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**THE WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (WARIMA)**

in Collaboration with

OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE

is pleased to announce

**6TH WARIMA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
AND WORKSHOPS**

at the

OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE, NIGERIA

OCTOBER 21-26, 2012

THEME: MANAGING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sub-Themes:

- **Research and Innovation Management**
- **Monitoring and Evaluation of Research Projects**
- **Commercialisation of Intellectual Property**
- **Entrepreneurship and SME Development**
- **Facilitating Collaborations and Partnerships**
- **Developing the Next Generation of Researchers**
- **Copyright Issues in Academic Institutions**

Introduction/Background to the Conference and Workshops

Research is a major yardstick for ranking universities throughout the world. It has also been established that the commercialisation of the results of cutting-edge researches is a feasible means of generating supplementary income for universities and research institutions. If managed properly, research could be a driving force in the development of the West African sub-region.

For the above reasons, and to further sensitize the West African research community on research and innovation issues, WARIMA is organising its 6th International Conference and Workshops on the theme **“Managing Research and Innovation for Sustainable Development”**. The Conference and Workshops will be held at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria from 21st - 26th October, 2012.

About WARIMA

The West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA) was established in November 2006 as a professional body for research management in the West African sub-region. It operates at institutional and international levels, as well as across the research value chain, from research management to commercialisation of research results.

About OAU

The Obafemi Awolowo University is a first-generation university in Nigeria founded in 1962 as a State University by the Western Region Government. Its original name “the University of Ife” was changed to the current one in 1987 in honour of one of its founding fathers, Chief Obafemi Awolowo, who was the Premier of the Western Region when the University was established. The Obafemi Awolowo University was founded to promote learning, research and culture. The University has one main campus in Ile-Ife and an Institute of Agricultural Research and Training in Ibadan. It is one of the most highly-rated Universities in Nigeria.

It is a member of the International Association of Universities (IAU), the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and the Association of African Universities (AAU). In order to enhance research, the University has established active linkages with many international bodies such as the Carnegie Foundation of New York, the Ford Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation among many others.

The Obafemi Awolowo University is hosting the Conference and Workshops as part of the activities marking her 50th Anniversary.

Target Participants

This Conference and Workshops are targeted at all who are involved in research and innovation management in various institutions as well as those interested in undertaking cutting edge research. These include (but are not limited to):

- Vice-Chancellors, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Directors of Research Institutes
- Provosts/ Deans of Faculties/Colleges
- Senior academics and researchers from Universities and Research Institutes
- Research Administrators; Policy Makers in Government, Parastatals and Non-Governmental Organizations
- Other categories of individuals (including early-career researchers) desirous of acquiring skills in research management.

Pre-Conference Workshops

The Conference will be preceded by six 1-day Pre-conference Workshops on the following topics:

- Fundamentals of Research Management
- Communication Skills and Research Results Dissemination
- Grant Writing and Proposal Development
- Developing and Implementing a Research Strategy
- Academic Writing
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Research Projects

Venue

The venue of the Conference and Workshops shall be the NACETEM Conference Centre, located off Road 1 on the main campus of the University in Ile-Ife.

How to Apply

Interested participants are required to complete the attached registration form and return same as an e-mail attachment not later than **Tuesday 31st July 2012** for early-bird registration and **Friday 28th September, 2012** for late registration to:

Mrs. Tope Jiboye, Desk Officer, Directorate of Linkages and Sponsored Research, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Email: warima6@oauife.edu.ng and warimaoffice@yahoo.com **Phone:** +234 806 602 6625

A copy of the registration form should be submitted to:

Mrs. Teju Ajao, WARIMA Administrator
1st Floor, University Advancement Centre
University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria
E-mail: warimaoffice@yahoo.com

Call for Papers

The organisers hereby call for the submission of papers relevant to the theme and sub-themes.

Important deadlines:

Submission of Abstracts: June 22, 2012
Notification of Acceptance: July 10, 2012
Submission of Full Paper: September 16, 2012

Registration Fees

For the Conference

- Early Bird Registration **USD \$250 (N40 000.00) per participant. Early Bird Registration closes on Tuesday 31st July, 2012.**
- Late Registration **USD \$300 (N45 000.00) per participant. Late Registration closes on Friday 28th September, 2012.**

For the Workshops

**USD \$150 (N25 000.00) per participant.
(Only limited spaces are available)**

Note: Senders of funds are expected to indicate the purpose of payment on the payment documents.

Payment Procedure

Participants must pay by Bank Transfer. Bank details are as follows:

Name of Bank	-	Zenith Bank PLC
Address	-	Obafemi Awolowo University Branch, Ile-Ife
Account Name	-	WARIMA 6 LOC
Account Number (for US\$)	-	5070179120
Swift Code	-	ZEIBNGLA
Account Number (for Nigerian ₦)	-	1012928786

All participants are required to send a copy of the receipt detailing the appropriate fund transfer by e-mail to warima6@oauife.edu.ng and a copy to warimaoffice@yahoo.com.

A confirmation mail will be sent once the transfer of the appropriate registration fee is verified from the Bank. The original of the transfer receipt and the confirmation mail should be retained as proof of payment for registration.

Accommodation

The official conference venue is the NACETEM Conference Centre, OAU, located on campus. The following are good hotels within or close to the university campus.

BEST FRIEND HOTEL, Hezekiah Oluwasanmi Road, Ile-Ife
Telephone: +234 (0) 806 420 3818
E-mail: bestfriendhotels@yahoo.com

S/No.	Room Size/Type	Rate (₦)	Deposit (₦)
1.	Single	10,000.00	12,000.00
2.	Deluxe	12,000.00	15,000.00
3.	Executive	25,000.00	27,500.00

CONFERENCE CENTRE & GUEST HOUSES LIMITED, OAU Campus**Telephone: +234 (0) 705 109 1345 E-mail:**

S/No.	Room Size/Type	Rate (₦)	Deposit (₦)
1.	Mini Suite	12,000.00	14,800.00
2.	Chalet	10,000.00	12,500.00
3.	Executive Double	8,500.00	10,775.00
4.	Luxury Double	6,500.00	8,500.00
5.	Annex	3,500.00	4,500.00

HOTEL DIGANGA, Ife-Ibadan Road, Ile-Ife**Telephone: +234 (0) 803 442 5970 E-mail:**

S/No.	Room Size/Type	Rate (₦)	Deposit (₦)
1.	Single	4,600.00	6,000.00
2.	Double	6,500.00	8,000.00
3.	Mini Suite	9,400.00	10,800.00

HILTON HOTELS, Raymond Adedoyin Way, Ile-Ife**Telephone: +234 (0) 806 022 5555, +234 (0) 709 304 6058****E-mail:**

S/No.	Room Size/Type	Rate (₦)
1.	Economy B (single bedded)	3,600.00
2.	Medium B Double Bedded	7,000.00
3.	Standard Suite	8,000.00

CERD GUEST HOUSE, CERD, OAU Campus**Telephone:****E-mail:**

S/No.	Room Size/Type	Rate (₦)	Deposit (₦)
1	Standard	5,000.00	

RECTAS INTERNATIONAL GUEST HOUSE, RECTAS, OAU Campus, Ile-Ife**Telephone: +234 (0) 806 538 3174****E-mail:**

S/No.	Room Size/Type	Rate (₦)	Deposit (₦)
1.	Double	5,000.00	

Currency Exchange Rate: US \$1 = ₦155.00 (but is subject to change).**Contact Persons**

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