MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to welcome you to this edition of our Newsletter. On behalf of the Board of Trustees (BoT) and Executive Council (EC), I wish to express my appreciation for the continual commitment of our members to the sustenance and growth of the Society.

I am particularly impressed with the Newsletter Editor (NLE) for improving on the production of the Newsletter from one edition to four editions per year; with this effort we are now guaranteed of March, June, September and December editions of the Newsletter per year. Haven circulated the March and June issues, this and December 2017 editions will be circulated for the information and records of members. The delay in circulation of Volume 5 issue 3 and 4 were due to the efforts of the NLE in formatting and designing a standard template for the Newsletter.

Subsequently issues will be circulated on the first week of every quarter. In view of the unrelenting dedication of BoT Chairperson (Prof. Mrs O.A. Egunjobi) and her Team in regulating meetings and recommendations as well as directives to the Executive Council, I wish to appreciate them for the role they are playing in the development of NSPP.

Let me assure all NSPPites of the readiness and commitment of the EC in improving the relevance of our Society to the development of modern, effective and efficient management strategies for diseases and pests control. Particularly the emerging new pests and invasive species. I, wholeheartedly, invite you to continue to participate in the NSPP project as better days are here. Thank you all for your unwavering service to humanity.

Yours in Service.

Prof. Olufumilola ALABI (FNSPP, FASI)
President, NSPP

Editorials

In today’s world, access to information is undoubtedly one of the core requisites for advancement in every profession. Equally important is the quality of professional networks built in course of ones’ professional development. These two essentials – information access and opportunity for professional networking – are what NSPP Newsletters offer her readers.

Our Newsletter provides a platform which enables members share and learn, all in one space! In fact, we pride our Newsletter as one of the most frequent and largely-read Societal Newsletters in Nigeria. We now have a wider readership because of our ever-increasing database which is made up of core professionals and students in various disciplines of Crop Protection.

This edition is intended to furnish you with news from BoT Meeting held at University of Ibadan, an abridged profile of newly appointed Editor-in-Chief of Nigerian Journal of Plant Protection, exciting news from some NSPPites and updates on our 43rd annual conference. It is my hope that you find it resourceful. Enjoy!

Chris O. ECHE
Asst. Secretary and Newsletter Editor, NSPP
The 6th Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Nigerian Society for Plant Protection was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the National Secretariat of NSPP, University of Ibadan under the chairmanship of Prof. (Chief/Mrs) O.A. Egunjobi.

The Board was grieved over the death of Professor A. E. Arinze (A past President, Fellow and Distinguished member of BoT), Professor M. S. Misari (A past President, Fellow and Distinguished member of BoT) and Mrs. Lady Evelyn Uche Ikemefuna (Wife of a Fellow and Distinguished member of BoT, Sir P. N. Ikemefuna). The chairperson, Prof. (Chief/Mrs) O.A. Egunjobi, on behalf of members extended BoT’s condolences to the families of the bereaved. Thereafter, the Board appreciated NSPP for the resuscitation of Conference Dinner and the introduction of symposium at the 41st Annual Conference held in Zaria in March, 2016. The review of annual conference registration fee by AGM from Eleven Thousand Naira (N11,000.00) to Fifteen Thousand Naira (N15,000.00), effective from the 42nd Annual Conference, which is still one of the lowest registration fees paid across the country was noted, with the hope that it would not discourage members from attending subsequent conferences. The presence of Government and the donation of over Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N500,000) to the LOC and NSPP by the Executive Governor, Benue State, Dr. Samuel Ortom during the Opening Ceremony of the 42nd Annual Conference on 13th March, 2017 at the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State was commended. The Board congratulated Professor Boniface Kashina as the new Editor-in-Chief of the Nigerian Journal of Plant Protection. The constitution of a Committee to advice on how NSPP can facilitate the establishment of the Nigerian Institute for Plant Protection was applauded by BoT.

After the Meeting, Members of BoT led by Prof. (Chief/Mrs) O.A. Egunjobi, paid a courtesy call on Prof. O. O. Omoleye, the Head, Department of Crop Protection and Environmental Biology, HOD, CEPB, University of Ibadan.
Profile of New NJPP Editor-in-Chief

Professor Boniface D. Kashina was recently appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of Nigerian Journal for Plant Protection (NJPP) in March, 2017.

Prof. Kashina hails from Kaduna State. He obtained his First Degree in Agriculture from the Federal University of Technology, Akure, M.Sc. Crop Protection from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria and a Ph. D. Agriculture (Plant Virology), from Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania. He is currently the Assistant Director of Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR), Zaria.

He was the North-West Zonal Coordinator of NSPP between 2011 and 2015. He was a Fulbright Scholar at Arizona, (USA), a Postdoctoral Fellow of the JSPS, Hokkaido University, Sapporo Japan, a Guest Researcher at University of Aarhus, Denmark under the COIMBRA Group Scholarships for Young Professors and Researchers from African Universities, and a Visiting Scientist at University of Stuttgart, Germany.

He is a member of American Society for Microbiology (ASM), American Phytopathological Society (APS), Entomological Society of Nigeria (ESN), Horticultural Society of Nigeria (HORTSON) and Agricultural Society of Nigeria (ASN).

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UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN SET TO HOST THE 43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF NSPP

University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State is set to host the 43rd Annual Conference of Nigerian Society for Plant Protection in 2018. The theme of the Conference is; The Role of Plant Protection in a Diversified Economy for Food and Income Security and the Conference is expected to hold between April 22nd and 26th, 2018 at the prestigious University of Ibadan. Detailed information of the Call for Abstracts and Papers will be sent to e-mail addresses of all members by the LOC. The LOC can be reached via nsppibadan@gmail.com.
Professor G. O. Ihejirika of Federal University of Technology, Owerri and current South-East Zonal Coordinator of NSPP on his promotion to the rank of Professor of Plant Pathology with effect from 1st October, 2016.

Professor A. U. Yusuf who is the current Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Bayero University, Kano, on his promotion to the rank of Professor of Agricultural Entomology with effect from 1st October, 2016.

Professor Kutama, A.S. on his recent promotion to the rank of full Professor of Plant Pathology, Federal University, Dutse, with effect from June, 2017.

Dr. Adesina J. M. on his appointment as Head of Department, Crop, Soil and Pest Management Technology, Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo, Ondo State. The appointment is with effect from 30th June, 2017.

B. AMINU-TAIWO who successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis on the 25th of July, 2017 at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State.

Victor I. GWA who also successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis on the 28th of July, 2017 at the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State.

Some Upcoming International Events

9th International Integrated Pest Management Symposium
19 March - 22 March, 2018
Baltimore, Maryland, USA
Website: https://ipmssymposium.org/2018/index.html

11th International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP2018)
29 July - 3 August, 2018
Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Website: http://www.icpp2018.org/

8th ISTA Seed Health Symposium and 6th International Seed Health Conference
4 September - 7 September, 2018
Poznań, Poland

XVIII International Society for Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions Congress
14 July - 18 July, 2019
Glasgow, Scotland
Website: http://www.ismpmi.org/Congress/2019/Pages/default.aspx

12th International Congress of Plant Pathology
20 August - 25 August, 2023
Lyon, France

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