



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University August 21-25, 2017

Vice-Chancellor Urges Staff to Renew Commitment to Duty



Vice-chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, Making His Remarks

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has encouraged members of faculty and staff of the University to renew their commitment to their respective duties as they resume for the 2017/2018 Academic Session.

Professor Atayero, who gave the charge on Monday, August 21, 2017, at the Staff Opening Assembly to herald the new academic session, noted that while some parts of the world had been plagued by crises, like the white supremacy uprising in the United States, the humanitarian crisis in Sierra Leone and the terrorist act in Spain, "our case at Covenant University is different".

He enjoined faculty and staff to seize the opportunity of the peaceful ambience of the University to perform the extraordinary, such that would impact positively on the University's vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022.

The Vice-Chancellor announced that since the end of the last academic session, the University had been blessed by God with three new awards. These included the Global Award for Perfection, Quality and Academic Performance, and the Excellence in Education award as the Best Private University by the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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Covenant University Wins Best Private University 2017 Award

Covenant University's commitment to excellent delivery of world-class education has again received external validation, as it was awarded the "Best Private University 2017" by the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The maiden edition of the Excellence in Education Award ceremony which was organised by the Education, Printing and Publishing Sector of the Chamber, took place on Saturday, August 19, 2017 in Lagos.

Receiving the award on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, the Director, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery, Professor Olawole Obembe, noted that it was an external validation of the Vision and Mission of the University.

We receive this award on behalf of the Chancellor, Board, Management, Faculty, Staff and Students of Covenant University as an external validation of the Vision and Mission of our citadel.

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CU Wins Excellence in Education Awards

Vice Chancellor, Others Task Authors on Quality Publication, Right Journal

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, and discussants at the 2017/2018 Executive Advance programme of the University have stressed the imperative of authors among the faculty and non-teaching staff churning out quality publications in high impact journals that would earn them citations and increase the University's reputation.

Making his presentation titled, 'ReCITE: Vision 10:2022: Lessons from Scival and Times Higher Education Reports', the Vice Chancellor said that the University had made a lot of investment in various services towards driving the vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world. And while reviewing the performance of Covenant University on Scival between 2012 and 2017, he said that the University had 1403 publications on an average of 200 per year.

Citation, Professor Atayero noted, is a function of the quality of an author's publication, and now that authors in the University were publishing a lot, they have to think about publishing quality. He added that publications should be in focus and not in volume, research clusters should be

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Collaboration Aids Access to Research Grant, says Researcher

Researchers are more likely to have access to research grant when they collaborate, a foremost researcher at Covenant University, Dr. Angela Eni, has advocated.

Speaking at the 2017/2018 Executive Advance programme of the University, where she presented a paper titled, 'The Art of Award Winning Grant Writing', Dr. Eni said that the approximate amount of money globally available as grant

annually was one billion US Dollars, with those who fund researches looking for people to access it.

The associate professor, who is the Team Leader, West African Virus Epidemiology (WAVE) for root and tuber crops, Covenant University Hub, added that collaboration fosters cross-fertilisation of ideas and methodologies. Explaining how to source for grant, the

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He also revealed that an award, "Excellence in Leadership", would be conferred on him very soon by the African Entrepreneur Foundation. "This will be your greatest session," he added.

Professor Atayero, who formally announced the return of a former Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor Aize Obayan, to the University after ending her stewardship at Landmark University where she also served as Vice-Chancellor, regretted the demise of her husband, Engr. Tokunbo Obayan.

A minute of silence was observed in honour of the deceased, after which the Vice-Chancellor prayed to God for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of

the family who mourn the tragic loss.

Earlier in his remarks, the Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, who welcomed everyone to the start of the new academic session, said that the University was few years to the actualization of the Vision 10:2022 and prayed that the Lord who started it will finish it for the University.

The Chaplain, Pastor Promise Omidiora, who gave charge on behalf of the Chancellor and Chairman Board of Regents, Covenant University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, prayed for peace in the University, supernatural provisions, outstanding exploits by faculty, staff and students, and the realization of the Vision of 1 of 10 in 10. ■

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Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, Making his presentation titled, "ReCITe: Vision 10:2022."

motivated to continue what they were doing, authors should choose where they want to put their work, and do comparative analysis with other universities in their areas of competency.

Also, the Vice-Chancellor, who emphasised that the University has to collaborate more with the Industry, urged members of faculty to attend conferences with the aim of forging viable collaborations as collaboration translates to reputation.

Dr. Evans Osabuohien of the Department of Economics and Development Studies, moderator of the panel discussion that followed the Vice-Chancellor's presentation, enjoined discussants to situate the issue from macro to micro perspective while drawing on their personal experiences.

Speaking on what it takes for authors to get their works accepted in High Impact Journals, Dr. Oluseyi Ajayi of the Department of Mechanical Engineering said that the choice of topic must be modern and trendy; the research must be of global relevance to easily attract attention; and new methods should be used to solve old problems. He stated further that the analysis of an author's findings is very important; the author should discuss in graphs and charts; and the abstract must capture the totality of research work in a brief sentence. ■

needs to look at the root causes of the problem he is solving, the effects, the analysis with relevant stakeholders, objectivity, identify key players to be part of the research, make a strong case, objectivity must be realizable, do not confuse objectivity with methods, while timeline is very important. ■

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We are committed to raising a new generation of leaders and making quality and affordable education available," he said.

He also emphasised the importance of education to the development of a nation, noting that to collapse a nation does not require atomic bomb or missile but collapse of the education sector.

Earlier in her welcome address, the Chairperson, Education, Printing and Publishing sector of the Chamber, Mrs. Modupe Onabanjo, stated that the award ceremony was organised to recognise,

appreciate and see the good faces of the people and institutions that has contributed so much to the education sector. "This event is also put together to motivate each and every one of us, our little support to education will turn the sector around for better," she added.

She decried the deliberate or otherwise poor funding of education, calling on all stakeholders to reposition the sector through adequate funding with good management in order to get the desired result. She promised that her Sector of the Chamber would continue with the event on yearly basis. ■

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Dr Angela Eni, making her presentation

process and procedure, Dr. Eni highlighted types of grant as research project, small research, exploratory development and conference; while there are varieties of funders namely, charities, research councils, United Nations agencies, academic societies and

corporations.

A researcher, she said, should begin his quest for grant by writing an expression of interest or a letter of inquiry to the donor. "A researcher should sit down and plan, put together a team because an individual grant would get you little. An applicant contacts potential collaborators to get their commitment," she explained.

The major items in the researcher's proposal, according to Dr. Eni, include the executive summary which outlines the project and gives the first impression, build credibility for your organization; and reinforce connection between you and the funder. The researcher, she noted, needs statistics to buttress the points he is making, give the research a global outlook, and ensures the solution he is proffering would be applicable in other places.

She stated further that the researcher