



PREFACE

Activities during this quarter are often focussed towards mobilizing members to attend the Society's Annual General Meeting, International Conference and Exhibition especially if the venue is outside your Chapter's domain. This was the case with FCT-Nasarawa Chapter and this hindered our planned Career Talk and Industrial Visit in particular.

However, we were able to hold General meeting in October wherein we hosted a Technical Support Officer for Angel Fund Initiative, Engr. Ms. Lillian Okpalla who presented a Technical lecture on the mandate of the Angel Fund Initiative of Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers to assist young and unemployed Chemical Engineers.

Two Exco meetings were also held between October and November to fine tune preparation for effective participation at Kad 2019 which was actually achieved. Two of our members were elected into NSE Executive Offices in the NSE Council Meeting held in December 2019. Congratulations to them.

EMPOWERING THE YOUNG CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

The teeming number of our young and unemployed members is of great concern to the leadership of the Chapter. Therefore, it was heart-warming to receive Engr. Ms. Lillian Okpalla, a Technical Support Officer for the Angel Fund Initiative (AFI) of Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers all the way from Lagos in our meeting in October at the Federal Ministry of Environment Auditorium popularly called the Green House. She was invited to give a Technical Lecture on the mandate of the Angel Fund Initiative.

In her presentation, she underscored how the initiative was targeted at Chemical Engineers to help bridge the gap between rising number of graduate members and available employment opportunities. The fund, she said, also has as its core mandate to administer financial support and to enhance the entrepreneurial capacity of young Chemical Engineering graduates. She revealed that the initiative's strategy for achieving these goals were by engaging successful applicants, who present attractive and viable business ideas to the body, with the mentorship services of Angel Investors. These Investors would be willing to make investments ranging from individual investment amounts of between 2 -10 million naira to group investments of up to 50 million naira. She also elucidated on the application and eligibility criteria of the fund. After the presentation, questions were entertained to clear grey areas. For all concerns raised, ranging from the past success record of NSChE in the programme, training location and monitoring, age limit of participants, challenges and other associated risks, the presenter promised to escalate them as feedbacks to the leadership of NSChE. The National President, Engr. Onochie A. Anyaoku was among the 20 members that were present at the lecture.



Dr. Steve Momoh moderating



Engr. Ms. Lillian Okpalla presenting



Some of the presentation slides



NP Engr. Anyaoku & Dr. Wada



Engr. Cyril & others listening



Cross section of other members in attendance

MOBILIZATION OF MEMBERS TO KADA 2019

At both the General and Exco meetings, the issue of mobilizing members to Kadsina tagged KADA 2019 was always top on the agenda. It would be recalled that for a very long time, Kaduna had been unable to host our International Conference and AGM due to some crisis and security issues over time. In 2012 when it was her turn to host the event, venue was eventually shifted at last minute to Abuja. When opportunity presented itself again this time, it was evident that the LOC was putting in place machinery to guarantee the security of everyone and a very successful outcome. It was therefore a great excitement to members of the society and others all over the world to go to Kaduna. Our

Chapter was no left out in making sure it mobilized its members including students from University of Abuja and Fed Poly Nasarawa to participate in the KADA 2019. To this end, the Chapter sponsored the train transportation of many members and accommodation of all the student members.

CHAPTER GOES ON PERFORMING

At the Gala Night of the KADA 2019 which featured Dinner and Award Ceremony, the Chapter recorded another wonder performance as it was adjudged the Third Best amongst all the NSChE Chapters in their contributions towards the NSChE performance in NSE Group Dynamics for the year. It will be recalled that our Chapter came Second Best consecutively in 2017 and 2018. Although the 2019 performance looked a setback, the Leadership of the Chapter is still very grateful to all the members of the Chapter for the show. We only encouraged ourselves to work harder to regain our second position in 2020 and even surpass it.



Dr. John Enne presenting
3rd Position Award



Celebration of the Award in a Group Photo

SOLIDARITY VISIT TO ENGR. T. ADOKIE GGM CRUDE & MARKETING, NNPC

The Chapter paid a solidarity visit to one of our members, Engr. T Adokie GGM Crude & Marketing, NNPC, who had been a Great Pillar of support to the Chapter. He was recommended by the Chapter for a Presidential award which was given to him during the KADA 2019. We wish Engr. Adokie more grease to his elbow. Sir, we appreciate your contribution to the Chapter and the Society in general.

CONGRATULATIONS



ES holding the NSE Group Dynamics Cup

At the Annual Conference of the Nigerian Society of Engineers held in Kano, December 1-6, 2019 many members of the Chapter participated along with engineers all over the country and abroad. Elections to some offices were conducted into the Executive Committee of NSE and two of our Chapter members were successful: – Engr. Olorunoba

Mojirade and Engr. Adamu Suleiman. Congratulations to you all and may God grant you strength and wisdom to discharge your duties justly even as we continue to encourage our members to increase their participation in NSE activities.

The first position of the NSE Group Dynamics among all Engineering Divisions of NSE was won by our Society, the Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers (NSChE) for the Third year running. Shown below is the Executive Secretary (ES) of NSChE, Engr. Samuel Bosoro, holding the winners' cup surrounded by members of the Society. Congratulation to our ES and his group who put up a brilliant write-up that gave us a score of over 96% well above the Division that came second whose score was less than 65%. Credit also goes to the various chapters of the Society who conducted the various activities and supplied the necessary inputs for compilation by the ES and his group at the Headquarters.