MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT, NSPP

On behalf of the Board of Trustees (BoT) and National Executive Council (NEC) of the Nigerian Society for Plant Protection (NSPP), I wish to express my appreciation for the continual commitment of NSPP members to the sustenance and development of the Society.

The demise of Late Professors Anthony Arinze and Stephen Madujos Misarion in May and June, 2017 respectively, saddens our hearts, but we are consoled by the legacies which they have left behind. Both of them pursued excellence and were committed to the core values that established our great Society. Their commitments especially as past Presidents will greatly be missed by NSPP and other organizations they were associated with, locally and outside Nigeria.

Sir Pat Ikemefuna, a member of BoT, also lost his wife on May 19, 2017. This pain was also felt by the entire membership of NSPP. We pray that God will console him and the entire family, we desire that he will draw strength from the lovely memories shared with his wife and the hope for a better future.

As we continue to thrive as a Society, the joy and pain of one member is felt by all. Even though the Society mourned, we ended the month of May with goodnews as one of our own, Prof. O.A. Enikuomehin was appointed Acting Vice Chancellor of Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta. This is a huge feat and as a Society we should be ready to give him all necessary support as may be required from us. The appointment was timely and reassures the Society of the calibre of her membership, each doing great things within their various spheres of their influence. We again congratulate Prof. O.A. Enikuomehin and extend our hands of fellowship for future collaborations that will advance the course of plant protection research in Nigeria.

Lastly, I encourage all members not to give up on our collective quest of improving crop health and food safety in Nigeria. Our rank and file as Crop Protectionists should be strengthened by building institutional and interdisciplinary collaborations because nobody is an island. We have a duty to rise up to the challenges that confront food security, one we cannot treat with negligence or ineptitude.

Thank you all for your unwavering service to humanity.

Yours in Service.

Prof.Olufunmilola Alabi (FNSPP, FASI)
President, NSPP
NSPP’S FELLOW AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF APPOINTED ACTING VICE CHANCELLOR OF FUNAAB

Prof. O.A. Enikuomehin has been appointed Acting Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Ogun State. Until his appointment, he was the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Development) of the University. Prof. Enikuomehin is a Fellow of the Nigerian Society for Plant Protection and the current Editor-in-Chief of Nigerian Journal of Plant Protection (NJPP).

He has served the University in several capacities such as the Chairman, Committee of Deans and Directors; Member, University Governing Council; and Member, Anti-Corruption and Transparency Committee of FUNAAB to mention just a few. NSPP felicitates with him on this great feat achieved.

UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN TO HOST 43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF NSPP

University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State is to host the 43rd Annual Conference of Nigerian Society for Plant Protection next year, 2018. Detailed information of the Conference will be made available as soon as information from the Local Organizing Committee is available.

NSPP FELICITATES WITH HER MEMBERS

Prof. O.O. Banwo
On his appointment as Head, Department of Crop Protection, Faculty of Agriculture, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

Prof. B.D. Kashina
On his appointment as Assistant Director, Research, Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR), Zaria.

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**Funding Opportunities**

**Fellowships to young agricultural scientists and economists**
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**Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology Fellowships**
The International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) offers PhD, Postdoctoral and Short-term fellowships in Life Sciences to scientists from ICGEB’s member states. The fellowships are for research at collaborating universities in Trieste, New Delhi, and Cape Town. Application deadlines: Short-term fellowships **30 June, 30 September, 31 December**.

**Japan Society for the Promotion of Science**
The RONPAKU fellowships are a program of the JSPS to support students from Asia, the Middle East, and **Africa** to pursue **PhD degrees at Japanese universities**. Each fellow submits a research dissertation co-supervised by an advisor in Japan and an advisor in the fellow’s home country. The fellows do not pursue doctoral courses in Japan (i.e., dissertation only). RONPAKU will award about 20 fellowships across all subject areas. The application deadline is **25 August 2017**.

**ARIMNet2 — Call for Young Researchers**
The EC’s ARIMNet is a consortium to support integrated and trans-disciplinary research that enhances the contribution of **agricultural and food systems for sustainable social and economic development in the Mediterranean Basin**. The ARIMNet2 2017 Joint Call is dedicated to young researchers in two topics: promoting sustainable agriculture for socio-economic development; and valorising local products through food value chains improvement. The participating countries are Algeria, Croatia, Egypt, France, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey. A project consortium must include at least three young researchers from three different participating countries (at least one from a northern country and one from a southern country). The submission period is **16 August 2017 until 14 September 2017**.

**20 MIF Research Fellowship for International Students in Japan, 2018**
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**Postgraduate Fellowship for Scientists from Developing Countries in Pakistan, 2017**
Applications are invited for TWAS-CIIT Fellowship Programme to pursue **postgraduate** research. Fellowship is open to young scientists from **developing countries** (other than Pakistan) who wish to obtain all or part (sandwich or full-time) of their Ph.D. in natural or social sciences.
For details: [https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-ciit-postgraduate-fellowship-programme](https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-ciit-postgraduate-fellowship-programme)

**PhD Training Scholarship for Ghanaian and International Applicants at WACCI, University of Ghana, 2017**
The West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) is delighted to announce PhD Training Scholarship in Plant Breeding at WACCI, University of Ghana. Ghanaian, as well as International applicants, are eligible to apply for this scholarship program.
For details: [http://www.wacci.edu.gh/content/call-applications-phd-training-plant-breeding](http://www.wacci.edu.gh/content/call-applications-phd-training-plant-breeding)

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In total submission to the will of God, the Nigerian Society for Plant Protection (NSPP) announces the passing away of her members.

**Late Prof. Anthony Arinze**
Past President of NSPP 2005 TO 2011
He was a Board of Trustees Member until announcement of his death on May 28, 2017.

**Late Prof. Stephen M. Misari**
Past President of NSPP 1988 TO 1991.
Was conferred a Fellow of NSPP in 2015.
Death was announced on the June 11, 2017

**Late Lady Evelyn Uche Ikemefun**
Late wife of Sir P. Ikemefuna, NSPP Board of Trustees member.
Her death was announced on the May 19, 2017.

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