***PROFESSOR DAVID NOSAKHARE IZEKOR***

Professor David Nosakhare Izekor is a Professor in the Department of Forest Resources and Wildlife Management. He is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, University of Benin. Prior to his recent appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, he was the Director of General Studies, University of Benin. Professor David Nosakhare Izekor served as Assistant Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies for a period of five years between March 2015 to February, 2020. He was appointed Head of Department, Forest Resources and Wildlife Management between July, 2017 to June 2019 and was appointed Chairman Post Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations/Post University Direct Entry Examinations 2019/2020 Session. He was also elected and served as a member of the University search team for the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor for the University of Benin in 2019. He had his higher education at the University of Benin, where he obtained his Bachelor of Agriculture (Forestry & Wildlife) Degree with Second Class Honours, Upper Division in 1998 and M.Sc (Wood Science and Utilization) in 2004. He obtained his Ph.D in 2010 with specialization in Wood Science and Utilization from The Federal University of Technology, Akure.

Professor David Nosakhare Izekor’s academic and professional career base has spanned teaching and research in the university system and his research interest’s include Wood Science, Renewable Energy, Wood Composites Boards and Utilization of Wood Products. He has a lot of interest in National and International need-driven research.

Professor David Nosakhare Izekor was born on 24th August, 1972 in Benin City, Edo State. He had his primary education at Uwa Primary School, Benin City in 1983 and thereafter proceeded to the prestigious Western Boys High School, Benin City where he obtained his West African School Certificate in 1988. He joined the services of the University of Benin as a Graduate Assistant in September, 2001 and rose to the position of Professor in 2018. Professor David Nosakhare Izekor has held several administrative positions in the University and has also served in various committees and boards within and outside the University with tangible contributions aimed at advancing the frontiers of knowledge and improvement in academic standard.

He has published over forty articles in highly reputable journals at both national and international levels and belongs to different academic and professional bodies. Dr. David Nosakhare Izekor is a core researcher and has supervised students’ projects at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. He is reputed for his veracity, dynamism, hard work, diligence and committement. He is married and blessed with children.

***PROF. JOHN OGENE (Ph.D.) FSNA, FIPMD, JP***

Professor John Ogene is a Professor of Art History and Graphics in the Department of Fine and Applied Arts, University of Benin. He holds a Bachelor of Arts - B. A. (Hons) Degree in Fine and Applied Arts from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Graphics from the University of Benin, Master of Arts (MA), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Art History from the Delta State University, Abraka.

Professor Ogene has published widely (Nationally and Internationally) and has staged several solo and group Art exhibitions in Nigeria and Overseas. He was Assistant Dean of Faculty of Arts for four years. John Ogene served as editor for Emotan Journal for several years, and was Head of Department of Fine and Applied Arts. During his tenure the Department was moved from Faculty of Arts to Faculty of Environmental Sciences, University of Benin.

Professor Ogene was awarded the title of Obadje of Okpe in 1992, and a Justice of the Peace (JP) by the Delta State Government in 1994. He is also a Jerusalem Pilgrim. He was presented a meritorious award as ‘Ambassador of Peace’ by the Catholic Women Organization of Nigeria (CWO) – Isse –Uku Diocese 2018. Ogene holds the title Okwesili Eze of Ukwu Nzu Kingdom in Delta State. He is a Fellow of Society of Nigerian Artists (FSNA), Fellow Institute of Policy Management Development (FIPMD) and also a member of several other Professional Associations including Arts Council of the African Studies Association (ACASA), International Association of Art Critics (AICA) and International Digital and Media Arts Association (iDMAa) to mention a few.

He has delivered several Conference papers in Nigeria and in the United States of America. Professor John Ogene popularly known as O.J, is married to Justice (Mrs.) Stella Nkiruka Ogene, President of Delta State Customary Court of Appeal and blessed with 2 Children: Barrister (Mrs.) Esse Ikpokpo and Master John Ogene Jnr.

OJ is a Golfer and was also Secretary to the prestigious Benin Club Golf Section and the pioneer Secretary of Ibori Golf and Country Club, Asaba. Prof. Ogene is also a renowned saxophonist and a respectable musicologist. In 2018, Professor Ogene delivered the 202nd University of Benin Inaugural Lecture. He is currently the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Ekehuan Campus), University of Benin.

***PROF. ADESUWA ITOHAN OSAHON***

Prof. Adesuwa Itohan Osahon was born on the 31st of August, 1954, in Benin City and she had her primary school education in St. Matthews Anglican School and Government School, Benin City, (1960 to 1965). She started her secondary school education at Baptist Girls High School, Agbor, in 1966 but this was truncated in 1967 by the Nigerian Civil war. She then returned to Benin City where she completed the secondary school education at the Baptist High School, Benin City in 1970. She was admitted into the University of Benin (the then Midwest Institute of Technology) in 1971 and was awarded the Benin Area Joint Board Scholarship for her full University Education. She graduated in 1978 with Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery with distinction in both Pharmacology and Mental Health. She also won the Prof. Kenneth Hill’s Memorial prize for the best student in Pharmacology and Prof. Lambo’s prize for the best student in Mental Health.

She did her housemanship at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) between 1978 and 1979 and National Youth Service Corps was also in UBTH in the Department of Mental Health between 1979 to 1980. She commenced her residency training in 1981 in the Department of Ophthalmology UBTH.

Early in 1982, Professor A. I. Osahon relocated to the United Kingdom to join her husband. While in England, she continued her training as a Registrar in Ophthalmology at the Sunderland Eye Infirmary, Sunderland and Newcastle General Hospital Newcastle Upon Tyne. She obtained Diploma in Ophthalmology (D O) in 1984 and continued with the Nigerian residency training program upon her return in 1986.

She obtained the Fellowship of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria FMC (Oph) in May 1988. She became a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons (FWACS) in 1990 and the International College of Surgeons (FICS) in 1994.

She joined the services of the University of Benin as Lecturer 1 in November 1988. She was appointed Lecturer in charge Department of Ophthalmology in Dec.1994 to June 1996 and Acting Head, Department of Ophthalmology 1996-2000.

She rose through the ranks by dints of hard work and was promoted Professor in October 2007 making her the first female Professor of Ophthalmology in UNIBEN/UBTH.

She has over 38 publications in reputable journals and has had several post- fellowship training in Public Health Ophthalmology within Nigeria and at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, England. She was on Sabbatical Leave in 2004/2005 academic session in Manchester, UK and she used the period in expanding her horizon in the field of Ophthalmology.

Prof. A.I. Osahon has attended innumerable conferences and workshops both locally and internationally where she presented scientific papers. She has trained over sixty (60) postgraduate doctors in Ophthalmology some of whom are Professors, Heads of Departments, and Chief Medical Directors of Teaching/Specialist Hospitals etc. She has also supervised over 20 dissertations for the part 11 Fellowship examinations of both the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria and the West African College of Surgeons.

She has been an Examiner at both the National Postgraduate Medical College and the West African College of Surgeons for over 2 decades and also Faculty Board member to date. She successfully delivered her Inaugural Lecture on the 8th of June 2017.

She served as School of Medicine representative in College A&P Board from 2013—2014, Chairman of UDSS Management Board 2013 to 2018 and Head of Department of Ophthalmology 2015 to 2017.

Prof. A.I. Osahon was Vice President of the Ophthalmological Society of Nigeria from 2002 to 2005 in recognition of her contribution to the growth and development of Ophthalmology in Nigeria. She was President of Medical Women Association of Nigeria (May 1995 – June 1997).

Prof. Osahon is an ordained deaconess of the Covenant Life Baptist Church Ugbowo, Benin City. She is a very keen golfer and loves Christian music.

She is happily married to Dr. Reuben O.Osahon former Medical Director Psychiatric Hospital, Uselu, Benin City. They are blessed with children and grandchildren.