



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University November 16-20, 2015

Covenant University Shines in Germany, Winning Multiple Awards

A team from the Nigerian Association of Inventors, led by its President, Pastor Shaka Momodu, was at Covenant University, Canaan Land, Ota, on Friday, November 6, 2015, to formally present three different awards won by two faculty members of the institution at the recently concluded 67th IENA 'International Trade fair: Ideas, Inventions, New Products: IENA 2015,' hosted at the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg Hall 12, Germany. The event ran from the 29th of October to the 1st of November, 2015.

Covenant University sent in two products which are Energy Retention Bags and the Solar Powered Weather Station. Both products won awards, medals and prizes for innovation, ideas, and outstanding performance.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo expressed his delight over the awards

and appreciated the President of the Nigerian Association of Inventors (NAI), Pastor Shaka Momodu and the entire body of the association for their efforts and support. He noted that the University has gone full circle in the collection of various awards within the past session and needs to move into product patent and commercialisation to maximise the benefit of the various innovations.

The Vice-Chancellor called for a review of the University's patent policy with the concerned department in order to proceed to mass production of the award-winning products. He also noted the need for a permanent research output gallery for the display of Covenant University inventions and innovations.

In his remarks at the event, Pastor Momodu appreciated the



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, receiving the award certificate from Professor Samuel Wara, Director, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation & Discovery

Covenant University Management for always being ready with an invention for promotion; noting that the major role of the association is to promote Nigerian Inventions. He emphasised the need for the University to send a larger delegation to innovation exhibitions and fairs. He reiterated the Vice-Chancellor's call for commercialisation of innovations in order to make them available to the

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Students Advised to Develop Skill for Employability



Guest Speaker, Mr. Samuel Akinsulere presenting his paper at the seminar

The need for students to develop their skills, build capacity and graduate with a good grade was discussed extensively at the Town and Gown Interaction organised by the Department of Economics and Development Studies, Covenant University on Thursday, November 5, 2015.

The guest speaker and Managing Partner, Factbase Consulting Limited, Mr Samuel Akinsulere and the Head of the Department, Dr Henry Okodua, passionately advised the students to ensure that they graduate with a good grade so that they can be industry relevant and their Curriculum Vitae can speak for them.

Mr Akinsulere, in his paper titled, "Academia Versus Industry Partnership: Towards Enhancing Consultancy Culture and Products Development," had noted that graduates with a Third Class Degree in their first degree are not

considered employable despite acquiring additional degrees.

"Gone are the days when 'school cert' or the family name, will open doors for you. Nowadays, employers don't even consider third class graduates for employment. If you find yourself in that category, please strive hard to move up in order to be relevant out there," he advised.

He enumerated employers' general expectation of potential employees which include: quality of education, quality of work experience, overall personal impact, communication, technical competence, analytical ability, leadership and managerial ability, integrity, motivation and goals (can-do attitude).

While describing consultancy as the business of providing professional help and advice about a particular subject, he noted that the various needs of the people

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Chemists Identified as Back Bone of Organisations

Chemists, particularly those in a Quality Control Unit have been described as the backbone of the organisation. They are also identified as formulators who determine what the organisation will produce.

The Head, Quality Control Laboratory, Portland Paints and Products Nigeria Plc, Mrs Adetoun Tijani revealed this in her presentation titled, "Quality Control in the Paint Industry" at the Town & Gown seminar organised by the Department of Chemistry, Covenant University on Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

Mrs Tijani defined quality control as a procedure or set of procedures carried out to ensure that a manufactured product or performed service adheres to a defined set of criteria or standard and values, before, during and after manufacturing, to ensure customer satisfaction and compliance with statutory regulations.

She said, "Quality control is the heart of every organisation, therefore the Quality Control

Officer has to be present throughout the production process to ensure quality."

Mrs Tijani explained the processes involved in paint manufacturing and emphasised



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that the manufacturing instructions have to be adhered to in order to achieve the desired results.

"Poor adulterated raw material and a wrong manufacturing process will never produce a good product; hence quality checks on raw materials and finished products are essential in order to get the desired benefits from such products," she explained.

She added that quality checks say a lot about the image of any organisation, therefore, a product's quality should never be

compromised.

The Head of the Department of Chemistry, Professor Kolawole Ajanaku, in his remarks noted that the purpose of the Town & Gown seminar was to establish interaction between the knowledge obtained from the four walls of the University and the industry in order to produce job ready graduates.

The seminar which was the fourth in the series was attended by staff of the department, including Dr. Akan Williams, Dr. Benson Nsikak, Dr. Mordi Raphael, Dr. Cyril Ehi-Eromosele, Dr. Tolutope Siyanbola, Mrs Abimbola

Akinsiku, Mrs Christiana Ajanaku, postgraduate and undergraduate students of the department.

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(clients) should be the basis of academia and industry partnership. The need, according to him, could be physiological, safety, social, esteem or self-actualisation.

The guest speaker also advised that the lecturers and by extension, the University should engage in consultancy projects beyond the University campus in order to enhance their practical knowledge and impact the same knowledge on their students. "You will enhance the consultancy culture if you involve various experts/consultants on a project-by-project basis. These synergistic relationships are the catalysts that will enhance an excellent consultancy culture, and benefit the students and the economy exponentially," he explained.

The Head of Department, Dr Henry Okodua in his remarks stated that the seminar was put together for the students to learn of the current trends and expectations in the industry and expressed belief that a lot of lessons were drawn from the wealth of experience of the guest speaker.

The seminar was attended by faculty, staff and students of the department.

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While presenting the awards to the Management, the Director, Covenant University Centre for Innovation and Discovery, Professor Samuel Wara, appreciated the Management of the University for its support and encouragement towards excellence.

He explained that the Energy Retention bags won two awards, one being a silver medal for outstanding performance and a gold medal in another category. He noted that not less than 37 organisations participated in this event including some universities. "The third silver medal,"

he stated, "was won by the Solar Powered Weather Station."

Present at the occasion were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye; the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; the Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Samuel John; the Head, Department of Electrical & Information Engineering, Dr. Francis Idachaba; Dr. Hope Orovwode of EIE and members of the Directorate of Media and Corporate Affairs.