



Covenant University Newsflash

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Covenant, Merck Sign MoU on Research and Development



Head of Africa, Merck Life Sciences, Mr Mathias Getrost and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, displaying the signed agreement

Covenant University and Merck Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences Limited have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on joint research and development collaboration, with the aim of properly positioning the

University for the actualization of its objectives.

Speaking at the event held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, the Head of Africa, Merck, Mr. Mathias Getrost, expressed his excitement at the opportunity to collaborate with Covenant University and stressed the commitment of Merck to abide by the tenets of the partnership.

Mr. Getrost pointed out that Merck Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences Limited, provides Healthcare, Life Science and performance materials to organizations across the world, and is very passionate about performance and service delivery.

He stated that Merck currently partners with some Laboratories

across Africa in the areas of Malaria, HIV, Diabetes and Cancer research for educational development, including the supply of chemicals and training in different areas of research activities.

The collaboration between Covenant University and Merck centres on joint research and development collaboration, procurement of high quality healthcare products, chemicals, and equipment. The partnership also covers knowledge and technology sharing, joint scientists capacity building training, exchange of educational and research materials, and joint exhibition of products during workshops and conferences.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA.

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Covenant Ranked 2nd Among African Universities in Management Information Systems

Elsevier SciVal, the quick and easy access to the research performance of 8500 research institutions and 220 countries worldwide, has ranked Covenant University as the second best among African institutions in the field of Management Information Systems.

Covenant, with 67 publications, 151 authors and 1 citation, was second only to the University of Sfax (Tunisia). No other Nigerian university was in the top 20 of the rankings, with the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, on the 29th spot, being the next ranked

Nigerian institution.

To achieve this feat, Covenant overcame competition from institutions like the University of Johannesburg, University of Pretoria, and the University of Cape Town - all South African institutions - listed among the top 10 in Africa by the Times Higher Education Rankings, but ranked 4th, 8th and 11th respectively in the field of Management Information Systems.

Professor Francis Iyoha, a faculty in the Department of Accounting, is the leading publisher in this field at

Covenant Student Wins NIMN/ Unilever Best Marketing Student Award



Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, presenting the award to Miss Peculiar Ubani

Covenant University student, Miss Chinaemerem Peculiar Ubani, has emerged winner of the 2017 National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria (NIMN)/Unilever Nigeria Plc Best Marketing Student Award.

Miss Ubani beat competitors from about 62 other universities in Nigeria to the award. Another Covenant University student, Miss Ashade Oyindamola, emerged 6th overall.

As the winner, Miss Ubani was presented with a plaque, a textbook on Principles of Marketing, a Goodybag from Unilever Plc, and offer of employment after graduation.

Presenting the award to Miss Ubani,

Institution	Publications	Authors	Citations
1. University of Sfax	107	143	135
2. Covenant University	67	151	1
3. Tunis-El Manar University	56	75	54
4. University of Johannesburg	47	11	68
5. University of Manouba	47	67	24
6. Mohammed V University in Rabat	45	76	27

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Covenant Makes Top 3 of African Universities in Computer Science (Miscellaneous)

Covenant University has emerged third (3rd) among African universities in the field of Computer Science (Miscellaneous), according to latest computations by Elsevier SciVal, the world acclaimed ready-to-use solution that offers easy access to the research performance of 8,500 research institutions and 220 countries worldwide.

In SciVal's current rankings of African institutions in the field of Computer Science (Miscellaneous), Covenant was ranked 3rd in the continent behind the University of Johannesburg (South Africa) which

was ranked 1st, and the University of Cairo (Egypt), ranked 2nd. No other Nigerian institution made the top 10 bracket of the rankings.

Covenant was ahead of some of the oldest institutions on the continent, including South Africa's University of Cape Town, which is ranked the best in Africa but occupied the 17th spot in the SciVal ranking for Computer Science (Miscellaneous).

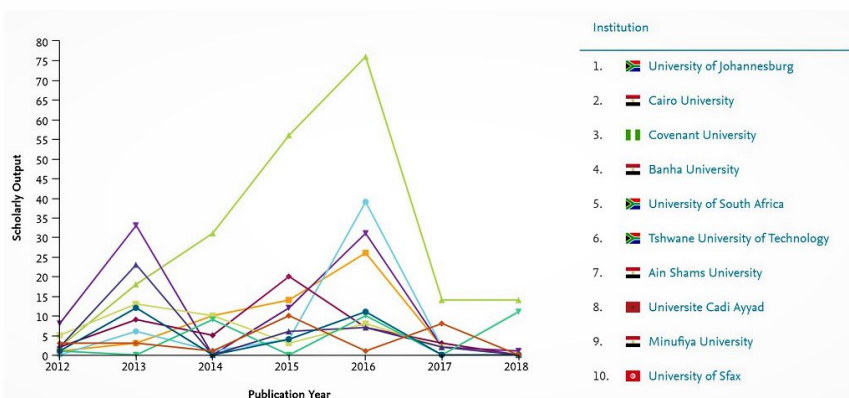
The assessment, spanning the period between 2012 and 2017, showed that Covenant had 54 publications, 61 authors, and 28 citations.

Professor Francis Idachaba, the leading publisher in this field at Covenant University, is ranked 8th on the list of authors with 20 publications, 14 citations and 2 h-index.

A faculty in the Electrical and Information Engineering (EIE) Department, Professor Idachaba, is the Director, Academic planning Unit at Covenant, and his research interests range from 5G Communication Network Architecture, Internet of Things, E-Health, and Communication Architecture Design, to Wireless Sensor Networks, and System Design and Electronics.

Another Covenant faculty on the list of ranked authors in the field of Computer Science (Miscellaneous) is Professor AAA. Atayero, who had 12 publications, 9 citations and 3 h-index.

The professor of communication engineering is the current Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University. His research interests include IoT-enabled Smart and Connected Communities, Broadband Wireless Access Networks/Technologies, IoT-Enabled Applications for Smart and Connected Communities, and IoT-Enabled Cyber-physical Systems for Smart and Connected Communities. ■



Sociologist Charges Undergraduates to be Enterprising *Contd. from Pg 1*

Covenant University, with 6 publications and 2 h-index, in the latest computations by SciVal, spanning the period between 2012 and 2017. The professor of

accounting, who has published widely, has research interest in Financial Reporting, Ethics and Accounting Education.

Another Covenant faculty, who

publishes in this field, is Dr. Kehinde Adetiloye. The current Head, Department of Banking and Finance, had 5 publications and 1 h-index. His research interests features International Finance with special interest in capital flows; International Banking; Real Estate; and Agriculture Finance.

Also listed were Dr. Dorcas Adetula with 5 publications and 1 h-index; Mrs. Folashade Owolabi, with 5 publications, and Dr. Imoleayo Obigbemi, with 4 publications, among others.

Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, said the University was glad to partner with Merck Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences and affirmed its bright prospect. ■

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Atayero, in his remarks, welcomed the representatives of Merck and expressed the excitement of Covenant University towards the partnership. He assured Merck of the University's commitment to the practicality of the MoU.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out

that the partnership could not have come at a better time than now, when the University is focused on its goal of attaining world-class status, a few years from now. He added that the MoU would aid the aspiration together with God's guidance.

Earlier in his remarks, the

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the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, lauded the outstanding achievement and announced to the University assembly that the Management was poised to

showcase more outstanding feats of the students. He implored the students to work harder towards accomplishing greater things this year.

Miss Ubani became the second Covenant University student to win the award, as a student of the institution had first won it in 2011. ■