



CORRIGENDUM:

By: Abubakar Yusuf

**BUK Spends N87.812 Million Naira in Conferences
& Study Fellowships in Six Months - VC**

The Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said, between February to July 2017, Bayero University spent N87.812million naira to sponsor its Teaching and Non-teaching staff to attend conferences. For 193 members of the Teaching staff N81,827,620 was spent, while N5,984,380 was expended on 45 Non-teaching staff. Within the same period, 80 teaching and 95 non-teaching staff were sponsored for study fellowships.

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**Nigeria's Prospect in Stem Cell Therapy
is Bright If ... Prof. Abba Zubair**

By: Lamara Garba



Professor Abba Zubair Chedi delivering his paper

Nigeria and, indeed, developing nations could do much better in Stem Cell therapy in managing and curing ailments, such as sickle cell, stroke, heart diseases and musculoskeletal conditions if only it can tap and properly exploit the wasted blood such as cord blood and bone marrow, a renowned medical scientist based in the United States, Professor Abba Zubair Chedi, has revealed.

He said following growing increase in human organs failure, across the world, medical scientists in advanced economies have discovered a therapy aimed at addressing the lingering predicament by evolving the use of stem cell to repair and regenerate tissues and organs in human body.

Speaking at the 43rd Annual General Meeting/Scientific Conference of the Nigerian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion (NSHBT) held at Bristol Palace

Hotel, Kano on Tuesday, 22nd August, 2017, in a paper titled "***Stem Cell Transplant in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges,***" Professor Abba Chedi, a 2013 NASA award winner and a leading expert in Stem Cell in Space, disclosed that according to UN Survey by the year 2050, the population of people in Africa aged 65 and older would nearly double. As a result, the incidence of age related diseases, such as dementia, neurodegenerative diseases, stroke and cancer would continue to increase.

The guest speaker, who is also the Medical Director of one of the largest private clinics on Transfusion and Stem Cell Transplant, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida, United States of America, noted that currently the only effective method to treat such diseases and/or failed organs was to replace it through organ transplant and there were no enough organs to take care of patients on the waiting list, hence, the discoveries of using stem cells to repair and regenerate tissues and organs. "Given

the necessary political will, commitment and experts in the field, Nigeria, in particular, will do well in Stem Cell therapy, particularly if the country could utilize the unquantifiable cord blood during deliveries and bone marrow, which we ignorantly waste.”

Earlier, the President of the Nigerian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion, Professor A. S Akanmu, told the gathering that the society was established about 45 years ago. However, this was the first time it converged in Kano in all these years. He disclosed that participants were drawn from the United States of America, Canada, India, Germany, Egypt, Turkey, Ghana, New Zealand and United Kingdom, among other countries.

The Emir of Kano, Malam Muhammad Sanusi II, in his remarks said education was the key to unlocking the prosperity of any society or nation. “Only education can transform the society as well as transform the individual.” “Development,” he further said “is not

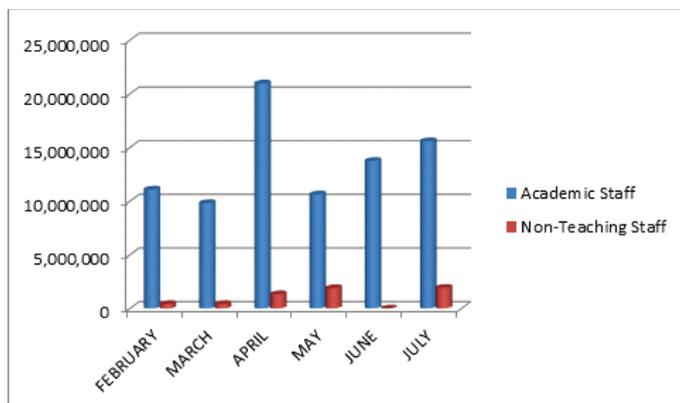
about building roads or bridges but, we need to invest in education and everything will sail through.”

He passionately appealed to Nigerians in diasporas to equally remember their home and give their contributions towards building the society through the establishment of research centres and the promotion of knowledge. Specifically, he appealed to Professor Abba to support Bayero University and Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital in establishing a Stem Cell centre in order to start the programme here in Kano. The conference was attended by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Professor Sagir Abbas. Kano Governor was represented by the Executive Secretary of the State Action Committee Against HIV/AIDS, the Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Professor Muhammad Zakari Aminu and the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Sani Usman Alhassan.

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MONTH (2017)	ACADEMIC STAFF (CDD)			NON-TEACHING STAFF (NTSTC)		
	Conference Attendance		Study Fellowship	Study Fellowship	Workshop/Conference	
	No.	Amount (N)	No.	No.	No.	Amount
FEBRUARY	18	11,077,883	35	32	4	415,640
MARCH	37	9,822,120	20	39	4	415,640
APRIL	61	20,964,731	11	8	9	1,330,480
MAY	25	10,625,409	6	0	14	1,898,820
JUNE	18	13,751,658	7	0	0	0
JULY	34	15,585,819	1	16	14	1,923,800
Sub-Total	193	81,827,620	80	95	45	5,984,380

Table showing the expenditure on staff development within six months



A bar chart showing expenditure for conference attendance over 6-months

Professor Bello disclosed this while presenting a report at the 51st Congregation meeting held on Saturday 12th August, 2017 at Mahmud Tukur Theater Old Campus.

He said the Committee of Deans and Directors and the Non-Teaching Staff Training Committee had continued to meet monthly, among other things, to consider applications for conference/workshop attendance, study fellowships and other forms of training and capacity building activities from academic and non-academic staff respectively. The management he said had continued to sponsor and support staff to attend conferences and workshops and to go for higher degrees.

The Vice Chancellor said a committee was set to look into the possibility of creating a way that physically challenged persons could equally benefit from the University Main Library, which has a section on the ground floor dedicated to their needs. He said the committee would also advise Management on how to build toilets for the physically challenged persons.

Professor Bello thanked members of the congregation and all other staff and students of the University for the kind of cooperation and understanding given to his administration. "I personally appreciate the team spirit between Management, on the one hand, and all unions, on the other, as well as among members of the various unions. I applaud this understanding and commitment to our common goal. Together, we are working to build a system that, we hope, will serve as a model for the Nigerian University System." The Vice Chancellor concluded.

In his speech earlier the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Congregation (SCC) Dr. Muhammad Babangida Muhammad, of the Islamic Studies Department said the meeting was the second in the year, as part of the resolutions made by the congregation in its 49th meeting that would be held twice in a year. He said the meeting was very important considering the fact that

it was an avenue where members meet with management and discuss the way forward in terms of University administration.

Dr. Aminu Bukar, Dr. Dalha Wada Taura and Dr. Sani Yahaya all of Microbiology Department were elected during the Congregation to represent the new Faculty of Life Sciences at the Senate. Also, Dr. Muttaka Naiya Ibrahim of Civil Engineering Department was also elected as the Senate Representative of Faculty of Engineering to complete tenure of Dr. Nuradeen Saludeen, who became the Head of Chemical Petroleum Engineering Department.

Editor's Note: We apologize unreservedly for the mistake in the story of edition 36 of the Bulletin, dated 18th August, 2017 that erroneously used "Six Million" instead of the correct figure of "N87 million" in the headline and body of the story. The error is regretted.

Pioneer B.Sc Nursing Graduands Inducted

VC Charges them to be good Ambassadors **By: Laurat Farouk Aliyu**

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has advised the graduands of B.Sc Nursing to be good ambassadors of the University and to project its image as they go into the wider world. The occasion was the induction ceremony of the pioneer B.Sc Nursing graduands of BUK.

Professor Bello, while saluting the Provost and the entire staff of the College of Health Sciences also appreciated the efforts and the commitment of the Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital and other individuals for mutual support and cooperation. The occasion took place on 17th August, 2017 at AKTH Conference Hall.

In his address, the CMD of AKTH, Professor Aminu Zakari Muhammad, congratulated the VC for the successful graduation of the first set of B.Sc Nursing students and enjoined the graduands to live up to the expectations of their institutions. He pledged that the teaching hospital would accommodate all the graduands.

The Oath was administered by the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, Alhaji Umar Farouk Usman.

In his speech, the Governor of Kano State represented by the Deputy Governor, Professor Hafizu Abubakar, assured the graduands that there would be job vacancies

for them in Kano State government once the building of new hospitals at Zoo Road and at Giginyu were completed. He equally commended the University Management for the event saying that he was always ready to honour invitations from BUK, being his primary constituency.

Also, a paper was presented by Professor Bolu Kunle Fajimilehin titled: "Challenges of Professional Graduands: Unemployment and Economic Recession in



Graduands taking Oath

Nigeria" which discussed the decrease in economic products, the decline in trade and industrial activities and the general downturn in the economy, which adversely affected employment and professionalism.

Awards were given to some of the graduands for outstanding feats in academia and good character.

BUK Seeks Advice From Nigerian Society of Haematology

By: Abubakar Yusuf

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, urged Nigerian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion to always advise Bayero University on the best possible way to improve its health related courses.

Professor Bello made the call on Monday, 21st August, 2017 when National Executive Officers of the society and members of the Local Organizing Committee of its 43rd Annual General Meeting paid him a courtesy call in his office.

He said though Bayero University had gone far in that direction where it had already created a College of Health Sciences with different Faculties under it, the University might benefit much from the society's experience on how to improve learning and research in health related matters.

On the 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Society, the

Vice Chancellor congratulated it and promised to continue supporting it for it to achieve the desired goal. He then announced a University donation of one million naira for the society to hold its Annual General Meeting successfully and produce more copies of its first Journal, so that it could get a wider circulation.

Earlier in his speech, the President of the Society, Professor Sulaiman Akanmu, said they were in Kano to hold the society's 43rd Annually General Meeting and Scientific Conference, as well as to lunch of its first Journal. He said the Nigerian Society of Haematology was created on 15 August, 1972 with the aim of giving free medical care to the most needy most especially in the area of Malaria and HIV diseases.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor for his contribution towards the development of the society. He promised that the Society would work together with the University to ensure very sound health care in the country.



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello and members of management in a group photograph with President NSHBT and other National Executives during a courtesy visit

Muslim & Xtian Leaders Vow to Transfer Anti-Corruption Fight Skills to Fellow Followers

By: Mustafa Ibrahim

Muslim and Christian Religious Leaders have ended a two day anti-corruption training workshop at Mambayya House, the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training (AKCDRT) with a vow to transfer the skills learnt to their fellow followers and to teach youth in their community to prefer lawful earning through honest labour instead of “easy” probably “corrupt” money.

The workshop, tagged “*The Role of Religious Leaders in Combatting Corruption in Nigeria*”, according to the Director of Mambayya House, Prof. Haruna Wakili, was to arm them with “training and modern strategies for combating corruption using information technology tools”.

The training was organized by Mambayya in



Director of Mambayya House, Prof. Haruna Wakili, flanked (left) by Mr. Stanley Achonu Operation Lead, BudgIT and (right) Mr. Abayomi Akinbo, Project Manager, BudgIT.

collaboration with the Lagos based BudgIT between 15

and 16th August, 2017.

One day of the workshop was devoted to each of the two faith leaders. At the end of each day, they made personal commitments to refrain from all forms of corrupt practices and lead by example, intensify their preaching against it and hold step-down seminars to transfer the skills and tools they learnt for others to join the war on corruption with them. They also promised to be transparent in their administration of their communities

and be accountable to them.

Mr. Stanley Achonu, the Operations Lead of BudgIT, said religious leaders had impact through their congregations and were key partners when empowered in the fight against corruption. Use of two technology tools in form of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) repository (www.foivault.com) and the constituency budget projects tracking tool (www.tracka.ng) were taught to the participants, amongst other skills.

Ibrahim Suraj's Paper Emerges Best at Malaysia International Conference **By: Nura Garba**

Malam Ibrahim Suraj Adhama of Faculty of Communication's paper emerged the best at the first International Conference on Islam, Media and Communication (ICIMaC 2017) held from 8th to 9th August, 2017 with the theme: Muslim Identity, Media and Culture.

The Conference was organized and hosted by Communication and New Media Communication Programmes, Faculty of Leadership and Management, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), Nilai, Negeri

across eleven parallel sessions under various sub-themes that include TV/Radio, Film, New Media and Communication, International Politics/Affairs, Muslim Identity, etc.

The paper of Malam Ibrahim titled "Viewership of Islamic Religious Channels: A Study of Africa TV3 Audience in Kano, Nigeria", won the best paper award.

The paper surveyed the audience of Africa TV3 in Northern Nigerian state of Kano with a view to

examining various aspects of their viewership vis-à-vis frequency, time spent and motivation. 197 (86.5%) out of the 200 questionnaires distributed were returned.

The result shows that 50.2% watch Africa TV3 several times a week for an average of 2 to 3 hours i.e. (46.5%) and (27.1%) respectively. All the respondents watch other Islamic channels with 40.4% reporting scholars' sessions as their most preferred content. Most respondents recognize 'Africa TV3' as an

important source of Islamic knowledge that has contributed to a greater extent in improving their understanding of the religion as well as in shaping their personality. The paper recommends more creativity in programming for Islamic channels to be able to meet audience expectations and sustain their attention.



Malam Ibrahim Suraj Adhama receiving his award of presentation

Sembilan, Malaysia.

It drew participants (scholars and professionals) from Africa, Europe, Middle East and Asia and was also well attended by students and researchers from across Malaysia.

During the conference, forty nine papers were presented

HOD's Engine Room In 'Varsity Management ... Engineer Haruna Musa

By: Lamara Garba

Any institution of learning lacking in an effective middle cadre management team, particularly the various Heads of Departments in Faculties and Centres, may obviously have difficulty to grow and prosper to an enviable status.

Delivering a paper at a quarterly Faculty Seminar, titled “*Understanding the Roles and Responsibilities of Heads of Departments in an Academic Environment,*” organized by the Faculty of Engineering on Thursday, 3rd August, 2017 at the Faculty's Conference Hall, the Head, Department of Mechatronics Engineering, Engineer Dr. Haruna Musa, described the Heads of Departments as the engine room of an educational institution.

“A Head of Department is seen as a team leader, one who creates intellectual environment as well as creates opportunities out of challenges. He also motivates staff to enhance productivity, encourages mentoring and celebrates achievements and sharing strategies. He is also responsible for stimulating and broadening the scope of research to be on the cutting-edge,” he asserted.

Dr. Musa, however, said Bayero University should count itself lucky among its contemporaries for having the foundation of good leadership and exemplary management skills.

The University don noted that, although there are certain factors that render a Head of Department in-effective, these, according to him, include failure to build a team, exhibition of arrogance, lack of composure, lack of ethics, betrayal of trust, inflexibility and lack of strategic

thinking, among others.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty Dr. Abubakar Baba Aliyu, said the seminar was part of the grand design to promote intellectualism among the academics, noting that such activities were what makes an institution develop and prosper in teaching and research.



Engr. Dr. Haruna Musa, HOD Mechatronics Engineering

National Association of Northern States Student Union Honour Dr. Anas Ibrahim

The National Association of Northern States students Union had Monday, 10th July, 2017 honoured Dr. Anas Ibrahim Yahaya the Head, Department of Anatomy. According to the leader of the team, Mallam Musa Mukhtar from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, they came to honour him after their assessment of his performance. He went further to stress that he transformed the Department. Dr. Anas was presented with a certificate of Honour and advised by the team leader to continue with this good job.

Earlier, Dr. Anas had received four different honours from Tauraruwa Television, Anatomical Society

BUK, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, BUK and the Institute of Human and Natural Resources Abuja. Dr. Anas tenure as HOD will come to an end by 22nd September, 2017.



Dr. Muhammad Sagir Saleh Appointed HOD Anatomy

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Muhammad Sagir Saleh of the Department of Anatomy as the Head of the department for two years commencing from September 22, 2017.

Appreciation from Dr. Usman Muhammad Shu'aib (Zunnurain)

I, Dr. Usman Muhammad Shu'aib (Zunnunraini), Head, Department of Islamic Law, Faculty of Law, Bayero University on behalf of myself and my family, hereby extend my appreciation to members of the University community for their condolence visit over the demise of my father-in-law, Malam Ibrahim Hamza Funtua, whose death occurred on Friday, 18th August, 2017. In particular, we thank immensely the Vice Chancellor,

Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello; The DVC's Academic and Administration, Professors Abbas Sagir and Adamu Idris Tanko, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed and other Principal officers, Deans, HOD's, Directors and Acting Director DEAR.

May Allah SWT grant the deceased Jannatul Firdaus and May Allah reward you all abundantly. We appreciate.

Appreciation from Abubakar Abdu Yakasai (Sayyadi)

On behalf of the family of Sarkin Shanu Hassan, myself and my bride, I wish to sincerely thank all those attended our wedding fatiha that took place on Sunday, 20th August, 2017 at Gidan Doki, *Kwanar Dala*, Kano. We also appreciate those who could not make it to the venue, despite travelling miles away to

attend the wedding, due to their inability to locate the venue easily and those who had other obstacles on the way. We pray and thank Almightily Allah for taking you back to your destinations. May He reward you abundantly. Amin.



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