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Biotech Research Discovers Vaccines that Block Effect of Hard Drugs and Cigarettes

Researchers in the field of Biotechnology have discovered vaccines that will neutralize the harmful effects of hard drugs, such as cocaine and heroine and block the impact of smoking on the body of addicted people.

Professor Omar Kasule, who delivered a lecture in BUK last week titled **Medical Technology As a Tool of Social Engineering**, revealed that this vaccine would eliminate the neurological effects of addictive substances, and create antibodies that will bind and prevent them from reaching neural sites.

He explained that “if children are vaccinated, the impact of narcotics and smoking will not affect them if they grow up”.

Prof. Kasule, who teaches in the Department of Bioethics, King Fahad Medical City, Riyadh, also discussed the oral contraceptive pill, which he

said “is an important technological innovation of the 20th century for sexual repression”.

He said the pill controls fertility and separates sexual enjoyment from reproduction.

The Sudanese-born scholar further discussed various aspects and the importance of stem cell technology which could be applied to cure illnesses such as diabetes and stroke.

The Public Health Professor remarked that through the SCT the gland of a person could be changed if his/her adrenalin is weak but pointed out moral and ethical concerns.

Prof. Kasule, who did his PhD in Epidemiology at Harvard University and teaches biostatistics and medical ethics, advised B.U.K. to integrate values in scientific research and develop the spirit of self-confidence, assertiveness, self-reliance and innovativeness in order to be intellectually independent.

Speaking shortly after, the Director, Centre for Biotechnology Research, Professor Hafizu Abubakar, said the

lecture came at the right time when the technical committee of the centre had earlier designed a blueprint for biotechnology research, which was centered on energy, food security and viral infection.

Prof. Abubakar, who is the H.O.D. of Biochemistry, said the centre would use local resources to produce products that would be beneficial to the people within safety and ethical structures put in place by guidelines.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR said given the new innovations and ethical foundations put in place, BUK would soon be a focal point for biotechnology research in Nigeria.

Academics from various faculties were at the Senate Chamber for the interactive session.

U.N Considers Hausa Among Int'l Languages

The United Nations General Assembly is considering Hausa among the international languages of communication, just as the African Union had earlier endorsed it in its assembly, Professor Dandatti Abdulkadir has said.

Prof. Abdulkadir made the assertion at the 1st National Conference on Hausa Language Literature and Culture, organized by the Centre for

the Study of Nigerian Languages (CSNL) at AKCDRT, Mambayya House on Monday.

The former Vice Chancellor, who was the chairman of the occasion, hinted that scholars from different parts of the world are conducting their research on the Hausa language and many international Universities teach the language, in addition to Hausa broadcasts it in major international media.

In his paper, **Language and Democracy: The Missing Link**, Professor Muhammad Munkaila of the University of Maiduguri said despite the proliferation of Hausa globally and its broadcast by many foreign channels, as well as research and study on it in international Universities, politicians in Nigeria prefer to use English for communication, interpreting the constitution and at the state houses of assembly.

Professor Haruna A. Birniwa of the Usman Danfodio University, in his paper, **Political Songs As a Key to Modern Democracy**, said political songs played a prominent role in Nigeria's democracy from the 1st to 4th Republic and singers projected the wisdom and culture of Hausa people and their tradition.

Presenting a paper, **Makamin Demokradiya a Falsafar Al'ada**, (Politics as a tool in traditional

epistemology), Professor Aliyu M. Bunza said truth is the key to a good democratic transformation and a focal point of quality leadership.

Prof. Bunza stressed that the major challenge of Nigeria from military to democratic regime was the abandonment of truth, which serves as the biggest weapon of democracy.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, MFR in his opening remarks, said the Centre for the Study of Nigerian Languages had in the last 44 years played a leading role in promoting Hausa. He challenged the centre to devise means of generating funds through international donors and research grants.

The Vice Chancellor expressed satisfaction with the quality of resource persons at the conference and told the participants that the publications carried out by the centre remained a source of scholarly research.

Prof. Rasheed disclosed that in the next 2 to 3 months the new ultra-modern centre would be commissioned.

Prof. Kasule Appointed Visiting Lecturer

Professor Omar Hasan Kasule has been appointed as a visiting lecturer in the University and all the necessary arrangements will soon be formalized.

Announcing the appointment last week, the Vice Chancellor Professor Abubakar Rasheed said Prof. Kasule's stature cut across different continents of the world and made him a renowned international scholar.

Prof. Kasule graduated from Makerere University in Uganda and subsequently obtained his Postgraduate training in Public Health, including a Doctorate in Epidemiology from Harvard University.

The Sudanese Don has served as external examiner and consultant for several international Universities and is fluent in six languages.

Political Experts Design New Formula for 2015 Elections

Political scholars, experts and stakeholders from different parts of the country have designed a new agenda that will shape the successful conduct of 2015 elections in Nigeria during a two-day workshop organized by the Political Science Department to address the challenges of Nigeria's democracy.

This is coming on the heels of the efforts by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to reform the electoral processes in line with the international best practices for free, fair and credible elections.

The conference, which was tagged “*Perspectives on Elections and the Challenges for Democracy in Nigeria*”, took place on 8th and 9th January, 2013, and identified many thorny issues since 1959 towards the realization of credible elections, and recommended a new formula that will ensure successful conduct of future elections.

In a communiqué issued at the end of the two-day conference, it was suggested that in order to curb corrupt financial practices, political parties should introduce an effective internal control mechanism, such as ethical committees that should supervise and manage their finances.

The communiqué emphasized that “for successful democracy to thrive, there is the need for an effective and independent judiciary to interpret electoral laws and politicians should fear God by shunning corrupt practices”.

It advocated the need for a constant enlightenment campaign urging the electorate to avoid election malpractices and advised that punitive measures be imposed on the perpetrators of electoral fraud or anyone waging violence during or after elections.

The communiqué further suggested that auditing firms scrutinize all political parties, the entrenchment of

internal democracy, the enhancement of border security against importation of illegal arms and the effective use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the electoral processes. Over 30 papers were presented at the conference.

Dr. Abdullahi Sule Kano served as the Chairman of the Communiqué Committee.

Department of Physical & Health Education

M.Sc Proposal Defence

The Department of Physical and Health Education announces its M.Sc proposal defence as follows:

Presenter 1: Yileb Tangkat Sabi (SPS/09/MHE/00001).

Topic: *‘Information Technology Devices in Sports Awareness among Challenges of Education Students in Plateau State’.*

Supervisor: Dr. A. T. Yusuf

Presenter 2: Mohammad Yahaya Hadejia (SPS/10/MHE/00012).

Topic: *‘Influence of Stress on the Performance of Premier League Player in Northwest Nigeria’.*

Supervisor: Prof. Musa Garba Yakasai

Chairman: Dr. Sadiq Isma’ila (H.O.D)



Date: 21st January, 2013

Time: 11:00am

Venue: P.H.E Department Conference Room.

Department of Geography

PhD Seminar

The Department of Geography has conducted its PhD seminar on Thursday 17th January, 2013 as follows:

Presenter: Usman Ado Kibon (SPS/08/SMS/02433).

Topic: *'Vegetation Change in Different Land Use Types in the Northern Guinea Savanna Zone of Kaduna State, Nigeria'*.

Chairman: Dr. S. Muhammad

Faculty of Social & Management Sciences

The Faculty of Social and Management Science invites the academic community to witness the seminar paper presentation titled: **Some Insights into Publication of Scholarly Articles in Eminent Journals**, scheduled as follows:

Presenter: Professor Kabiru Isa Dandago, PhD, FCA, FNIM, MNES, ACTI

Chairman/Convener: Professor Adamu Tanko Idris FRGS

Reviewers: Professor Bashir Tijjani
Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Tsauni

Protocol: Deputy Dean of the Faculty

Date: Thursday, 24th January, 2013

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: New SMS Theatre

IIBF 1ST PUBLIC LECTURE

Globalization of Islamic Accounting System

The International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIBF) wishes to invite members of the University community to its first public lecture scheduled to take place as follows:

Presenter: Prof. Kabiru I. Dandago
Department of Accounting, BUK

Title: *'Globalization of Islamic Accounting System: Challenges and Prospects'*.

Chairman: Alh. Isma'ila Muhammad Zakari, FCA, Managing Partner, Ahmad Zakari & Co. (Chartered Accounts) and Governing Council Member, Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria (ICAN).

Date: Wednesday, 23rd January, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIBF) Conference Room Bayero University, Kano

Lost Items

- 1) Two A.T.M cards and an I.D card belonging to Adebayo Dhikrullahi O. (EDU/11/ADE/00820).
- 2) A identity card belonging to Olusola Isaac (AIS/09/ENG/00313).



- 3) An I.D. Card belonging to Hadiza Ibrahim Abdullahi (SMS/08/ECO/00432). If found please bring them to the Publication and Documentation Division for onward submission to the owners.

SUG Urges For Vigilance

The Bayero University Student Union Government has expressed concern about theft of motorbikes in the parking lot and laptops in halls of residence and assured that the situation is being dealt with.

A statement signed jointly by the President, Sani Sa'idu Ibrahim and Secretary General, Sani Ruba Abdullahi, said "the union hereby urges students to be vigilant to report any unusual movement to the nearest security unit or to any of the union's ExcOs whose names, positions and contacts are written below".

The statement further added: "in view of the challenges faced by students in terms of welfare, academics, substandard goods and services, price hike, harassment, etc we hereby call on all students not to hesitate to contact any of the ExcOs whenever the need arises, as this administration is determined to present and protect the interest of every student and the union at large".

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