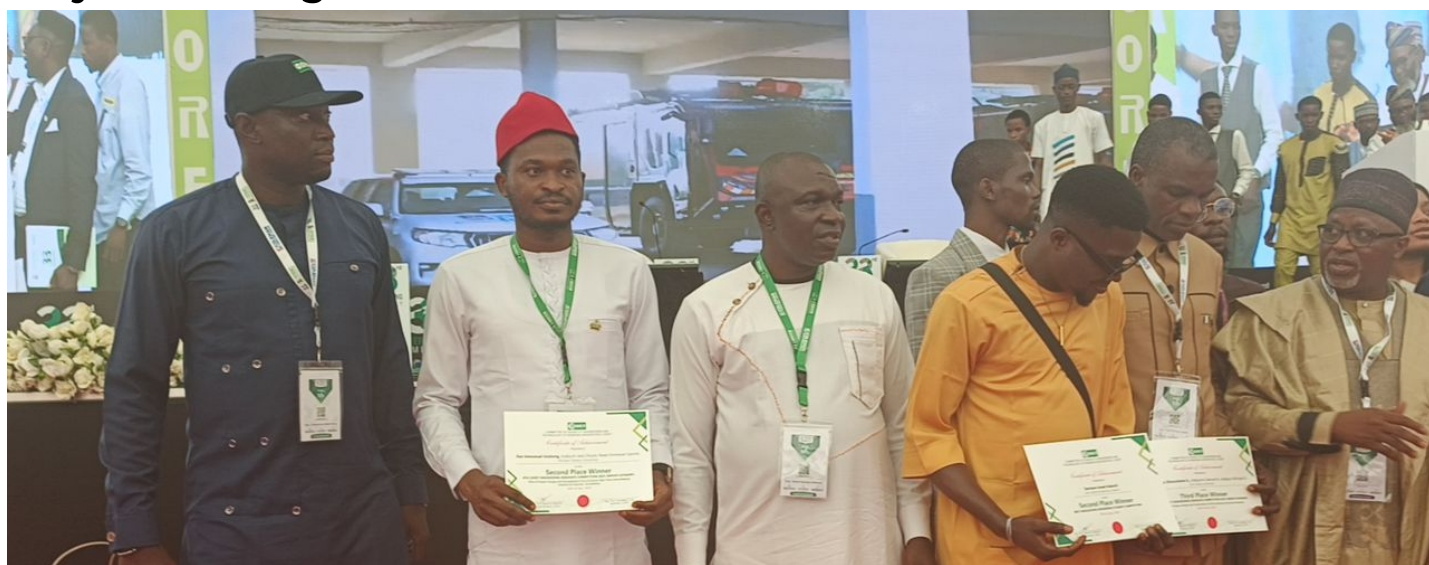


MOUAAU clinches 2nd Position in 8th National CODET Engineering Students' Competition

By Ubadire Agua



L-R: Engr. Dr. C. Nwogu, Engr. K. Ibe (Staff Adviser, NUESA), Engr. Prof. B. N. Nwankwojike (Dean, CEET) with the winning team

Engineering students from Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike have clinched the 2nd position in the 8th National Competition of Engineering Students organized by the Committee of Deans of Engineering and Technology (CODET) in Nigerian Universities with an average score of 76.3.

MOUAAU, who participated in both the group and individual project categories won the competition after fiercely and rigorous processes adjudged by the Manufacturers' Association of Nigerian (MAN), the

Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) and the Academia.

MOUAAU emerged best under the Group Category where Nwali Ugonna Emmanuel, Dan Emmanuel Iniobong and Iroabuchi Jane Chisom presented project tagged, 'Design and Development of an AI-Driven Real Time Camouflaging Sentinel for Security Surveillance (NISHA Sentinel) supervised by Engr. Dr. C. N. Nwogu, while, the Individual Category where MOUAAU came 3rd, Ivienagbor

Promise presented on a project titled, 'Formulation and Computer-Aided Techno-Economic Perspective of Antimicrobial Tri-herbal Bioactive Extract for Green Nanoparticle Production' supervised by Engr. E. O. Oke.

MOUAAU with an average of 76.3 came 2nd after Unilorin that emerged 1st with 77.9. Ekiti State University won the 3rd position with an average of 73.7.

MOUAAU on the spotlight as 2 dons serve out tenure, win election in OWSD, 1 bags agricultural award in CRS

By Ginger-Eke Collins



Prof. Olayinka Nwachukwu



Prof. Chioma Nwakanma



Dr. Ernest Eteng

Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAAU) has once again taken the national spotlight with two major achievements in science leadership and agricultural development.

Prof. Olayinka Nwachukwu, former Dean of the College of Crop and Soil Sciences, and unarguably one of MOUAAU's outstanding research scientists, concluded her tenure as National Chairperson of the Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD), Nigeria.

Records show that her term was marked by landmark accomplishments including raising membership of the Organization from 1700 to 2288 and hosting

scientific workshops and meetings, among other initiatives that promoted gender equity and scientific excellence across Nigeria.

Prof. Chioma Nwakanma, current Head of the Department of Environmental Management and Toxicology, won a keenly contested election as the new National Vice Chairperson of OWSD.

Her election is seen by many as another boost to women's leadership in science and a proud moment for MOUAAU.

In a separate development, the current Deputy Director of the Continuing Education Centre, Dr. Ernest Eteng, was honoured

by the Association of Cassava Seeds Entrepreneur Network with an award for Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture during a ceremony held from July 4 to 6, 2025 in Cross River State.

He was recognized for his remarkable contributions to agricultural development, particularly in cassava seed innovation and farmer empowerment.

The Vice-Chancellor of MOUAAU Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe and the entire University Community congratulates these staff for making MOUAAU proud..



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MOU AU 61st Inaugural Lecture: Prof. Ihemeje advocates for inclusion of cryptocurrency studies in varsity curriculum

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MOUAU'S 61st Inaugural Lecturer and a professor of Banking and Finance, Prof. James Chinedu Ihemeje, has called on stakeholders in Nigerian education sector to integrate cryptocurrency literacy into the university curricula.

Delivering the 61st Inaugural Lecture of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Prof. Ihemeje stressed that the future of finance lies in understanding digital assets, particularly cryptocurrency.

Speaking on the theme "Cryptocurrency Investment in Nigeria: Stabilizing Future Value of

Money for Sustainable Development," Prof. Ihemeje said cryptocurrency has emerged as a transformative tool in global finance and trade, and its relevance to Nigeria's economic development can no longer be ignored.

He argued that beyond mere trading, the technology behind cryptocurrency referred as blockchain offers immense potential for financial inclusion, transparency, and wealth creation. "Cryptocurrency is no longer a

speculative trend. It is a permanent feature in today's financial ecosystem and a critical part of future economic sustainability," he stated.

To drive home his advocacy, Prof. Ihemeje unveiled a new book titled "Cryptocurrency: The Future of Finance in Nigeria," which he said is designed to serve as both a guide for policy-makers and a foundational text for students and digital financial enthusiasts. The book demystifies digital currencies, explores their investment prospects, and provides practical insights for navigating the crypto space in the Nigerian context.

He called on stakeholders in the education sector including regulatory bodies and university curriculum developers to recognize the urgency of preparing the next generation of Nigerians for a digital financial future by including its study in higher institutions. "We must stop treating cryptocurrency as an abstract concept. The time has come for it to be taught, researched, and explored in our universities," he concluded.

The lecture, which drew academics, financial experts, and students, underscored the growing consensus that digital finance is here to stay imploring that education must keep pace with innovation if Nigeria is to harness the full benefits of the crypto



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