Makurdi hosted the 42nd Annual Conference of NSPP


The Conference keynote address was presented by Prof. A.D. Akpa, an erudite scholar with Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. A total of 152 persons participated during the Opening Ceremony which was officially opened by the Vice Chancellor (FUAM), Prof E.I. Kucha, who was well-represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), FUAM, Prof J.A. Ayoade. His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Benue State, Chief (Dr.) Samuel Ortom sent his goodwill message and magnanimous support through his Chief of Staff, Hon. (Pst.) Terwase Orbunde.

Participants were drawn from various fields of Crop protection including virology, mycology, bacteriology, nematology, entomology, weed science and other related sciences. Lead papers were presented by Prof S.O. Afolami (VC, Augustine University, Epe and former President of NSPP), Prof. (Mrs) K.B. Farauta (Hon. Commissioner of Education, Adamawa State) and Prof. A.T. Adekunle (University of Benin). It was indeed an unforgettable experience.

RECAP:

Keynote Address (Prof. (Chief) A.D. Akpa: Remodelling Plant Protection Research in Nigeria: Prospects, Challenges and Implications on National Food Security.

Lead Papers:
- Prof. S.O. Afolami: Plant Protection Policy in Nigeria: Advocacy of a Different Kind
- Prof. (Mrs) K.B. Farauta: Capacity building in Plant Protection Consultancy Services
- Prof. A.T. Adekunle: Plant Protection Research in Nigeria: An Appraisal
PHOTO GALLERY...

Group Photograph of some Conference Participants at the 42nd Annual Conference of NSPP

Caught in the act; Prof. J.A. Ayoade, DVC (Academics) FUAM and Hon. (Pst.) Terwase Orbunde, Chief of Staff, Benue State having a good laugh

President of NSPP, Prof. (Mrs) O. Alabi delivering her presidential address at the Conference

Vice Chancellor, Augustine University, Epe Prof. S.O. Afolami and his wife

Cross-section of participants during the Opening Ceremony
Dean, College of Agronomy and Chairman of Local Organizing Committee, Prof. E.J. Ekefan welcoming participants

That moment when friends reconnect: (L-R): Prof. (Mrs) A. Malgwi, Dr (Mrs) E. Okoroafor, Prof. (Mrs) A.B. Zarafi and Dr. (Mrs) J.I. Oluwatayo (standing).

Exchange of pleasantaries between NSPP President, Prof. (Mrs) O. Afolabi and former Ag. Vice Chancellor, FUAM, Prof. E.O. Ogunwolu

Cross-section during one of the Technical Sessions (Hall A)

Cross-section during one of the Technical Sessions (Hall B)

That moment when friends reconnect: (L-R): Prof. M.U. Ukwela, Dr M.E. Abo and Prof. F.A. Ajayi
Who the cap fits…

Two distinguished members of NSPP were honoured as Fellows of Nigerian Society for Plant Protection during the 42nd Annual Conference of NSPP at Makurdi. They were Prof (Chief) A.D. Akpa, a seasoned Bacteriologist resident in the Department of Crop Protection, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and Prof. O.A. Enikuomehin, The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Development), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), a seasoned Plant Pathologist resident in the Department of Crop Protection, FUNAAB and current Editor-In-Chief, Nigerian Journal of Plant Protection (NJPP).
NSPP FELICITATES WITH OUR COLLEAGUES

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Prof E.J. Ekefan.
Won the First Bank Endowed Professional Chair in Agronomy.
Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative (SIANI) offers seed funding to expert groups that support its vision and mission to understand emerging issues in food security and nutrition in low-income countries.
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Pan African University Scholarships for Postgraduate Education.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) announced thirty Netaji Subhas-ICAR international fellowships for doctoral degrees in agriculture and allied sciences at agricultural universities and institutions in India and abroad.

The Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) are offering postgraduate training fellowships for women scientists from Sub-Saharan Africa.

List of Executive members to steer the wheels of NSPP from March, 2017 to March, 2019

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Prof. T.I. Olabiyi.
Promoted to the rank of Full Professor.
LAUTECH

Dr. T.S. Anjorin.
Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.
University of Abuja

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FROM THE TABLE OF THE SECRETARY

On behalf of the President, Executive Council and entire members of NSPP, we thank the Chairman of the 42nd NSPP LOC Prof. E.J. Ekefan, the LOC Secretary Mr Chris O. Eche, Chairpersons of sub-committees and other LOC members for a job well done. The Society is indeed proud of her members at Makurdi who spared their time, put in great efforts and other resources to ensure that the 42nd conference was successful.

We extend our gratitude to the Host of the 42nd Conference in person of Engr. Prof. E.I. Kucha, the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, and indeed other members of the management of the University for the warm welcome and accommodation and for ensuring a conducive environment for the conference.

The Chief Host, Governor of Benue State, Chief (Dr.) Samuel Ortom who was ably represented by the Chief of Staff Hon. (Pst) Terwase Orbunde for welcoming us in the State and for the tremendous support received, the Society appreciates the contributions.

We appreciate the invited Speakers, Presidents of "daughter Societies" PSN, NISON and HORTSON and guests for honouring our invitation and attendance at the conference.

We extend our special welcome to the 45 New Members who joined the Society at the Makurdi 2017. They are encouraged to participate in the Society’s activities, network with other professional colleagues and to be good ambassadors of the Society.

Hmmm! and that "Food basket", we had enough from it, yet we couldn't exhaust it. We were fed with varieties of food and entertained with the unique dance of the Tiv people, the Executives and members of NSPP thank you all for that warm hospitality.

The baton of hosting right for the 43rd conference has been passed to the great citadel of learning, the premier University of Ibadan. We have no doubt that it promises to be a rewarding time. Keep your eyes on UI come March 2018.

We thank the members for the confidence shown on the 2015-2017 Executive members to continue for a second term 2017-2019 to steer the mantle of Leadership. Mr Chris O. Eche was voted in as the Assistant Secretary/Newsletter Editor in place of Mr Inusa Ajene who is out of the Country on study leave. We pray for God’s grace and wisdom to move the Society to greater heights.

Thank you.