



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University September 3-6, 2019

60% of Top 10 Authors in Nigeria from Covenant



Professor Misra Sanjay made the list of top 10 ranked authors in Nigeria

Covenant's fast growing profile as a research-inclined University has once again been validated, with Scopus, the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature, ranking six Covenant faculty among the top 10 authors in Nigeria by publication

volume within the period 2014-2020.

The six Covenant faculty, who accounted for 60% of the ranked authors as at September 3, 2019, were Professor Sanjay Misra (2nd), Dr. Isaac Fayomi (4th), Dr. Hilary Okagbue (6th), Dr. Moses Emeteri (7th), Professor Cleophas Loto (9th), and Professor AAA. Atayero (10th).

Professor Sanjay Misra of the Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, is a Professor of Computer (Software) Engineering. His research interests include Software Quality Assurance, Software Metrics, Information Engineering, Software Engineering Applications, Web Service/Engineering, and Software Process Improvement amongst others. His scholarly output for the period in review were 206, including 263 citations and 15 h-index.

Dr. Isaac Fayomi, with 151 scholarly output, 418 citations and 15 h-index, is of the Department of Mechanical

Engineering. His areas of interests include Mechanical Metallurgy, Materials Development and Corrosion Engineering- Alloy Development and Processing, Mechanical and Corrosion Characteristic of Aluminium Based Alloys, Materials Performance and Structural Integrity and a host of others.

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Covenant Rivals Melbourne, Nottingham Varsities, Others for Enactus World Cup Honours

West Africa's numero uno University, Covenant, will be competing with 34 other universities from across the world in the 2019 edition of the Enactus World Cup, according to the organisers.

Every year, a select group of 3,000 students, business and academic leaders from around the globe meet at Enactus World Cup to showcase the entrepreneurial action and shared innovation that transforms lives and creates a better future.

The other participating institutions in the competition, which holds in San Jose, California, USA from September 16-18, 2019, are the University of Melbourne (Australia), University of Nottingham (UK), Brigham Young University (US), Lambton College (Canada), Southwest Minzu University (China), Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (India), Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan

Covenant, UnQA Sign MoU on Management Systems Certification

Covenant University, apparently in a bid to assert her status as the University with the most employable graduates, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a United Kingdom-based firm, United Quality Academy Limited (UnQA), with a view to certifying her students in Management Systems.

Aside the students, other would-be beneficiaries of the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) certification include members of faculty, staff and the alumni.

The Country Representative, UnQA, Mr. Rotimi Olaoluwa, while speaking at the MoU signing ceremony held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, described UnQA Limited as an accredited training partner of Staregister, which is an



Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Akan Williams and Mr Rotimi Olaoluwa, from Universal Quality Academy Ltd, displaying the signed agreement

accreditation body for the ISO. He said that UnQA aimed to train students of Covenant in the areas of Quality Management Systems, Environmental Management Systems, Food Safety Management Systems as well as Health and Operational Management Systems.

Mr. Olaoluwa, an alumnus of Covenant, stated that students as well as other beneficiaries stood to enjoy the privilege of becoming certified Lead Auditors, Trainers and Consultants in the

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Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, with the Victorious Covenant Enactus Team

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Covenant Graduate Wins JCI Outstanding Young Person of Nigeria Award



Country Director, UNIC Lagos, Mr. Ronald Kayanja, presenting JCI Award to Miss Naomi Ekpoki

A Covenant graduate, Miss Naomi Ekpoki Onesenema, has emerged winner of the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Top Outstanding Young Person of Nigeria Award.

Naomi, who was a honoree under the category 'Contribution to Children, World Peace and/or Human Rights', was one of the 10 recipients of the JCI awards selected from among 30 finalists out of the over 1,700 nominations.

The award was presented to her by the Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Lagos, Ronald Kayanja at the awards ceremony that featured other dignitaries including wife of the Ogun State Governor, Mrs. Bamidele Abiodun; the European Union Head of Delegation to Nigeria and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Amb. Ketil Karlson; and Public Affairs Officer of the US Consulate Nigeria in Lagos, Mr. Russell Brooks.

Naomi thanked Covenant for voting for her through the social media platforms, just as she expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant,

For her, the JCI award came barely two years after she won the highly coveted Future Africa Leaders Awards (FALA) Star Prize for 2017 as a 500-Level student of Electrical and Information Engineering of Covenant. According to the FALA organisers, Believers' Loveworld Incorporated, the social activist was meritoriously awarded FALA's Star Prize for the year 2017 for her admirable and far-reaching feats locally and internationally, in helping at-risk youths.

Determined to put an end to the increasing number of out-of-school children affected in Nigeria, Naomi started Senema Love Foundation (SLF) in 2013 at the age of 15. SLF, which is focused on education and skills acquisition, provides scholarships,

school supplies, teaching aides, and voluntary teaching services to underprivileged children, particularly surviving victims of Boko Haram.

As a result of the activities of SLF, over 1500 children in her community receive education and support. She's also involved in raising her voice for girls of school age, who suffer from Vesicovaginal fistula (VVF) due to early marriage or female genital mutilation.

Naomi is a vibrant Christian and has made children and youth evangelism a top priority and a major part of her work. ■

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facilitation of product quality management certification at different levels.

He further stated that students, who could be managers after the completion of their training, would stand above their counterparts in the work environment, as it would make them highly priced and much sought-after. He said the MoU was first of its kind as Covenant University was the first university in Africa to sign such an agreement with the academy, to train students for the highest recognised certification for worldwide proprietary, industrial and commercial standards in international trade and product quality.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Covenant, Professor AAA. Atayero, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Akan Williams, said the University, in living up to its core values, continued to sign such agreements and partnerships to build capacity of her students, faculty and staff.

Professor Williams stated that ISO was the number one body for product certification and industrial best practices in the world and the University had deemed it fit to raise a new generation of leaders who would continue to blaze the trail in the different areas of management, which continued to reflect in the employability ratings of Covenant University graduates. He added that the MoU would enhance the capacity of students and staff, with UnQA training them to be professionals, consultants and managers in their different fields of endeavour. ■

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With research interests ranging from Mathematical Statistics to Number Statistics and Mathematical Cryptography, Dr. Hilary Okagbue of the Department of Mathematics was credited with 118 scholarly output, 756 citations and 14 h-index, while Dr. Moses Emetero of the Department of Physics, whose research interest is Multidisciplinary Modelling, had 118 scholarly output, 245 citations and 8 h-index.

Professor Cleophas Loto of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, with 102 scholarly output, 704 citations and 20 citations, had Metallic Corrosion Reactions Phenomena, Electrodeposition and Electroless Coating of Metals, Structure/Property Relationships, and Heat Treatment Phenomena among his areas of research interests.

Professor AAA. Atayero, the Vice-Chancellor of Covenant whose research interests include Broadband Wireless Access Networks/Technologies (LS-MIMO), IoT-Enabled Applications for Smart and Connected Communities, and IoT-Enabled Cyber-physical Systems for Smart and Connected Communities amongst others, was credited with 99 scholarly output, 276 citations and 10 h-index. The Professor of Communication Engineering is of the Department of Electrical and Information Engineering.

This new development is a resounding validation of the giant strides being taken by Covenant in her efforts at becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world in a few years' time.

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(Italy) and a host of others.

Also featuring in the competition is a motley crowd of other African institutions. These include Cairo University (Egypt), Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana), Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (Kenya), Durban University (South Africa), Institute of Higher Commercial Studies of Carthage (Tunisia), and Southern Africa Nazarene University (Swaziland). ■