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BOWEN STAFF WINS INTERNATIONAL GRANT

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY, UK, SPONSORS COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY WORKSHOP IN BOWEN

David Gbenga Oke PhD, a member of the Industrial Chemistry Programme in Bowen University's College of Agriculture, Engineering, and Science, recently achieved a remarkable feat by securing an international grant worth £4,800 from the Royal Society of Chemistry in the United Kingdom.

The grant, officially titled 'RSC Researcher Collaborations Grant (C23-6065918759),' was awarded on December 18, 2023. In conjunction with this achievement, a Computational Chemistry Workshop was organised at Bowen University from February 25 to 28, 2024, hosted at the Timothy Olagbemi Library.

The workshop commenced with an opening address by Bowen University's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jonathan O. Babalola. The keynote speech was delivered by Prof. Ali Hassan Ali from ICTP (The Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics) in Italy. The three-day program featured four distinguished resource persons, each an expert in various aspects of Computational Chemistry: Prof. Banjo Semire from Ladoko Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso, Oyo State; Dr. Adedapo Adeyinka from the University of Johannesburg, South Africa; Dr. Abel Oyebamiji from Bowen University; and Dr. Akin-Ojo Omololu from the University of Ibadan.

The workshop attracted over 60 participants, with 14 universities from the South West region of Nigeria represented on-site. Additionally, three Nigerian universities joined the workshop online. International participation included three foreign universities (one from Uganda and two from the USA) joining remotely, totaling 20 institutions worldwide that actively engaged in the workshop. Overall, the event was deemed a resounding success by all involved, showcasing the significant impact of Dr. Oke's grant and Bowen University's commitment to advancing computational chemistry knowledge and expertise.

BOWEN UNIVERSITY OPENS NEW 300-BED CAPACITY FEMALE HOSTEL



Bowen University has unveiled a new 300-bed capacity female hostel at its main campus in Iwo, Osun State. The inauguration ceremony took place on Monday, March 11, 2024, and was officiated by the Visitor to the university and President of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Reverend Dr. Israel Akanji (FAR), with the full support of the University's governing council, principal officers, senior staff, and student leaders.

During the event, the Visitor highlighted Bowen University's founding principle of supporting the Nigerian government in providing high-quality, morally grounded tertiary education at a global standard in teaching and research. Similarly, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Deaconess Joan Ayo (OON), expressed satisfaction with the rapid infrastructural development in the University, attributing it to the capable leadership of Professor Jonathan Babalola, the Vice Chancellor.

Professor Babalola, in his remarks, disclosed that the University had invested over N1.48 billion in the construction of the modern hostel, emphasising Bowen University's commitment to providing a conducive environment for top-tier education. Joshua Akintola, the President of the student body, praised the University's policies and Management, highlighting Bowen's encouragement of student involvement in the institution's development.

BOWEN UNIVERSITY HOSTS SUCCESSFUL 2024 GLOBAL WOMEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING



Bowen University's Industrial Chemistry Programme, in collaboration with Women in Chemistry Bowen Chapter, played a pivotal role in the recently concluded 2024 Global Women's Breakfast Meeting (GWB). Organised under the auspices of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the event centered on the theme "Catalyzing Diversity in Science."

The GWB meeting, which held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, featured a keynote address by Prof. Abimbola Owoseni, Deputy Provost of the College of Agriculture, Engineering, and Science, Bowen University, whose lecture resonated deeply with attendees. Following the keynote speech, three distinguished female professors from Bowen, and the University Librarian led engaging discussions on Management of Work, Life, and Family Stress, STEM Education for School-Age Girls, Leadership Development for Women, and Mentor/Mentee Network & Net-worth Relationship.

The event drew participants from various disciplines including Biochemistry, Biology, Physics, Mass Communication, Law, Computer Information Science, Agriculture, Food Science Technology, Public Health, and Nursing. Secondary school students also attended, receiving encouragement to pursue careers in science, particularly in Chemistry.

The 2024 Global Women's Breakfast Meeting at Bowen University was a great success, inspiring and empowering women in science to achieve greater heights and catalyse diversity in the field.

DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS HOSTS GROUNDBREAKING SEMINAR ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM DETECTION

The Directorate of Research and Strategic Partnerships at Bowen University on Thursday, February 29, 2024, organised a seminar at the Timothy Olagbemi Library, focusing on crucial themes of research and research activities. Professor Ayeleso, the Director of Research and Strategic Partnerships, commended the University Management for their support in facilitating these monthly gatherings.

In the first presentation, Dr. Chris Imafidon, Chairman of Bowen University Research Ethics Committee (BUREC), spoke on Integrity and ethics in research activities, highlighting the importance of integrity, ethics, and moral principles in research. He discussed the significance of honesty, fairness, and responsibilities in maintaining researcher and research quality, emphasising rights protection and ecosystem preservation.

Dr. Aderonke Otunla, the University Librarian, delivered the second presentation, focusing on journal depositories in Bowen University and how attendees can deposit their work such as articles and theses. She also provided guidance on how to check for plagiarism using the Turnitin platform at Bowen University.

The seminar provided valuable insights into research ethics, integrity, and plagiarism detection, empowering attendees with knowledge and tools to conduct research responsibly and ethically.

BOWEN UNIVERSITY TO BUILD A 100-SEATER LECTURE THEATRE



In a bid to enhance its academic infrastructure, Bowen University has commenced the construction of a 100-seater lecture hall at the College of Health Sciences, Iwo campus. The foundation for this state-of-the-art facility was laid on Monday, March 25, 2024, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter in the University's development.

The generous donation for this project came from Engr. Funso Oyedeji, the 22nd matriculation lecturer. Engr. Oyedeji, during his address at the last matriculation ceremony, expressed his commitment to contributing to the University's growth and development.

Expressing gratitude for Engr. Oyedeji's generosity, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jonathan Babalola, praised the donor's dedication to advancing education at Bowen University. He also offered prayers for the success of the project and the lasting impact it will have on the University community.

The foundation laying ceremony was graced by the presence of the Pro-Chancellor, Dcns Joan Olatoyosi Ayo (OON), alongside other principal officers of the University. The lecture theatre, once completed within the next three months, will serve as a vital asset to the academic environment, providing a conducive space for learning and intellectual growth.

Bowen University remains committed to providing top-notch facilities that support its academic excellence and prepare students for impactful careers in their respective fields.

THE GUARDIAN CELEBRATES BOWEN UNIVERSITY'S IMPACT IN PRIVATE EDUCATION

In a special report titled "25 years of Private University Education in Nigeria: Special Focus on Leading Institutions with Positive Impact on Society and Global Economy," The Guardian newspaper celebrated the achievements of Bowen University, and other top private universities in Nigeria.

Represented by the Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor, and Registrar, Bowen University was highlighted for several key achievements and contributions. One of Bowen's standout features is its commitment to ensuring uninterrupted graduation for its students, instilling confidence in parents that their children will complete their studies successfully. The University's swift adoption of technological advancements, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, was also highlighted. Bowen University was the first institution to transition to online teaching and later introduced online examinations and invigilation, demonstrating its innovative approach to education.

Looking ahead, Bowen University's strategic plan aims to enhance its students' global relevance by equipping them with at least two international languages and essential life skills over the next five years. To stay ahead of the curve in the rapidly evolving technological landscape, the University is establishing foundational structures to integrate technologies like AI and Machine Learning into its curriculum.

In terms of its impact on Nigeria's social system, Bowen University plays a crucial role as an alternative to public universities during strike actions, ensuring continuous learning for students. The University also fosters healthy competition in the education sector, challenging public institutions to improve. Bowen's dedication to providing quality education has led to the attraction of top faculty members from public universities.

The proliferation of private universities has also positively impacted host communities. Bowen University's presence in Iwo city, for example, has led to the establishment of five banks, improving access to financial services in the area.



MANAGEMENT MEETING WITH STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

On Wednesday, March 27, 2024, the management of Bowen University convened a meeting with the Students' Representative Council (SRC) to address issues of significance to the general student body. The primary agenda item was the recent price increment in water, bread, and pastries, attributed to the escalating costs of raw materials and production.

The meeting proved to be highly productive, with the SRC engaging in a constructive dialogue with the management of Bowen Commercial Services, who were present. The SRC posed pertinent questions and concerns, leading to a mutually beneficial agreement that addresses the needs of all parties involved.

The outcome of the meeting signifies a positive step forward, as it ensures that the interests of the students are taken into account while also acknowledging the challenges faced by Bowen Commercial Services. This collaborative approach exemplifies the spirit of unity and cooperation that defines our institution.

It is commendable to note the active involvement of student leaders in discussions of this nature. Their participation not only reflects a deep concern for the welfare of their fellow students but also demonstrates a commitment to responsible leadership. Such engagements further solidify Bowen University's dedication to nurturing leadership potential among its student body.



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