MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Trustees (BoT) and Executive Council of the Nigerian Society for Plant Protection (NSPP), I welcome you to this edition of our quarterly newsletters. This edition encapsulates some happenings within NSPP for the period, July to September, 2018.

The Society rejoices with Professor B.D. Olufolaji on his appointment as BoT Chairman of NSPP. The outgoing Chairperson, Professor (Chief/Mrs) E.O. Egunjobi led the BoT with so much passion despite her age and we pray that God will continue to keep her in good health has she moves on to other endeavours in life. Similarly NSPP congratulates Professor B. Fawole on the occasion of his retirement from service at the University of Ibadan. A renowned Nematologist of international repute and a past Secretary of NSPP, Prof. Fawole will be fondly remembered for his thorough mentorship and contributions to the field of nematology in Africa.

May good news never department from our abode. I look forward to seeing you all at Federal University, Oye-Ekiti for the 44th Annual Conference of our great Society come April, 2019.

Yours in Service.

Prof. Olufunmilola ALABI (FNSPP, FASI)
President

Editorial

It gives me great delight to welcome you to this issue of Nigerian Society for Plant Protection (NSPP) Newsletter. It is our mandate to furnish readers with happenings within NSPP as well as provide information that will promote the science of Crop Protection in Nigeria and by extension, the world.

The contents of this Edition largely mirror-in on highlights of from the Board of Trustees Meeting held at the University of Ibadan in September, (ii) profiling of NSPP’s new Chairman of BoT, Professor B.D. Olufolaji and (iii) retirement of Prof. Bamidele Fawole of the University of Ibadan.

It also features announcement of the 44th Annual Conference/General Meeting of NSPP holding at Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State with the theme “Sustainable Plant Health for Inclusive Development in a Changing Climate”.

Chris O. ECHE, Ph.D
Asst. Secretary/Newsletter Editor
NSPP Board of Trustees MET AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

During its 8th statutory Meeting at the National Secretariat on September 11, 2018 in Room A206, Department of Crop Protection and Environmental Biology, University of Ibadan, the Board of Trustees (BoT) of the Nigerian Society for Plant Protection considered the Nigeria General Elections taking place during the 1st Quarter and approved the recommendation of the Executive Council that the 44th Annual Conference/AGM should hold from 7th to 12th April, 2019 in FUOYE. While approving that Professor Steve Afolami, Vice-Chancellor, Augustine University, Ilara-Epe, and a former President of NSPP should be the Keynote Speaker, the Board extolled the Executive Council to contact the LOC to confirm the availability of the three Lead Speakers suggested for the Conference. Similarly, BOT encouraged the Council to guide the LOC by selecting one out of the three themes suggested and immediately vet and approve flyer and poster that are urgently needed for publicity of the conference. In view of the need for early publicity and supports, BoT directed that:

   a) Flyers and posters for the conference should be circulated from early October to give at least six months for preparation and to encourage more members to attend,

   b) Vigorous sponsorship drive should be embarked upon by the LOC, and


On Constitution amendment, the Board of Trustees expressed displeasure over the length of time it took the Constitution Review Committee to submit the draft amendment. However, BoT directed that:

   i) The logo of NSPP must be on the draft amended Constitution,

   ii) Executive Council should be listed chronologically as President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary/Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager, Ex-Officio Member (reserved for the Immediate Past President) and the Six Zonal Coordinators,

   iii) Ex-Officio and Newsletter Editor should be provided in the draft amended Constitution,

   iv) The Board as the apex of the Society should regulate itself, including replacements of members and appointment of its Secretary, and the tenure of Members should not be changed frequently but by resignation or death.

The Board received the proposed Act for the Establishment of the Nigerian Institute for Plant Protection with joy admonishing the Executive Council for the initiative which should be jealously pursued to fruition.
Prof. D. B. OLUFOLAJI Takes Over As Chairman BOT as Prof. (Mrs) E.O. Egunjobi Bows Out

Following the appointment of Prof. D. B. Olufolaji (FNSPP) as Chairman, Board of Trustees by the Board of Trustees of NSPP, the new chairman has formally taken over from the pioneer chairperson, Prof. (Mrs.) O.A. Egunjobi (OON, JP, FNSPP) who had successfully piloted the affairs of the board.

Professor David Babatunde Olufolaji was born on July 22, 1951 at Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State. He had his elementary education at at St. Joseph's C.A.C. Secondary Primary School, Ikare Akoko, Ondo State. He obtained his secondary education from three schools, namely; C.A.C. Secondary Modern School Ikare, Ajuwa Grammar School Oke-Agbe and Victory College Ikare Akoko. Having obtained his Higher School Certificate, he gained admission into the University of Ibadan in 1971 and eventually graduated with a B.Sc. in Agric Biology in 1975. Prof. David Babatunde Olufolaji bagged a Master degree in Plant Pathology from the University of Ibadan in 1985. He bagged his PhD in Plant Pathology from the University of Ilorin in 1989.

Prof. D.B. Olufolaji has served the FUTA in several capacities as; Senate Representative in the University Health Management Board, Senate, University Sports Council and Secondary School Management Board. He was Head of Department, Coordinator of FUTA/Songhai/Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency Collaborative Initiative, Coordinator of FUTA/National Cereals Research Institute-Sugarcane Research project in Nationally Coordinated Research in Sugarcane, etc.

He has served as External Examiner and Reviewer for many Post-graduate students and professorial cadre for many Universities. He has also supervised many M.Sc. and PhD students to completion and has published his research findings in highly rated national and international journals of high impact factor.

In the international arena Prof. D.B. Olufolaji has participated in various sugarcane projects worldwide. He belongs to the two international sugarcane research bodies with headquarters in Brazil and China. He also participated in the world acclaimed diagnostic package for sugarcane diseases, formulated in France in 1998. He has collaborated with the Plant Pathology Unit of International Marine Research Organization (IMRO) based in Jakarta Indonesia from 2002 to 2005. He is also involved in World Bank Research Project (NARP) on fusarial wilt of oil palm at the Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR) between 1998 and 2001. Prof. Olufolaji has also collaborated with the Africa Rice project in developing rice production in Africa. He has attended several international conferences and touched six continents in his debut of research and development.

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OYE-EKITI PREPARED TO HOST THE 44TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF NSPP

The Vice Chancellor of Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti, Professor Kayode Soremekun and Chief host is prepared to host the 44th Annual Conference of Nigerian Society for Plant Protection in 2019. The conference is scheduled for 7-12th of April, 2019 at the Faculty of Agriculture, Ikole Campus with the theme “Sustainable Plant Health for Inclusive Development in a Changing Climate”.

Prof. Kayode Soremekun
Vice Chancellor. FUOYE
**NSPP FELICITATES WITH PROF. B. FAWOLE (FNSPP) ON HIS RETIREMENT ON JULY 9, 2018**

Professor Bamidele Fawole was born on Friday, July 9 1948 in Benin City to the late Reverend Samuel Ladipo Fawole and Mrs Victoria Oyenike Fawole both from Ibadan. With both his parents being educationists he was quickly enrolled in St. Luke's Demonstration School at Molete Ibadan after which he went to Government College, Ibadan. He was in GCI from 1961 - 1967. After a brief stint at the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation, Prof Fawole resumed studies at the University of Ibadan in 1969. While in his final year in 1972, Professor Fawole was offered admission to Cornell University with support from the University of Ibadan/Ford Foundation Staff Development Fellowship. He was in Cornell University Ithaca from 1972 to 1976 where he obtained his Masters and Ph.D degrees. Back home, Prof Fawole resumed at the University as a Lecturer II at the Department of Crop Protection and Environmental Biology (then Agricultural Biology) and rose through the ranks to become a Professor in 1998 and presented his inaugural lecture in 2009. During this period he served the Department, Faculty and University community in various capacities. In the Department, he was Undergraduate Coordinator (1987-1993), Seminar Coordinator (1982-1985), Chief of Phytopathology Unit (1992-1999), Acting Head (1999-2001), Chairman, 50th Anniversary Committee; at the Faculty level he was Sub-Dean Agriculture (1978-1980), Faculty representative on Faculty board of Science (1977-1976), Careers board (1991-2001), Board of Postgraduate School (1988-1991); and he served the University as Secretary to Congregation (1987-1991), Chairman Business committee of Senate (1991-1994), Chairman, General Studies Programme (2010-2012), Editor-in-Chief, Ibadan Journal of Agricultural Research among others. Professor Fawole has taught and mentored many students in his 42 years of service to the University. He directly supervised 18 Ph.D, 7 M. Phil., 26 M. Sc. and over 30 B. Sc. Students. Many of which have risen to the peak of their careers.

Outside of the University, Prof Fawole has served as external examiner to universities in and outside Nigeria. He represented Nigeria as a member of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Africa PhytoSanitary Council and later served on the Executive council of the African Potato Association, then Editor-in-Chief African Journal of Plant protection. From 2004-2009 he was a member of the Governing Council of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba, Ondo State. Professor Fawole is well known for his training workshops as Consultant, National Coordinator and Resource person for Information Training and Outreach Centre for Africa (ITOCA). He has enjoyed research collaboration with many national and international organizations including the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Nigeria Agriculture Quarantine Service, Several Universities and Government Agencies. Professor Fawole is a Fellow of NSPP and is happily married to Professor Pipy Fawole and they are both blessed with children and grandchildren.