The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Professor Sola Akinrinade, FHSN explained that the ceremony could not hold last year because of Dana airline mishap in which the NUC lost five of its staff. A minute of silence was observed in honour of the departed staff.

**PRESENTATION OF MAIDEN EDITION OF RESEARCH JOURNAL OF HEALTH SCIENCES HOLDS ON 19 DECEMBER**


According to a statement from the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, Professor C. O. Alebiosu, the event will hold at 10.00 a.m. in the College Conference Room of the College of Health Sciences, Amorit Building, Main Campus, Osogbo.

The Research Journal of Health Sciences is an official quarterly publication of the College which publishes manuscripts from Basic Medical and Clinical Sciences as well as related Biological Sciences.

**LATEST ON ASUU STRIKE: ASUU/FG SIGN AGREEMENT**

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and the federal government have signed an agreement to end the strike that has lasted for nearly six months.

The agreement was signed on Thursday, 12 December, 2013 in Abuja, and Minister of Education Nyesom Wike informed the press that the result was reached after the government and ASUU had a final negotiation.

“Today, I am very pleased to announce that all contending issues between ASUU and the Federal Government have been resolved to the satisfaction of the parties,” he said.

“Let me emphasize that we recognize and appreciate ASUU’s patriotic role and determination to ensure that our universities are well funded, resources provided and run like their counterparts in other parts of the world,” he added.

“We are all partners in progress and there is no victor, no vanquish in a struggle of this nature and our goal remains noble and targeted at moving our nation forward.

The strike was carried out in July after the ASUU said the government failed to implement a 2009 agreement that would improve teachers’ welfare and upgrade facilities. Dr. Nasir Fagge, president of the ASUU, signed the document.

Fagge said that the union leadership would take the signed document to the National Executive Council so the council can “analyze it” and “direct us appropriately.”

“We shall hold a NEC meeting of all union executive members, after which we shall call off the strike,” he said. “This can happen within one week, hence it’s possible that the strike would be called off within one week.”
WORDS OF WISDOM

“It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones.”

― Nelson Mandela

CALL FOR PROPOSAL

WHAT IS YOUWIN!?

The Youth Enterprise with Innovation in Nigeria (YoWiN!) Programme is a collaboration of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Communication Technology (CT), the Ministry of Youth Development and the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development that will launch an annual Business Plan Competition (BPC) for aspiring young entrepreneurs in Nigeria, in line with the Federal Government’s drive to create more jobs for Nigerians. The programme will be implemented in partnership with Nigeria’s private sector, who will be requested to provide funding support.

GOAL OF THE PROGRAMME

The main objective of the Youth Enterprise with Innovation in Nigeria (YouWiN!) Programme is to generate jobs by encouraging and supporting aspiring entrepreneurial youth in Nigeria to develop and execute business ideas that will lead to job creation. The programme will provide aspiring youth with a platform to showcase their business acumen, skills and aspirations to business leaders, investors and mentors in Nigeria.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME:

• Attract ideas and innovations from young entrepreneurial aspirants from Universities, Polytechnics, Technical colleges, and other post-Secondary institutions in Nigeria;
• Provide a one time Equity grant for 1,200 selected aspiring entrepreneurs to start or expand their business concepts and mitigate start up risks;
• Generate 80,000 to 110,000 new jobs for currently unemployed Nigerian youth over the three years during which the three cycles will be implemented;
• Provide business training for up to 6,000 aspiring youth entrepreneurs spread across all geo-political zones in Nigeria;
• Encourage expansion, specialization and spin-offs of existing businesses in Nigeria;
• Enable young entrepreneurs to access a wide business professional network and improve their visibility.

PLEASE NOTE!!!

• YouWiN! is an equity contribution to your business. It is therefore NOT A LOAN but a grant.
• Award recipients will be paid according to the needs of the business and specific milestones stated in the business plan.
• Award recipients must be registered with CAC before disbursment of funds even though they do not need to be registered to apply. YouWin! will support the registration process.
• Award recipients will operate accounts using their registered companies with any of the participating commercial banks prior to disbursment.
• Award recipients must sign a grant agreement with the managers of YouWiN! before disbursment of funds.

To apply, visit https://www.youwin.org.ng/about-youwin/

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International Climate Protection Fellowships
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

With the International Climate Protection Fellowships the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation enables prospective leaders to conduct a research-based project in the field of climate protection and climate-related resource conservation during a one-year stay in Germany. Up to 20 International Climate Protection Fellowships are granted annually, funded under the Federal Environment Ministry's (BMU) International Climate Initiative. The fellowships target prospective leaders from non-European emerging and developing countries (see list of countries), who are engaged in the field of climate protection and climate-related resource conservation in nongovernmental organisations, public administrations, politics, academia or business in their countries. The research-based projects are carried out in cooperation with hosts in Germany; candidates choose their own projects and their own hosts. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is running the programme in cooperation with the Federation of German Industry (BDI), the Centre for International Postgraduate Studies in Environmental Management (CIPSEM) at Dresden International University, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (DBU), the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the Renewables Academy AG (RENAC). The call is subject to appropriate funding being awarded to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Programme objectives:
The global challenge posed by climate change can only be met by cross-border international collaborations. This programme makes a contribution to this by enabling future decision-makers and multipliers to conduct a research-based project in cooperation with specialist colleagues in Germany. Funding is available for project proposals which address issues directly relating to climate protection as well as adaptation to climate change, e.g. in the area of climate-related resource conservation. The project should facilitate the mutual exchange of knowledge, methods and techniques between the fellows and their hosts in Germany, taking into account the question of practical applicability in the fellows’ countries. Contacts to various institutions in different sectors (universities, research institutes, ministries, environmental authorities, companies, non-governmental organisations, etc.) in the context of the project are expressly welcomed.

In addition to financing the project, the fellowship aims to facilitate and promote the development of long-term contacts and collaborations with colleagues in Germany. In the course of group programme events (introductory seminar, training courses, final meeting) during the fellowship year, fellows should gain an overview of climate protection and climate-related resource conservation as well as the important actors in these fields in Germany. Another objective of the programme is to create cross-border, cross-disciplinary networks amongst the fellows as a precondition for building an international expert network on climate protection and climate-related resource conservation. As a long term objective, networking should be extended to include scientists working in these fields in the respective countries who are members of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation’s network of excellence.

Target group:
Applicants must demonstrate clearly visible leadership potential based either on experience in initial leadership positions or on appropriate references. They must also have completed their first
university degree (Bachelor’s or equivalent) less than 12 years prior to the start of the fellowship (1 March 2015) with outstanding results. Furthermore, they must have extensive professional experience in a leadership role (at least 48 months at the time of application) or hold a further academic or professional qualification. They are also expected to have gained initial practical experience through involvement in projects related to climate protection and climate-related resource conservation.

In addition to applicants with a background in the natural and engineering sciences, candidates who have been engaged in legal, economic and societal issues relating to climate change are encouraged to apply for this programme. Graduates who are interested in spending time studying or training in Germany should apply to the programmes offered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) or other funding organisations. Post-doctoral researchers wishing to pursue an academic research project should apply to the Georg Forster or Humboldt Research Fellowship Programme for Postdoctoral.

Researchers (up to four years after completion of doctorate) or for Experienced Researchers (up to 12 years after completion of doctorate).

**Fellowship specifications:**
The fellowship amount reflects the fellow’s academic and professional qualifications, current position and professional experience and is currently set at 2,150 EUR, 2,450 EUR or 2,750 EUR per month. This includes a mobility lump sum and a contribution towards health and liability insurance.
The following timetable for the one-year stay in Germany is designed to facilitate networking amongst the fellows and is mandatory for everyone:

- January, February 2015: intensive language course in Germany (optional)
- March 2015: introductory seminar
- April 2015 – February 2016: work on project at host institutes in Germany
- June 2015: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Annual Meeting including reception held by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany
- Autumn 2015: several-day training course
- January/February 2016: final week including reception held by the leadership of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Fellowships may be extended by up to three months on application.

**Additional benefits:**
- **Allowance for research costs** to be paid to the hosts in Germany amounting to 800 EUR per month (for projects in the natural and engineering sciences) and 500 EUR (for projects in the humanities and social sciences);

- **Language fellowship** for a one- to two-month intensive language course in Germany immediately prior to the start of the fellowship; when a fellowship has been granted, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation may provide financial support for improving fellows’ language skills while they are still in their own countries. Fellows with little or no knowledge of German are strongly advised to take a two-month intensive language course in Germany;
Lump sum for the fellow’s travel expenses if the costs are not borne by a third party; Europe allowance for a maximum of one to two months spent studying or researching at an institution in another European country during the fellowship, provided that this is necessary to carry out the project in question;

Family allowances for visits by family members lasting at least three months (up to 326 EUR per month for the marital partner and up to 234 EUR per month for each child);

For single parents accompanied by children under the age of 18 on stays of at least three months, an allowance is available (400 EUR per month for the first child, 100 EUR for every additional child);

Additional extension of the fellowship by up to three months if children under 12 also accompany the fellow to Germany;

Extensive alumni funding after successfully completing the stay in Germany, especially support for networking with collaborative partners in Germany during the fellow’s entire career.

Application requirements:
1. First university degree (Bachelor’s or equivalent), completed less than 12 years prior to the start of the fellowship (1 March 2015)
2. Extensive professional experience in a leadership role (at least 48 months at the time of application) in the field of climate protection or climate-related resource conservation or a further academic or professional qualification
3. Initial practical experience (at least 12 months at the time of application) through involvement in projects related to climate protection and climate-related resource conservation (possibly already during studies)
4. Leadership potential demonstrated by initial experience in a leadership position and/or appropriate references (see no. 8)
5. A detailed statement by a host in Germany, including a mentoring agreement; details of the proposed project must be discussed with the prospective host prior to application
6. Citizenship of a non-European emerging or developing country (see list of countries) which is also the fellow’s habitual abode and place of work
7. Very good knowledge of English and/or German, documented by appropriate language certificates
8. Two expert references by individuals qualified to comment on the candidate’s professional, personal and, if applicable, academic eligibility and his / her leadership potential. Prospective applicants, who have spent more than six in Germany at the time of the application deadline, or more than 12 months in a country that is not on the relevant list of countries, should contact the Humboldt Foundation (info@avh.de) before submitting an application as they may be ineligible on formal grounds.

Applicants who have already received sponsorship from the Humboldt Foundation in the form of a fellowship or award are not entitled to apply to this programme but should turn to the appropriate alumni sponsorship programmes. Those sponsored in the context of this programme are excluded.
from applying for other fellowships offered the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at a later date.

**Application procedure:**
Applications must be completed online. The completed application form including all the necessary additional documentation must be submitted by the closing date for applications (15 March 2014). Additional information on online applications, all the documentation required and access to the online application procedure are available on the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation’s website (http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/icf). Immediately after submitting the documents, the applicant will receive a confirmation.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all the necessary documents have been submitted. Incomplete applications may be excluded from the selection procedure.

The proposed host in Germany should send his/her confidential statement directly to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation by the closing date at the latest.

After reviewing the applications, an independent selection committee will decide, probably by the beginning of July 2014, which candidates will be invited to participate in a selection meeting in Germany lasting several days. This selection meeting will take place from 16 to 19 September 2014 and applicants will be given the opportunity to outline their project to the selection committee and the other applicants as well as to attend individual interviews held by the selection committee. At the end of the meeting the selection results will be announced.

Further information on the selection procedure can be found in the FAQs on the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's website.