



## 51<sup>st</sup> AGM/Scientific Confab: Paediatricians Revolutionary Group ... VC Says

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has described paediatricians as a revolutionary group in terms of fighting for social justice for the child.

Professor Bello spoke at the opening ceremony of the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting and Scientific Conference of Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN) tagged PANCONF Kano 2020 at Aficent event centre on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020. He was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko.

He said paediatricians, who championed the protection of the health of children, have contributed immensely towards fighting the scourge of child killer diseases and ensuring not only the improvement of the health of the

In his address shortly before he declared the AGM/Conference open, the Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie Ohanere, represented by the Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Professor Abdulrahman Sheshe, commended the association for devoting a lot of time and energy to address the problem of child health care, hoping that the solution the association would suggest at the end of the Scientific conference should be more of preventive nature than curative.

Also speaking, the Governor of Kano State, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Alhaji Usman Alhaji, took time to enumerate the modest achievements of the state government in the health sector.



DVC (Academics), Prof. Adamu Idris Tanko

child but also the sustenance of the fight against the menace of child mortality and morbidity.

Professor Yahuza Bello stated that in appreciation of the important role played by paediatricians in the society, the University happily accepted the request of the body for the hosting of its AGM and the conference, saying that 'it is important to give PAN all the necessary support it needs to enable them to succeed in the promotion and improvement of the health of the child. The health of the child is the health of the society.'

He described the theme of the conference: "The Impact of Rapid Population Growth on the Child" as apt and hoped that the outcome of the cross fertilization of ideas among the conferees would be beneficial to humanity.

He mentioned the completion of the Ginginyu and Zoo Road hospitals started by his predecessors and the introduction of the state health insurance scheme, the construction of 400 bed capacity hospital each in the 4 new emirate councils and the introduction of new regulations to ensure that private hospital operating in the state observe the highest ethical medical standards, among many others.

Speaking earlier, the National President of PAN, Professor Augustine Omoigberale said it was not by accident that the association decided to give Bayero University, Kano the hosting right of its 51<sup>st</sup> AGM and Scientific conference, saying that Kano state happened to be the most populous state in the country and that holding the conference here would give the association the opportunity of taking its campaigns of improvement of child health to the larger

audience.

He said the association would assemble professionals from across the globe with the intent of coming together to cross fertilize ideas with a view to helping to improve health care especially child health.

Professor Omoigberale added that the theme of the conference: The Impact of Rapid population growth on the child and the three sub-themes; **Childhood Nutrition: Role of the health care and policy makers, Critical Care for the Sick Child: bridging the gaps and lastly addressing the challenges of childhood immunizations** accurately apply to the current situation in the country, where, he said, perinatal morbidity and mortality rates were abysmally high.

He said the conference, therefore, would afford all stakeholders to look inwards, strategize and produce rational and implementable solutions to some of the problems. Professor Omoigberale also announced that

the pioneer President of the association, Professor A. Bolaji, would be honoured with an award while about 40 new members would be inducted as fellows of the association.

## CDA Completes Training of 1400 Youth, Women on Agric Value Chains

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, completed the training of 1400 youth and women from Kano, Kaduna and Kogi states under the World Bank's assisted project of Agro-Processing Productivity Enhancement and Livelihood Improvement Support Project (APPEALS).

The participants were trained on rice farming, fisheries and poultry value chains through intensive skills acquisition, practical and field trips that exposed them to learn the various chains. It was aimed at creating job opportunities, providing employment and eradicating poverty among youth and women.

In his remarks the Kano State Governor, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje who was represented by Dr. Mustapha Yusuf Abubakar, the Special Adviser on Administration to the office of the Deputy Governor, urged beneficiaries to make good use of the opportunity.

Dr. Mustapha Yusuf Abubakar congratulated the beneficiaries for being trained by CDA, a renowned Africa centre of excellence in dryland agriculture.

According to Ganduje, the World Bank in partnership with the Federal Government and state governments, earmarked \$200m to empower 60,000 beneficiaries, who are expected to employ about 360, 000 people through various agricultural value-chains. The National Coordinator of APPEALS Project, Dr. Aminu Babande, who was represented by Dr Salisu Garba, explained that the project allowed the beneficiaries to merge, in maximum of five, as a group, to start a

particular business.

He told them that “CDA did not fail you. You have acquired a lot of knowledge. Use the knowledge to build good businesses that would be profitable and sustainable. Be reminded that your business development plan will surely pass through the World Bank test for approval. So, build a business plan that can be funded and sustained. Start up a business that will give other people the opportunity to get employments and become self-reliant.”

The Director, Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin, urged the beneficiaries to maximally use the opportunity of the training to develop themselves, hoping that in the next three years there would be success stories. “Each of you was selected among various people. If you scale through, you will be given support to start-up a business. Whatever you are given is to develop the business you are going to set up and use it for the benefit of yourselves and others,” he said.

The Coordinator of the training and the Deputy Director (Outreach and Publication) of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Amina Mustapha, said APPEALS project was implemented in 6 states of the country and CDA was selected by three states to train its beneficiaries. She expressed gratitude over the opportunity given to the centre and urged the beneficiaries to make judicious use of the resources that would be given to them in order to become employers of labour in the country.



Director CDA, Prof. Jibrin M. Jibrin addressing the trainees



A cross section of the trainees during the closing ceremony

## BUK Happy to Host 51<sup>st</sup> National Conference of Paediatrics - VC

By Nura Garba

Bayero University is set to host the 51<sup>st</sup> national Conference of Paediatrics organized by the Paediatrics Association of Nigeria (PAN), taking place from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

Receiving the executive council members of PAN in his office, on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, the Vice



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (right) and PAN President, Prof. Augustine Omoigberale (left)

Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said Bayero University was happy to host the 51<sup>st</sup> conference. He said it would afford the scholars the opportunity to brainstorm and discuss the health

challenges facing children in Nigeria.

The Vice Chancellor explained that health of the children was critical to the national survival adding that Bayero University would immensely benefit with the outcome and proceedings of the workshop.

“Bayero University is always happy to host national and international conferences. By the middle of this year, the international conference centre of the university will be ready for commissioning,” said the Vice Chancellor.

In his remarks earlier, the President of PAN, Professor Augustine Omoigberale said after the 50<sup>th</sup> conference hosted by the University of Ibadan, the executive members decided to organize the 51<sup>st</sup> edition in BUK, being one of the top second generation universities in the country. Professor Omoigberale explained that the association comprised of fellows of Paediatrics, trained resident doctors, associate members and other medical doctors who take care of the health of the children.

He commended the management of the University for supporting the conference and said PAN would continue to partner with BUK in promoting the health of the children.

## BUK Fitness Club Honours Director of Sports, Usman Salihu

By Nura Garba

The Bayero University Fitness Club on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 honoured Director of Sports, Malam Usman Salihu for his immense contribution to the development of sports in the university, Kano and Nigeria at large. The award giving ceremony took place inside Ahmadu Adamu Mu'uazu Stadium, New Campus.

Presenting the award to the Director, the immediate past chairman of the club, Alhaji Mu'azu Babayo, in the presence of a large number of members of the club, described him as a quintessential sports administrator, an instrumental leader and a dedicated icon whose professional expertise will forever be cherished in the sports industry.

The Director of Sports, Malam Salihu, expressed commendation to the entire members of the club for finding him worthy of their prestigious award. He said that his motivator was the university management which saddled him with the responsibility to steer the affairs of sports administration in the university.

The Director said he would continue to offer his services to the best of his ability to promote the



Director of Sports, Usman Salihu (left) receiving his award from former Chairman BUK Fitness Club, Mu'azu Babayo (right)

sporting activities of staff and students in the university.

## Staff, Students Urged to Maintain Healthy Environment

By Nura Garba

Staff and students of Bayero University have been urged to maintain healthy environment thereby ensuring that the university's policy of cleanliness is strictly adhered to.

This was disclosed by the Facilities Maintenance Committee at its meeting recently to discuss and deliberate on its activities of maintaining the university facilities.

The Chairman of the Committee, Professor Ahmed Murtala, who spoke on behalf of the committee members, charged the students and staff to avoid littering the environment, offices and classes to ensure healthy environment.

He called on all faculty representatives to engage their students, cleaners and porters to ensure constant environmental cleanliness.

The Facilities Maintenance Committee (FMC) also met on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020 and deliberated on among other issues, the need to collaborate with the University Environmental Committee to address the challenges of environment.

The committee had also tasked the faculty representatives to organize orientation and sensitization lectures in their various faculties for the newly admitted students.

## Usman Bn Affan Islamic Trust Honors Professor Shua'ib Usman (Zunnurain)

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Usman Bn Affan Islamic Trust organized a grand reception on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, at Sa'adu Zungur Auditorium, Mumbayya to honor Shuaib Usman Zunnurain for his elevation to the rank of Professor of Islamic Law and Sharia.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the occasion, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, congratulated Professor Shuaib Usman (Zunnurain), for his promotion to the rank of professor and urged him to use his position to impact positively on the lives of humanity.

In his opening address, the Head of Department of Arabic, Professor Muhammad Rabi'u Sa'ad,

congratulated Professor Zunnurain and challenged him to maintain his good status of using Islamic principles in executing his day to day activities, which is the secret behind his success.

The celebrant and the Dean of Faculty of Law, Professor Zunnurain said he could not show the degree of happiness he had since the time he was promoted to the rank of Professor as families and friends were storming from different angles of the country through visits, calls and messages to congratulate him. "Look at what Usman Bn Affan Islamic Trust did to me, it is a great thing that I cannot forget in my life and I don't have anything to pay back other than to say Jazakallahul khair", he said.



VC, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello (left) presenting a plaque to Prof. Zannurain

# APPOINTMENTS

(1) The University Management Committee at its 2019 Annual Retreat approved the appointment of the Director, Academic Planning, Professor Bala Sidi as the Chairman, University Website Adhoc Needs Assessment Committee with immediate effect until further notice. Other members of the Committee are:

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| i)   | Director, Centre for Information Technology | - | Member    |
| ii)  | Director, Centre for Dryland Agriculture    | - | Member    |
| iii) | Director, Laboratory Management             | - | Member    |
| iv)  | Director, Establishment Matters             | - | Member    |
| v)   | Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and IT    | - | Member    |
| vi)  | Professor Haruna Musa, Rep Congregation     | - | Member    |
| vii) | Mal M.D. Nasir, Director, CHS               | - | Secretary |

## **Professor Musa M. Borodo, now President NPMCN**

The University Principal Officers at their 1<sup>st</sup> (2020) meeting held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 noted the election of Professor Musa Muhammad Borodo as the new President of the Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria for a period of two (2) years effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020.

## **Dr. Hauwa Ladi Yusuf now the Head, Department of Food Science and Technology**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Hauwa Ladi Yusuf as the Head, Department of Food Science and Technology, for two years commencing from February 24, 2020.

## **Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar, re-appointed as the Dean of Student Affairs**

The University Principal Officers at their 1<sup>st</sup> (2020) meeting held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, approved the re-appointment of Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar as the Dean, Student Affairs Division for another period of two (2) years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2020.

## **Dr. Muhammad Buhari, now the Deputy Director (Solar)**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Muhammad Buhari as the Deputy Director (Solar), Centre for Renewable Energy Research for a two-year term, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

## **Mal Rabiou Hassan, now the Coordinator (Entrepreneurship)**

The University Principal Officers at their 1<sup>st</sup> (2020) meeting held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, approved the appointment of Mal Rabiou Hassan, as the Coordinator (Entrepreneurship), School of General

and Entrepreneurship Studies for a two-year term, in the first instance, with effect from 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020.

## **Dr. Ibrahim Alkali, now the Coordinator (GSP)**

The University Principal Officers at their 1<sup>st</sup> (2020) meeting held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, approved the appointment of Dr. Ibrahim Alkali, as the Coordinator (GSP), School of General and Entrepreneurship Studies for a two-year term, in the first instance, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

## **Mal Salihu Ahmed Pantami, Appointed Deputy Dean (GSP)**

The University Principal Officers at their 1<sup>st</sup> (2020) meeting held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, approved the appointment of Mal Salihu Ahmed Pantami, as the Deputy Dean (GSP), School of General and Entrepreneurship Studies for a two-year term, in the first instance, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

## **Dr. Ma'aruf Shehu Minjibir, now the Deputy Dean (Use of English and Logic)**

The University Principal Officers at their 1<sup>st</sup> (2020) meeting held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, approved the appointment of Dr. Ma'aruf Shehu Minjibir, as the Deputy Dean (Use of English and Logic), School of General and Entrepreneurship Studies for a two-year term, in the first instance, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

## **Dr. Mu'azu Hassan Mu'azu, is Deputy Dean (Entrepreneurship)**

The University Principal Officers at their 1<sup>st</sup> (2020) meeting held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, approved the appointment of Dr. Mu'azu Hassan Mu'azu, as the Deputy Dean (Entrepreneurship), School of General and Entrepreneurship Studies for a two-year term, in the first instance, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

**Dr. Isa M. Inuwa to serve as Coordinator (Use of English and Logic)**

The University Principal Officers at their 1<sup>st</sup> (2020)

meeting held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, approved the appointment of Dr. Isa M. Inuwa, as the Coordinator (Use of English and Logic), School of General and Entrepreneurship Studies for a two-year term, in the first instance, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> January,

**Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP)****Call for Applications for the 2020 Degree and Non-Degree Oriented Research Grants**

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) wishes to inform you that the call for applications for Degree-Oriented and Non-Degree Oriented Research Grants is now open. All applications are to be submitted to the Secretary, DRIP not later than 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020.

All proposals should be screened by the Departmental and Faculty/School/Institute/Centre Research

Committees. You are, therefore, advised to set a dateline to allow for corrections. Please note that, all submissions to DRIP must be accompanied with the minutes of the Centre/Faculty/School/Institute meeting where the proposals were considered and recommended for funding.

The application forms are available for download at [www.buk.edu.ng/drip](http://www.buk.edu.ng/drip).

**Centre for Qur'anic Studies: *University Dress Code Committee***  
**Call for Memoranda**

The University Dress Code Committee is working on a review of the Dress Code Policy of the University. Members of staff and students of the University as well as the general public are hereby invited to submit memoranda addressing the wider perspectives of the

policy.

Memoranda should be sent to Professor Muhammad Babangida Muhammad at the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, or through email: [dircqs@buk.edu.ng](mailto:dircqs@buk.edu.ng). Latest by 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

**SEMINARS****Department of Physics: *Notice of Seminar Presentation***

**Presenter:** Sabi'u Auwalu (SPS/14/PPY/00011)

**Topic:** The Effect of Variation of Sea Salts on the Angstrom Exponents and Aerosols Optical Depth in the Particles Mode Size Distributions of Marine Aerosols.

**Chairman:** Dr. T.H. Darma

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Venue:** New Departmental Conference Hall

**Department of Geography: *PhD Seminar***

**PRESENTER 1:** Nura Ibrahim Hassan

**TOPIC:** Periodic Market Revisited: Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Periodic Markets in Kano State, Nigeria

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof. J. Afolabi Falola

**PRESENTER 2:** Sirajo Abubakar Ibrahim

**TOPIC:** Sectarian Evolution and Religious Landscapes in Sokoto City, Sokoto State, Nigeria

**CHAIRMAN:** Dr. Ibrahim Badamasi Lambu

**PRESENTER 3:** Hafiz Darda'u

**TOPIC:** Factors Influencing the Utilization of Health Services in Katsina State

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof. Yusuf M. Adamu

**PRESENTER 4:** Emmanuel Efobe Ndoma

**TOPIC:** Perception and Adaptation to Flooding in Urban Area: A Review

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof. Salisu Mohammed

**DATE:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

**Time:** 10.00 am prompt

**Venue:** CB 17, Geography Department

**NOTE:** Attendance to seminars is compulsory to all MSc I, MSc II, PhD I and PhD II students

**Department of Biochemistry: *Departmental PG Seminar*****PhD Progress Report**

**1. Name:** Abdullahi Nasir (SPS/14/PBC/00005)

**Topic:** Antidiabetic and hypolipidemic activities of leaf and stem bark extracts of *Ficus polita* (Durum) I wistar rats.

**Supervisor:** Prof A j alhassan

**2. Name:** Nura Lawal (SPS/15/BC/00004)

**Topic:** Molecular and environmental assessment of the role of *Culex* and *Anopheles* mosquito vectors in transmission of Filarial worm infection in Katsina State-Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Dr Abdullahi A Imam

**3. Name:** Garba Uba (SPS/15/PBC/00010)

**Topic:** Development and optimization of an enzyme based assay for the determination of heavy metals and pesticides using protease from ginger

**Supervisor:** Dr Muntari Bala

**4. Name:** Fatima Bello (SPS/15/PBC/00005)

**Topic:** Isolation of potential antibacterial peptides from the leaves and seeds of some medicinal plants.

**Supervisor:** Dr Mansurah Abdulaez.

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof M S Sule

**DATE:** TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

**VENUE:** PG Class

**Time:** 10:00 am Prompt

# University Health Services

## *Public Enlightenment/Advisory on Lassa Fever*

- Lassa Fever is an acute viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF) caused by the lassa virus. The natural reservoir for the virus is multimammate rat. Other rodents have also been identified to carry the virus.
- Lassa Fever occurs throughout the year but more cases are recorded during the dry season i.e. November through May.
- Lassa Fever is spread through:
  - Direct contact with urine, faeces, saliva or blood of infected rats.
  - Contact with objects, household items and surfaces or eating food, contaminated with urine, faeces, saliva or blood of infected rats.
  - Person to Person transmission by contact with blood, urine, faeces, vomitus, semen, vaginal secretions, breast milk or other body fluids of an infected person.
- Sign and Symptoms of Lassa Fever:  
Lassa Fever presents initially like any other febrile illness such as malaria but accompanied with unexplainable bleeding from ears, eyes, nose, mouth and other body openings.  
The time between an infection and appearance of symptoms of the disease is 2 to 21 days. Early treatment and diagnosis increase the chances of survival.
- People most at risk are:
  - People of all age groups who come in contact with the urine, faeces, saliva or blood of rats.
  - People living in rat-infested environments, which increases their chances of coming in contact with rats.
  - People who consume potentially contaminated food stuff especially those left open over-night or dried outside in the open.
  - People who handle or process rodents for consumption.
  - People who do not observe hand hygiene when appropriate.
  - Relatives who take care of sick person with Lassa Fever at home.
- How to prevent yourself from Lassa Fever
  - Maintain personal hygiene by, among others, frequent hand washing with soap and water or use of hand sanitizers.
  - Store food in containers with lids and discard any food remnants.
  - Keep your home and surrounding clean and tidy to discourage rats and other rodents from entering.
  - Ensure proper sanitation by, among others, proper waste disposal.
  - Cook all food thoroughly.
  - Wash fruits thoroughly, vegetables and other food items before consumption.



(1) Malam Muntaka Shuaibu of the Information and Publication Division, Directorate of Public Affairs, wishes to invite members of the University Community and the General Public to his Wedding Fatiha with his fiancée **Zainab Jibril Abdulmalik (Aunty ZEE)**, scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Venue:** Masallacin Babban Gida, Sharada Phase II, Sabon Gida, Jaen, Gwale L.G.A. Kano State

(2) Dr. Jamilu Abdullahi of the Department of Arabic Studies, wishes to invite members of the University Community and the General Public to his Wedding Fatiha with his fiancée **Nafisatu Yusha'u Yusuf**, scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

**Time:** 1:30 pm

**Venue:** Bompai, Juma'at Mosque, Umaru Babura Road, Kano State

## Appreciation from Misbahu Musa Ahmad

I, Misbahu Musa Ahmad of Human Physiology Department, wish to extend my appreciation to members of the University community who attended my wedding ceremony which took place on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. In particular, my sincere appreciation goes to the VC, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello; Prof. M. K. Atiku COHS, Dean, Basic Medical

Sciences; Dean Faculty of Law; Dean Faculty of Physical Sciences, Dean Agriculture; Dean, Students Affairs, Director, Aminu Kano Centre for Socratic Studies; HODs of Chemistry, Biochemistry, Anatomy, Physiology and entire members of the University community too numerous to mention. May Allah reward you, all.

## Do You Know?

- That BUK consumes a lot of Energy Daily?
- That Power Supply by PHCN is Poor?
- That The University Relies on its Generators for Power Supply at Staff Quarters, Administrative, Academic and Students Areas?
- That The University Spends a lot of money on Diesel and Generators' Maintenance?
- That Some Staff members Leave Offices Without Switching-off Electrical Appliances?
- That 1 Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
- ✓ To Reduce Cost and for Safety, Help the University by Putting-off all Electrical Appliances when not in use!

