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CRIN is Set to Host 2024 RIGAN Event



The Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN) is set to host the Research Institute Games Association of Nigeria (RIGAN) in 2024. The inauguration of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) was held on August 11, 2023 at the Institute. The

game festival which is scheduled for December, 2024 is expected to host all the research and development institutes across the country. Commenting about the coming game festival, the ED, Dr. Patrick Adebola, thanked the President and the National Executive Council (NEC) members of the RIGAN for giving CRIN Ibadan the hosting right for the 2024 Games Festival. He emphasized the importance of sport which he said is a good tool for nation unity and development. He assured that CRIN will maximally utilise the privilege of the hosting. He went further to challenge the LOC leaders and members to be up and doing to ensure maximum success for the RIGAN games festival. The ED further used the opportunity to announce that the game festival will coincide with CRIN's 60th anniversary which will come up in 2024, and assured of total commitment for the events.

In his address to the LOC, Prof. O. F. Owolade, President of RIGAN, assured the readiness of the association for the games festival next year. In his words, "we are here to inaugurate the LOC for the CRIN 2024 RIGAN Games Festival. This is very important to ensure a successful hosting of the event. I am very confident of the high profile, and sport loving individuals that was appointed into the various subcommittees to organize the sporting event, logistics,

sponsorship, security, and accommodation of contingents."

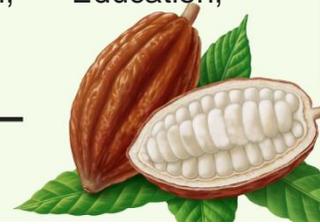


He expressed his optimism of the enhanced visibility of CRIN at the end of the festival. While expressing his joy for the support of the LOC, he thanked the CRIN Executive Director (ED), Dr Patrick Adebola, for avowed commitment to the success of the games festival.

The Chairman of CRIN Sports Committee and Director of Human Resources and Administration, Mr J.O. Onatunde-Onanuga, assured of high expectation and promised showcasing CRIN's reputation for excellence, harping on leveraging on getting sponsorship from friends and partners of the institute. The Public Relation Officer of RIGAN, Mr Amos Tabé used the opportunity to appeal to corporate organizations for support to make the program a huge success.



RIGAN is a conglomeration of 35 Research and Development Institutes under the aegis of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Science and Technology, Health, Education, Transport and Environment.





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CRIN Bags Best Contribution Award

In recognition of CRIN achievement towards sustainable cocoa production in Nigeria, the Score Express Magazine on August 19, 2023 at her 13th Anniversary and Award Ceremony held at Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) Press Centre, Osogbo, Osun State honoured CRIN with an award of Score Best Contribution in Cocoa Research and Development. We are thrilled with this recognition and award. Dr S.O. Agbeniyi, Director Research Operations, received the award on behalf of CRIN Executive Director.



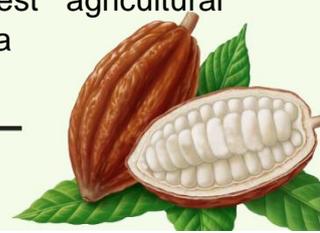
Dr. S. O. Agbeniyi receiving the award on behalf of the ED CRIN, Dr. Patrick Adebola

Benue State Set to Partner with CRIN on Sustainable Cocoa Production



Nigeria's agricultural history for several decades cannot be told without mentioning cocoa as one of the major agricultural export commodity. Benue State, considering the huge economic benefits of cocoa, is in the process of adopting cocoa as a commodity crop to increase her internally generated revenue and serve as a catalyst to propel the economic fortunes of her citizens. Benue State shares boundary with cocoa producing states like Kogi, Cross River and Taraba without being listed in cocoa production. Against this background, Mr. Adakolo Ejegbudu, the Chairman of Henin Project Limited discovered the presence of cocoa production in 11 Local Government Areas (LGAs) out of 23 LGAs in Benue State. This led him to sensitize the populace and the Government on the potential of Benue State in Cocoa Production and this culminated into the **Benue Cocoa Conference** with the theme "**Making Benue A Cocoa Hub**".

The objectives of the conference are to: 1) review and portray the present trend of cocoa production, its relevance, and opportunities it holds for the Benue and Nigeria economy, 2) show the world that cocoa trees have been grown for decades in parts of Benue, 3) introduce to Benue the best agricultural practices for sustainable cocoa





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production and 4) develop and present a road map to make Benue a major cocoa Hub.

The Institute was represented at the conference by the Director and Cocoa Programme Leader, Dr. S. B. Orisajo, Dr. R. O. Igbinador and Dr. B. S. Famuyiwa. A 30-minute sensitization Radio discussion was held at the Benue State Radio Corporation around 6pm on the 23rd August featuring the Initiator, Mr. Adakolo, CRIN team, representatives from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD) and Cocoa Farmers Association of Nigeria (CFAN). Issues relating to cocoa production were interactively discussed.



Several participants involving Government officials, farmers, investors and other dignitaries attended the cocoa conference held on 24 August, 2023.



Dr. Orisajo, on behalf of the ED CRIN, Dr. Patrick Adebola, presented a paper on best agricultural practices for sustainable cocoa production. He reiterated the need for soil test before transplanting cocoa seedlings on the field, and sourcing hybrid cocoa seedlings directly from CRIN amongst others.



There were presentations by other speakers bordering on cocoa production in Benue State. As part of the communiqué of the Benue State cocoa conference, a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) would be developed between the Benue State Government, CRIN and Henin Projects Ltd for the training of farmers on Best Agricultural Practices (BAP) for sustainable cocoa production and for the supply of hybrid cocoa pods and seedlings. Exhibitions of cocoa from various Benue State LGAs and cocoa products from CRIN were displayed.





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CRIN delegates



Organisers with the CRIN delegates

Second National Working Committee of the CFAN Inaugurated



The inauguration of the second National Working Committee of the Cocoa Farmers Association of Nigeria (CFAN) was held on July 06, 2023 at Archbishop Adetiloye Abiodun Hall in Ado - Ekiti, Ekiti State. The ED CRIN, Dr. Patrick Adebola, was represented at the occasion by Dr. O.S.O. Akanbi, Head of Station, CRIN Owena Substation, Ondo State. In attendance at the occasion was H.E. Gov. Abiodun Oyeibanji, who was ably represented by Mr. Amoo Olutope, a Principal Officer in State Ministry of Agriculture. Also in attendance was Mr. Franklin Amoo Olakunle, a member of the Advisory Council to American President, Joe Biden, on the ease of doing business in Africa. The Ooni of Ife and the Grand-patron of CFAN, his Imperial Majesty Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi Ojaja II was represented by Oba Asoyan of Ife Kingdom and Oba Adebanji Adesuji, the Onijan of Ijan – Ekiti. Also represented at the occasion were OFI, Harvest field, NEP, KOLETTI Cocoa, LIMAN resource, LOOM Chocolate etc.

The administration of the oaths of office and presentation of certificate of office to the elected National Executive Officers was performed by the representative of the National Legal Adviser to the Association, Professor Babatunde Toyin of the Faculty of Law and Governing Council member of Ekiti State University, Ado Ekiti.





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Delivering his inaugural address, the National President of CFAN, Comrade Adeola Adegoke expressed his appreciation to the Grand-patron, his imperial Majesty, Oba Adeyeye Enitan (the Ooni of Ife), the ED CRIN and other guests for honouring the association's invitation.

Excursion visits

The International Research Fellows from IITA, Ibadan visited CRIN on an excursion on August 24, 2023. The Research Fellows were from Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, Lesotho, Ethiopia and Nigeria. Their areas of interest about CRIN such as history, mandate, objectives and research were explained to them. The Leader of the Research Fellows team, Dr. Olukunle, appreciated the Executive Director for giving approval to their request. Dr. S. O. Agbeniyi, Director Research Operations, represented the ED, while Dr. Adebisi and Mr. Agbongiarhuoyi anchored the visit.



Research Fellows from IITA and CRIN staff

In the same vein, students from Lagos State University of Education, Epe were in the Institute on the same day on a field trip. The students numbering 20 were led by their Lecturer, Dr. Salako. Dr. Adebisi and Mr. Agbongiarhuoyi of CRIN anchored the visit.



Lagos State University of Education students, staff and CRIN personnel

ARC� News

The ES Earns Award of Honour

As a mark of recognition for hard work, the Executive Secretary (ES) of Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARC�), Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu mni, on August 8, 2023 was honoured as an Ambassador of the Nigeria Organic Agriculture by the Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria (NOAN)



Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria (NOAN) at his office. The ES in a brief remark, advocated for broad based collaboration with the association in order to enhance active participation of farmers. The National President of NOAN, Dr Jude Obi, in the company of some foreign collaborators, sought for more collaboration with the ARC�. The ED NRCRI, Prof. Chigozie Egesi and the Ag. Provost FECOLAT Kuru, Dr Ademola Raji as well as Directors and Principal Officers of the Council were present.





The ES and NOAN delegates



The ES, Provosts, Staff of ARCEN and Senator (Dr.) Abdullahi Aliyu Sabi

The ES Pays Congratulatory and Courtesy Visit to Sen. Dr. Abdullahi Aliyu Sabi

The Executive Secretary of ARCEN, Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu mni on August 3, 2023 led a group of Provosts of some of the FCAs and Management Staff of the Council to congratulate the Distinguished Senator (Dr.) Abdullahi Aliyu Sabi on his nomination as a Minister of State for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The ARCEN family is happy for the milestone achievement and wish him well in his continued service to Nigeria.



The ES (right) and Senator (Dr.) Abdullahi Aliyu Sabi

Lecture Delivery by the ES

The Executive Secretary, Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu mni, was Guest Lecturer at the 2023 International Day for Cooperative held at Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka, Anambra State on July 19, 2023 where he delivered a lecture titled: "The Cooperative in Nigeria, a Wake Up Call".



The event was organized by the Department of Cooperative Economics and Management of the University. It was attended by a wide range of stakeholders in the Cooperative sector. All the three Colleges of Cooperative under the purview of the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCEN) attended the event. Awards of Excellence were given to the Executive Secretary and the Provosts of the three Cooperative Colleges amongst others.





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The ES (2nd from the left) and staff of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka

(ARCN report by Kayode I. Aiyedogbon, Ag. Director, Administration)

Health News

Appendicitis – Mrs. Bosede Famaye



Appendix is a small tube-shaped organ attached to your large intestine. Appendicitis is an inflammation of the appendix, a finger-shaped pouch that projects from your colon on the lower right side of your abdomen. Appendicitis causes

pain in your lower right abdomen. However, in most people, pain begins around the navel and then moves. As inflammation worsens, appendicitis pain typically increases and eventually becomes severe. Although anyone

can develop appendicitis, most often it occurs in people between the ages of 10 and 30. A blockage in the lining of the appendix that results in infection is the likely cause of appendicitis. These bacteria multiply rapidly, causing the appendix to become inflamed, swollen and filled with pus. If not treated promptly, the appendix can rupture. Signs and symptoms may include: Sudden pain that begins on the right side of the lower abdomen, Sudden pain that begins around your navel and often shifts to your lower right abdomen, Pain that worsens if you cough, walk or make other jarring movements, Nausea and vomiting, Loss of appetite, Low grade fever that may worsen as the illness progress, Constipation or diarrhoea, Abdominal bloating and Flatulence. The site of the pain may vary, depending on age and the position of the appendix. When pregnant, the pain may seem to come from the upper abdomen because incidence of appendix is higher during pregnancy. To help diagnose appendicitis, the doctor will likely take a history of the signs and symptoms and examine the abdomen. Tests and procedures used to diagnose appendicitis include; Physical examination to access the pain. Blood test to enable the doctor to check for a high white blood cell count, which may indicate an infection, and Imaging tests using X-ray, ultrasound, CT scan or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to help confirm appendicitis or find other causes of the pain. Appendicitis treatment usually involves surgery to remove the inflamed appendix. If the appendix has burst and an abscess has formed around it, the abscess may be drained by placing a tube through the skin into the abscess before appendectomy several weeks later after controlling the infection.





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Convocation Galore

August 12, 2023 was a momentous day for the Institute as three of her scientists convoked at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta. The trio bagged the prestigious Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the University. As is customary with the Institute, staff thronged the venue to felicitate with the celebrants.



The celebrants Dr. A. H. Otuonye and Dr. B. A. Ogundeji flanked by CRIN family



Dr. I. U. Mokwunye pose with CRIN staff

Staff of the Month: Mr. Ifidon Ikhusho Teddy



Mr. Ifidon Ikhusho Teddy a.k.a. action speaks louder was born on April 27, 1974 at Uhonmora Ora in Owan-West LGA of Edo State. He attended Owerre Primary School, Uhonmora Ora from 1979-1985. He proceeded to Uhonmora Secondary Commercial Grammar School from 1985 -

1991 for his post primary education. He joined Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN) on October 8, 2009 as a Motor Driver CONTISS 2 step 1 and was converted to Health Attendant CONTISS 2 step 2 on August, 2010. He subsequently attended 3 months in-service training at CRIN Ibadan Health Centre from July to September, 2016 and rose to the post of Chief Health Assistant CONRAISS 7 step 1 on January 1, 2023. Mr. Ifidon is punctual, active, humble, efficient, loyal, available and ready to take instructions.

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
Okoujabhole Salami	02-September
Oderinde Sunday	02-September
Makinde Seye	03-September
Umaihon Alaba	04-September
Oriloye Emmanuel O.	04-September





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Oduntan Kunmi Samson	05-September	Ogunsuyi Busuyi A.	23-September
Ezeh Nicolas	05-September	Joda Eniola Mary	23-September
Mustapha Kazeem	06-September	Emeng Ele Eleng	23-September
Arutu Ademola Nurudeen	07-September	Lawal Justina Oluyemisi	24-September
Ugiro Osasogie	09-September	Oyedokun Adegoke Victor	24-September
Eno Innocent Eno	09-September	Enosegbe Kelly Anthony	24-September
Kunnuola Seun	09-September	Akhidime Mary Ozohu	25-September
Adeleke Kazeem	09-September	Akinrinola Akeem Kehinde	25-September
Okeh John Ekechi	10-September	Samuel Olusola	25-September
Adebowale Lateef A.	11-September	Muyiwa Annah Abimbola	26-September
Morufu Salawa	12-September	Oladunmoye Akinola A.	26-September
Akhidime Sunday Itua	13-September	Olasoji Hannah Olufemi	26-September
Babafemi Ibitope Babajide	13-September	Ujunwa Ephraim I.	26-September
Ogunbosoye Bolanle B.	13-September	Egbuta Daniel Chima	26-September
Akande Kunle	13-September	Adeogun Gbenga	27-September
Nwagala Charles	13-September	Adedokun Israel C.	27-September
Omogbeme Anselem O.	13-September	Akeem Akinola	28-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
Kuforiji B. M.	16-September	Babalola Eunice Adenike	29-September
Adebayo Kayode A.	17-September	Olawore Abosedo E.	29-September
Kayode Bukola Olayinka	18-September	Oghenegueke Gift	29-September
Tajudeen Toyin	20-September	Saheed Ademola	29-September
Oluyemi Oluwadamilola I.	20-September	Chila Njwe Fredrick	30-September
Ayoade Olufemi	20-September	Awe Jacob Ajayi	30-September
Arowolo Sodiq	21-September		
Amusa Lateef	22-September		
Imasogie Michael Osagie	23-September		

