupo, the students of PAULESI cuts across about forty African countries which included Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Cameroon etc; they were on excursion to get acquainted with the mandate crops of the Institute which are unique to that obtained from other African countries. The visibly elated students paid a courtesy visit to our amiable ED, Dr. Patrick Adebola, who received them with open arms; they equally visited the nursery, tissue culture lab as well as the flavor lab. The students from the college were lectured on CRIN and cocoa history by the facilitator, Dr. Solomon Adebisi. He equally tutored them on the technologies developed by the Institute some of which were displayed in the chocolate lab to the admiration of the starry eyed staff and students. The team leader, Dr. Salako, averred that they were on ground to create a nexus between class theories and practical.



The ED and PAULESI students



PAULESI students in the flavor quality lab







Interaction with Mrs. Odey at the Biotechnology Lab.



Dr. Adebisi Solomon with the Students of Michael Otedola College in the chocolate lab.

## Health News

### Malaria – Mrs. Bosede Famaye



Malaria is caused by parasites that enter the body through the bite of an infected mosquito. This fatal disease happens in hot and humid places like Africa. If it is not treated, malaria can cause severe health problems such as

seizures, brain damage, trouble breathing, organ failure and death.

Malaria remains the World's most devastating human parasitic infection. Malaria affects over 40% of the world's population. WHO estimates that there are 350-500 million cases of malaria world-wide. Five (5) species of *Plasmodium* parasites that can infect human and causes illness are: *Plasmodium falciparum*, *P. malariae*, *P. vivax*, *P. ovale* and *P. knowlesi*.

Some of the signs and symptoms of malaria are: Fever and sweating, chills that shake the whole body, headache and muscle aches, fatigue, chest pain, breathing problems and cough, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. As malaria gets worse, it can cause anaemia and jaundice. In treating malaria, some drugs are given in combination with other drugs. The type of parasite will determine what type of medication one will take and how long it should be taken. Antimalarial drugs include: Artemisinin drugs (artemether and artesunate). Medications can greatly reduce the chances of getting malaria. One should also take precautions to avoid mosquito bites. To lower one's chances of getting malaria, one should apply mosquito repellent with DEET (diethyltoluamide) to exposed skin, drape mosquito netting over beds, Put screens on windows and doors, treat clothing, mosquito nets, tents, sleeping bags and other fabrics with an insect repellent called permethrin, wear long pants and long sleeves to cover the skin. If malaria is not treated properly, it can cause serious health problems, including permanent organ damage and death. It's essential to visit hospital right away when one thinks he has malaria or visited an area where it is common. Treatment is much more effective when it's started early. If you have had malaria before, you can get it again if an infected mosquito bites you.







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## Staff of the Month: Mr Fredrick Njwe CHILA



Mr. Fredrick Njwe CHILA was born on 30 September 1968 to the family of Mr and Mrs Chila in the village of Ambah via Kusuku, Taraba State. He obtained the Primary School

Leaving Certificate at Antere Elementary School in 1982 and West African School Certificate (WASC) at Government Technical College Yola, Adamawa State in 1987. In furtherance of his academic pursuit, he attended Taraba State College of Agriculture, Jalingo where he obtained National Diploma in Agricultural Technology in 1993, and Higher National Diploma (HND) in 1998. Mr. Chila observed the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) at Ifon town, Ondo State in 1999/2000. He later obtained Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Agricultural Science in 2008 from Adamawa State University Mubi, Adamawa State.

Mr Chila was employed as Higher Agricultural Superintendent by Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN) on May 10, 2002. He was promoted to the rank of Senior Agricultural Superintendent in 2006, Principal Agricultural Superintendent II (2009), Principal Agricultural Superintendent I (2012), Assistant Chief Agricultural Superintendent (2015) and Chief Agricultural Superintendent (2019). Mr Chila has served in the leadership capacity as Officer-in-Charge of CRIN Mambilla Substation at different periods: 2006 - 2007 and also 2014-2017. Currently, he is the Head of Plantation Management, CRIN Mambilla Substation, Kusuku, Taraba State.

## September Birthday Galore

Hearty birthday celebrations to the members of staff that will be celebrating their birthdays this month. Wishing you all the very best in your life endeavours. Congratulations!



Olayiwola Babatunde	01-September
Asein Uwaifo	02-September
Akoujabhole Salami	02-September
Oderinde Sunday	02-September
Umaihon Alaba	04-September
Oriloye Emmanuel O.	04-September
Oduntan Kunmi Samson	05-September
Ezeh Nicolas	05-September
Arutu Ademola Nurudeen	07-September
Ugioro Osasogie	09-September
Eno Innocent Eno	09-September
Kunnuola Seun	09-September
Adeleke Kazeem	09-September
Okeh John Ekechi	10-September
Adebowale Lateef A.	11-September
Akhidime Sunday Itua	13-September





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Babafemi Ibitope Babajide	13-September	Olasoji Hannah Olufemi	26-September
Ogunbosoye Bolanle B.	13-September	Ujunwa Ephraim I.	26-September
Akande Kunle	13-September	Egbuta Daniel Chima	26-September
Nwagala Charles	13-September	Adeogun Gbenga	27-September
Omogbeme Anselem O.	13-September	Adedokun Israel C.	27-September
Komolafe Kolade David	14-September	Mimiola Olufunke P.	28-September
Alalade Olukemi Latifat	14-September	Akinyomide Oriola A.	28-September
Adeleye Kehinde	14-September	Nwaifo Andrew I.	28-September
Onifade Wasiu	14-September	Ibiyemi Adewale O.	28-September
Akosile Isaac Gbenga	15-September	Bello Saka Adedayo	28-September
Adekanbi Boajoko	16-September	Adejobi Kayode B.	29-September
Adebayo Kayode A.	17-September	Babalola Eunice Adenike	29-September
Kayode Bukola Olayinka	18-September	Olawore Abosede E.	29-September
Tajudeen Toyin	20-September	Oghenegueke Gift	29-September
Oluayemi Oluwadamilola I.	20-September	Saheed Ademola	29-September
Ayoade Olufemi	20-September	Chila Njwe Fredrick	30-September
Amusa Lateef	22-September	Awe Jacob Ajayi	30-September
Imasogie Michael Osagie	23-September		
Ogunsuyi Busuyi A.	23-September		
Joda Eniola Mary	23-September		
Emeng Ele Eleng	23-September		
Lawal Justina Oluyemisi	24-September		
Oyedokun Adegoke Victor	24-September		
Enosegbe Kelly Anthony	24-September		
Akhidime Mary Ozohu	25-September		
Akinrinola Akeem Kehinde	25-September		
Samuel Olusola	25-September		
Muyiwa Annah Abimbola	26-September		
Oladunmoye Akinola A.	26-September		

