

REPORT OF THE 4TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY NIGERIA INTERNATIONAL SCIENCES CHAPTER.

The 4th annual symposium of ACS Nigeria International Sciences Chapter was held from 3rd -6th March 2019 at the Julius Berger Hall, University of Lagos, Akoka. The theme of the Symposium was “Innovations in Chemical Sciences for Industrial Growth and Sustainable Development.” Participants arrived on 3rd March and departed on 6th March after the Chemistry Festival.

The members of the executive led by the chairman of the Chapter, Prof. J. A. Obaleye and some invited speakers paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor University of Lagos, Prof. O. T. Ogundipe on Monday, 3rd March 2019 at 9 am.

REGISTRATION

A total of 71 registered participants attended the Symposium. This was made up of

Full participants	21
Students	50

In addition, over 100 student observers were present at the event each day. Representatives of Chemical Society of Nigeria and Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria (ICCON) were in attendance throughout the symposium. There are about 25 volunteers assisting in the registration and some other activities of the chapter during the event.

SYMPOSIUM ACTIVITIES

The two-day symposium commenced at 10 am with a welcome address by the Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos, Prof O.T. Ogundipe. This was followed by the keynote lecture delivered by Mr. Abiola Ogunrinde MD/CEO Tropical Naturals Limited who spoke on the topic “We Can, Inspiring to Aspire”. The symposium featured five plenary lectures delivered by renowned Chemists from within Nigeria and South Africa.

They are:

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| 1. Prof. O. S. Fatoki | Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa |
| 2. Dr. S. A. Amolegbe | Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria |
| 3. Prof. A.S. Ogunlaja | Nelson Mandela University <i>South Africa</i> |
| 4. Prof. Peter Ajibade | University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa |
| 5. Prof. Sunday Olawale Okeniyi | President, Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN) |

Other participants were given opportunity to present their research during the technical sessions. The presentations spanned across various fields of study, namely Analytical, Environmental, Industrial, Inorganic, Nano/Materials and Organic Chemistry. Each day featured a talk on the periodic table and IUPAC by Dr. Oluwaseun Popoola in honour of the 150th anniversary of the periodic table and 100th anniversary of IUPAC.

The 2019 ACS-NICS Chapter Award was given to six individuals who have made major contributions in the academia and to the advancement of chemical sciences in Nigeria. The distinguished Nigerians are:

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| 1. Prof. Sulyman Oge Abdulkareem | Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin |
| 2. Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe | Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin |
| 3. Distinguished Prof. B. I. Alo | Former DVC University of Lagos |
| 4. Prof. Sunday Olawale Okeniyi | President, Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN) |
| 5. Prof. Mojisola Adeyeye | DG, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration |
| 6. Barr. Osita Anthony Abolona | DG Standard Organization of Nigeria. |

The symposium was rounded up with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Chapter during which elections took place. The four new officers of the chapter are:

Prof. J. A. Obaleye	Chapter Chair
Dr. Edu J. Inam	Vice-chair
Dr Thompson Izuagie	Secretary
Dr. Tolulope Fasina	Treasurer

In order to improve the students' membership of ACS, Mr Nnanake-Abasi O. Offiong was chosen to assist the Student Advisors in coordinating the affair of students most especially during the student programmes. This act does not change the function of student advisors but to assist them where necessary.

CHEMISTRY FESTIVAL

A Chemistry festival tagged 'Chem fest' was held on 6th March 2019 with the theme '**Design Thinking: Innovative Solution for Everyday Problems**'. This event was attended by 215 students comprising of representatives from 23 secondary schools across Lagos State. There were many other participants present, who included the teachers that brought the students, the lecturers from University of Lagos and some participants from the symposium.