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A Prestigious Appointment for Professor Steve Azaiki!

Wednesday 8th November 2017 was a very special day for Professor Steve Azaiki, the President of the International Society of Comparative Education, Science and Technology (ISCEST). This was the day when the Governor of Bayelsa State, Hon. Henry Serriake Dickson, on appointed Professor Steve Azaiki OON, as the new Pro-Chancellor of Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island.

Governor Dickson duly acknowledged the notable longstanding relationship that Professor Azaiki has with the university. The Governor pointed out that Professor Azaiki is one of the founding fathers of the university and that he has worked tirelessly to take the university to a greater heights.

Governor Dickson is confident that Professor Azaiki's capabilities and his competency, together with his global community reputation put him in a strong position to execute his role as Pro Chancellor. The Governor also explained that as a reformer, over the years, Professor Azaiki has demonstrated that he is in a class of his own as a technocrat. This he thought was quite evident because of the positive impact that is felt by the local community. Also, noted was, as Pro-Chancellor, Azaiki is better placed to represent the university and Nigeria's interests on the world stage.

His Excellency urged Professor Azaiki, to use his esteemed position to revitalize Bayelsa State educational system.



Professor Steve Azaiki OON

The entire ISCEST membership wishes to take the opportunity to use this medium to extend heartiest congratulations to President Professor Steve Azaiki on his attainment of this prestigious appointment. See Page 4 & 5 for photos taken at the inauguration.

Congratulations!

Another Issue of the ISCEST Journal is Here!

The Editors of the ISCEST announces the publication of the 2017 December Issue. The journal evaluates papers based on four main criteria as follows: The subject matter must be of critical importance to the education, science and technology communities; the research question/s must fall within the ISCEST's scope and the research itself must be well designed and executed; and on the whole the paper must be well presented – well written and conforming to the ISCEST's style. See <http://www.journal.iscest.org/> for more information.



Professor Omokaro Obire Receives the Notable Environmental Studentship Award



The representative for the Conservator General of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, presenting the Award to Professor Omokaro Obire

Congratulations are certainly in order! For the second time in this issue the members of ISCEST feel a deep sense of pride to offer yet a congratulatory message to one of its executive members. Professor Obire is the Vice President of ISCEST.



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**8th Environment Outreach Magazine Public Lecture/ Awards Ceremony on Thursday, 7th September 2017 at the Transcorp Hotel, Calabar, Cross River State
Nomination as Recipient of the
“2017 Environmental Stewardship Award”**

I am delighted to inform you of your nomination by the Management of The Environment Outreach Magazine, Nigeria's foremost Environment and Development quarterly newsmagazine as recipient of the **2017 Environmental Stewardship Award** at the Occasion of the **8TH Environment Outreach Public Lecture and Awards Ceremony** scheduled for **Thursday, the 7th of September 2017** at the **Transcorp Hotel, Calabar**.

2. The theme of this year's lecture is **“Nigeria's Depleting Forests And Its Implication For Forest Resources And Climate Change”** and it will be delivered by the eminent Sustainable Development Expert, former **Vice Chancellor, Botswana University of Science and Technology** and **President** of the Global Education and Infrastructure Services (GEISE) LLC, **Professor Hilary Inyang NNOM**.

3. The event will be attended by persons from the Academia; The organized private sector; Professionals of various fields; Government officials; NGOs and Civil Society Organizations; Representatives of various Public institutions; Environmentalists; Traditional rulers and Members of the general public.

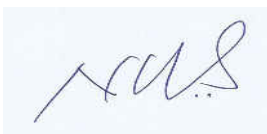
4. **Prof ma**, your stewardship, hard work, industry and commitment as a Campaigner and Advocate for the conservation of our natural environment stands you out as a veritable agent of change in our society worthy of recognition. Your several years of teaching and research in the University has assisted greatly in promoting environmental science in our country. We are indeed proud of your achievements in the academia especially in the teaching and mentoring of our young ones. This has, indeed, gained our admiration and acceptance.

5. **You are an honest, humble and highly patriotic Nigerian and an Administrator and Environmentalist par excellence! What more can we say except to thank God for giving you to this nation!**

6. The **Conservator-General** of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, **Mallam Ibrahim Musa Goni** is nominated as the **Chairman of the Occasion** while His Royal Majesty, **King Alfred Diete-Spiff** CFR, Amayanabo of Twon-Brass and Chairman of Bayelsa State Council of Traditional Rulers and former Military Governor of old Rivers State and **His Eminence, The Obong of Calabar, Ndidem Ekpo Okon Abasi-Otu** are the **Royal Fathers of the Day**. **His Excellency, Professor Ivara Esu OFR** is the Special Guest of Honour while **His Excellency, Governor Ben Ayade FNES** is the **Chief Host**.

7. While we are not unmindful of your very busy schedule, we hope you will accept this nomination and communicate us accordingly to enable us prepare adequately for this event. Please don't turn this award offer down. It has no cost implication on your part. Only your presence is highly solicited to personally receive this award. Your acceptance letter can be sent through our email: environmentoutreach@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

8. Please accept the assurances of my highest regards and esteem, always.



Chief Noble U. Akenge FNES
The Egegba of Yenagoa
Publisher/CEO

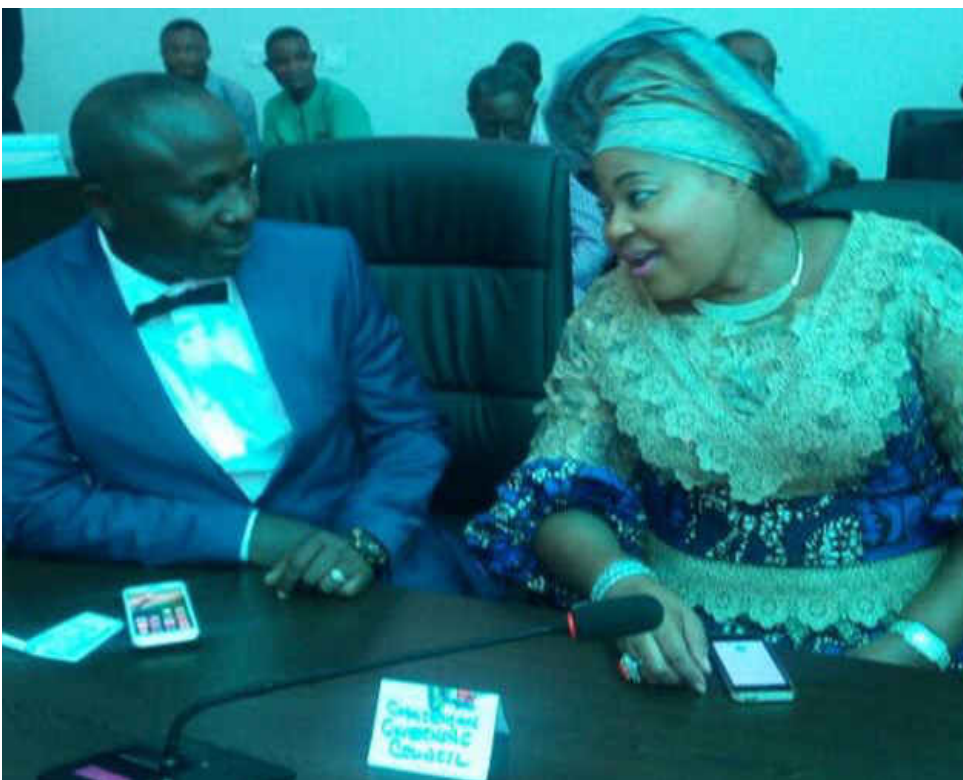
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Governor Seriake Dickson congratulating Prof. Steve Azaiki Pro Chancellor and Chairman of NDU Governing Council after the Inauguration in Government House.

*All progress
takes place
outside the
comfort zone*

*-- Michael
John Bobak*



Prof. Steve Azaiki Pro Chancellor and Chairman of Council with Mrs Muriel Graham - Douglas member Governing Council of NDU at the inauguration in Government House Yenagoa.

*There are no
secrets to
success. It is
the result of
preparation,
hard work,
and learning
from failure*

*-- Colin
Powell*

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Members of the Governing Council Niger Delta University with the Governor of Bayelsa state Henry Seriake Dickson after the inauguration in Government House Yenagoa



Above: Prof. Steve Azaiki Pro - Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council being congratulated by the Deputy Governor of Bayelsa State Rear Admiral John Jonah. Standing by the governor with a big smile is the Ag V C Prof. Samuel Edoumiekumo at the Inauguration in Government House Yenago.

Below: His Excellency, Rear Admiral John Jonah Deputy Governor of Bayelsa state; His Excellency Henry Seriake Dickson Executive Governor of Bayelsa State and Professor Steve Azaiki Pro Chancellor and Chairman Governing Council NDU after the inauguration of the NDU Governing Council at Government House, Yenagoa.





Meet the Keynote Speakers for the 4th ISCEST Annual Conference!

N'Dri Thérèse Assié-Lumumba, (pictured left), who is the President of the World Council of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES 2016-2019) and served in 2015-2016 as President of Comparative and International Education Society (CIES), is a Professor of African and Diaspora education, comparative and international education, social institutions, African social history, and the study of gender in the Africana Studies and Research Center at Cornell University. She joined Cornell in 1991 as a Fulbright Senior Research Fellow and Ford Foundation/Africana Studies Fellow. She is a Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science. She served as Director of the Cornell Program on Gender and Global Change (GGC) and as Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) of the Africana Studies. Assié-Lumumba earned her PhD in Comparative Education (Economics and Sociology of Education with Pi Lambda Theta Honors) from the University of Chicago in 1982, two Masters and two BAs (Licence) in Sociology and History, respectively, from Université Lyon II, Lyon (France) between 1973 and 1975.

She has been Visiting Professor in the Center for the Study of International Cooperation in Education (CICE) at Hiroshima University (Japan) and Distinguished Visiting Professor, American University in Cairo (Egypt). She is Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Johannesburg (South Africa), Extraordinary Professor in the Education Policy Studies at the Stellenbosch University (South Africa), Diasporan Fellow in the department of Sociology (UG-Carnegie Diaspora Programme) at the University of Ghana, Chercheur Associé at Centre de Recherches Architecturales et Urbaines (CRAU) at Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny, Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), and Research Affiliate of the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance of the University of Houston, Houston (Texas). She is co-founder and Associate Director of the Pan-African Studies and Research Center in International Relations and Education for Development (CEPARRED), Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire). Prior to coming to Cornell, she was a Resident Fellow in the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) in Paris (France), held teaching and administrative positions in the Lomé (Togo) CIRSEED doctoral program for researchers and administrators in education for francophone countries, the Ministry of National Education Mali (planning unit), Bard College and Vassar College (New York, USA).

Assié-Lumumba has published extensively articles in refereed journals, chapters in books and peer-reviewed reports. Her article "Educational and Economic Reforms, Gender Equity, and Access to Schooling in Africa" published in the *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, received the 2001 Joyce Cain Award for Distinguished Research on African Descendants offered by the Comparative and International Education Society. She serves on editorial committees of prestigious journals. Her monographs, edited and co-edited books include: *Les Africaines dans la politique: Femmes Baoulé de Côte d'Ivoire* (L'Harmattan, Paris 1996); *African Voices in Education* (Juta Publishers, Lansdowne, South Africa 2000); *Cyberspace, Distance Learning, and Higher Education in Developing Countries: Old and Emergent Issues of Access, Pedagogy and Knowledge Production* (Brill, Leiden and Boston 2004); *Higher Education in Africa: Crises, Reforms and Transformation* (CODESRIA, Dakar 2006) and *African Higher Education in Transition: Recurrent Impediments, Emerging Challenges and New Potentialities* (CODESRIA, Dakar, Forthcoming).

Research: Assié-Lumumba's teaching and research interests include: higher education; information and communication technologies; educational innovations; knowledge production; human resource development; education finance; equality of educational opportunity; gender and education; family and social institutions/structures; African history with a focus on the European expansion and the colonial and contemporary periods. Her ongoing research projects include: generations of African intellectuals; Gender and Disciplinary Clusters in African Universities; Education and African Renaissance; ICT, Global Agencies and Democratization of Education in Africa; Higher Education, Migration and African Women in North America; Differing Patterns of Gender Imbalance in Higher Education in Africa and the African Diaspora; and Ubuntu Epistemology and Humanist Education on a Global Scale.

She has worked in, and traveled to, many countries in North and South America, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe and throughout the African continent where she is familiar with social contexts and is involved with institution building and social transformation. She has served as a senior advisor for numerous national and international development agencies, organizations including various units of the United Nations system, foundations, and youth organizations.

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Academic Qualifications: D.V.M., 1975, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria; M.S., 1978, Kansas State University, Manhattan, U.S.A.; Ph.D., 1981, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria; Certificate In Advanced Pascal Computer Programming, 1988, Systech Ltd Trinidad, W.I.

Professional Qualifications: Member, Fishery Society of Nigeria (MFISON); Member, British Association of Clinical Anatomist (MBACA); Member, Caribbean Academy of Science (MCAS)



Prof. Godwin Nwachukwu
Isitor

Employment Experience:

Department of Public and Community Health, Novena University, Ogume, Delta State, Nigeria

Position

Professor (October, 2017 To Date)

Department Of Animal and Environmental Biology,

Faculty of Science, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt

Position Held

Professor (October, 2012 To September, 2017)

Department Of Basic Veterinary Sciences, Faculty Of Medical Sciences

The University Of The West Indies, Trinidad W.I.

Position Held

Visiting Professor (August 29, 2012 To July 30, 2013)

Department Of Public And Community Health, College Of Health Sciences

Novena University, Ogume, Delta State, Nigeria (October, 2010 To Dec. 30, 2012)

Position Held

Professor & Head Of Department (January, 2012 To Sept. 30, 2012)

Department Of Animal Science, Faculty Of Sgriculture, Delta State University,

Asaba Campus, Nigeria. (January, 2010 To December, 2011)

Position Held

Professor

Department of Preclinical Sciences, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad, W.I.
(November 1986 to June, 2009).

Positions Held

Professor of Veterinary and Microscopic Anatomy (May 2004 to June 2009)

Snr. Lecturer, Veterinary Anatomy (1986 to April 2004)

Department of Veterinary Anatomy, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (1976 to 1986)

Positions Held

Snr. Lecturer (1980 to 1986)

Lecturer I, (1976 to 1980)

Publications:

Has over 50 scholarly publications in refereed journals.

Present Research Focus:

Presently engaged in researches on pollution of aquaculture and its attendant public health and food security challenges.

Recently lead a team of researchers in implementing a TETFUND sponsored research project titled "Conservation of ornamental and food fish biodiversity through aquaria systems" at RSUST, Port Harcourt.

Professor Godwin Isitor—Page 7 Cont'd

Community Services:

Chairman, Isitor AgroMed Technology LTD., and Ugo Resorts and Health Farms Ltd. The companies under my leadership currently undertake the following :

Fishery and Aquaculture production, involving hatchery operations and selective breeding resulting in output of improved varieties of *Clarias sp.* (Catfish), *Heterobranchus spp.* (Asa) , *Heterotis sp.* (African arowana) , and *Oreochromis sp.* (Tilapia).

Turkey production, utilizing improved local and foreign breeds, resulting in high quality poultry meat and eggs products. Hatchery operation for production of improved varieties and highly resistant turkey poult is presently being implemented.

Formulation of highly nutritious and cost-effective turkey and fish feeds, utilizing home-grown duckweed and maize.

Out growing and cultivation of improved varieties of maize and cassava for dissemination to local farmers for improved yields.

Undertaking researches, in collaboration with higher institutions in the country, for production of cost-effective agricultural processing and preservation equipment, such as Solar Driers, Maize Sheller, etc.

Horticultural services towards growing of improved seedlings of herbal plants, such as Noni, Moringa, Soursop and Scent Leaf plants for production of herbal phytochemicals.

Engagement and training of youths for acquisition of relevant skills towards being self reliant and employable in agricultural enterprises.

Administering and hosting value-added lectures to the general public for enhanced quality living and lifestyle through health education.

Professor Godini G. Darah—Page 6 Cont'd

Professor Godini G. Darah

B.A. English (1973), Ph. D Oral Literature, (1982) Ibadan

Present Position:

Professor of Oral Literature and Folklore, Delta State University, Abraka

Work Experience (Academic)

2016-2017: Visiting Professor, Department of English & Literary Studies, Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa State

1992: Visiting Professor of African Folklore, Department of African American Studies, North-eastern University, Boston, U. S. A.

1978-1991: Lecturer, Department of Literature in English, Obafemi Awolowo University (formerly University of Ife), Ile-Ife

1986-1987: Part-Time Senior Lecturer, Department of English, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State

1974-1977: Teaching Assistant, Department of English, University of Ibadan



Professor Godini G. Darah

(Administrative)

2001-Date: Member, University Senate, Delta State University, Abraka

2007-Date: Member, Governing Council, Western Delta University, Oghara

2007-2008: Member, Interim Governing Council, Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun (FUPRE)

2009-2010: Chair, Blue Print Committee, Delta State Tertiary Education Summit

2002-2003: Chair, Committee for the Establishment of the Institute of Niger Delta Studies, Delta State University

2002-2003: Head of Department, English & Literary Studies, DELSU

Professor Godini G. Darah—Page 8 Cont'd

Government and Public Affairs:

2016 – Date: Member, Central Working Committee, Pan-Niger Delta Forum (PANDEF)
 2014: Delta State Delegate, National Conference, Abuja
 2013-2015: Chief Consultant, Development of Academic Brief and Curriculum, Nigerian Maritime University, Okerenkoko, Delta State.
 2016-Date: National Consultant on UNESCO 2003 Convention on Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)
 2007-Date: Member, Nigeria-UNESCO Advisory Committee on Oral and Intangible Cultural Heritage
 2010-Date: Founding President, Nigerian Oral Literature Association (NOLA)
 2010 – Date: Member, International Society for the Oral Literatures of Africa (ISOLA)
 2005-2007: Chief of Staff, Government House, Asaba
 2003-2005: Special Adviser on Public Communications, Delta State
 1998-2001: National Coordinator, Nigeria-South Africa Dialogue Committee
 1997-2007: Member, Delta State Think-Tank on Development
 1995-2001: Vice-President, Nigeria-Korea Friendship Association
 1995-2001: Vice-President, Nigeria-Cuba Friendship Association
 1988-1995: President, Nigerian Folklore Society
 1998-Date: Member, Bruce Onobrakpeya Foundation (BOF)
 1991-1995: Member, National Commission for Museums & Monuments
 1984-1986: Chairman, Academic Staff Union of Universities, OAU Branch

Experience in Journalism, Mass Media

2013- Present: Editor-In-Chief, *Nigerian Journal of Oral Literatures*
 2014-Present: Co-Editor with Tanure Ojaide, *ARIDON: The International Journal of Urhobo Studies*
 1995-2001: Chairman, Editorial Board, *The Guardian* newspaper, Lagos
 1992-1995: Chairman, Editorial Board, *Daily Times* newspaper, Lagos
 1995 & 2002: Journalist Special Guest of the Government of the Republic of Korea
 1995: Journalist-Delegate, United Nations Summit on Development, Copenhagen, Denmark
 1995-1997: Member, UN Media Committee on Development, Lagos
 1995: Principal Consultant, UNDP Workshops on Sustainable Development in Nigeria

Published/Edited Books (Samples)

- *Niger Delta, Resource Control and the Quest for Justice* (Ibadan: Kraftbooks 2014)
- *Radical Essays on Nigerian Literatures* (ed. Malthouse Press 2008)
- *Battles of Songs: Udje Tradition of the Urhobo* (Malthouse Press 2005)
- *Udje Song Poetry of the Urhobo and Oral Literature in Africa*, Delta State University Inaugural Lecture Series, 2010
- Bruce Onobrakpeya: *The Spirit in Ascent* (ed. Ovuomaroro Gallery, (1992)
- With Femi Osofisan and others (eds.) *Proceedings of the International Symposium on African Literatures*, (CBAAC, 1991)

Thanks So Very Much, Keynote Speakers!

Professors N'Dri Thérèse Assié-Lumumba, Godwin Nwachukwu Isitor and Godini G. Darah have made sterling contributions to education by the rigorous research work that they have done over the years. Nigeria, as well as regional and international communities stand to benefit even more from the research investigations that they are currently carrying out.

ISCEST is truly honoured to have such renowned academicians as Keynote Speakers for its 4th Annual Conference.; and for this ISCEST extends sincerest thanks.

Thank You!



Publication Watch: Well Done Professor Obire!



For yet another time in this issue of ISCEST News, the ISCEST membership is extending sincerest congratulations to one of its members—Professor Omokara Obire.

Professor Obire's book, *Virology: Introduction to Viruses*, is a November 2017 publication. In the Preface, the author relates: "I have tried to create a virology book that is "user friendly" with review questions and discussion so that students will actually read it. In this text, I have attempted to emphasize the basic areas in virology that are relevant to students in the Biological or Natural Sciences".

Book Review Report Book: *Virology: Introduction to Viruses*

This is a book on Introductory Virology for tertiary level science students. It is structured in fourteen (14) chapters that end with review questions and discussion.

In the first chapter: "The Nature and Cultivation of Viruses", the basics of molecular biology of viruses was adequately treated in forty-four pages. The next four chapters (2 – 5) and the eighth (8) chapter discuss Human Viral Diseases. These chapters together provide the knowledge of viral infection of gastro-intestinal tract, skin and mucous membrane, airborne and arthropod borne respectively.

Specific examples of viral disease were discussed in the following five (5) chapters: (6, 7, 9, 10 and 11). Chapter six (6) presents a detailed account of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) while Avian flu (Bird flu H5N1) and Flu as well as Ebola Virus and on the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) were treated in chapters seven (7) and nine (9) respectively.

Lassa virus and Lassa hemorrhagic fever (LHF) in addition to Zika virus and Zika fever were discussed in chapters ten (10) and eleven (11) respectively.

With the exposure of the readers to these Viral Diseases, a discussion of Vaccination and Prevention of Infectious Diseases (chapter 12) paints a full picture of the current situation in human viral diseases. This chapter concludes the section on important human viral diseases.

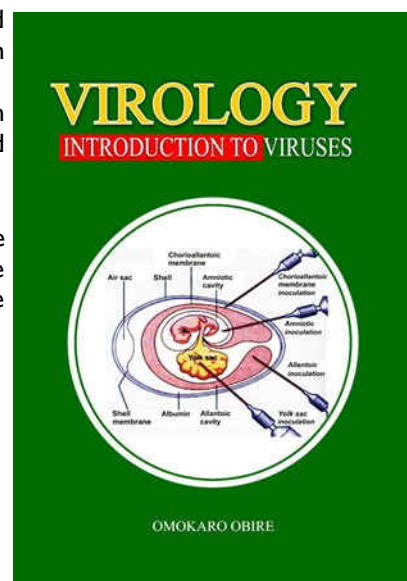
In an attempt to bring balance to the study of Viruses, Plant Viruses were discussed in the last two chapters. Plant viruses, transmission, symptoms and control (Chapter 13). And Important Plant Viruses (Chapter 14); the last section has been given more emphasis and in particular useful in agro industry.

In line with the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Guidelines for Higher Education Book development "Guidelines for Authors". The book was written in good English that is clear, comprehensive and with no ambiguity.

The TET Fund recommended format was adhered to as much as possible. The acknowledgment is embedded in the Author's preface. Figures and Tables are properly numbered with credit lines and legends below the art word. Guideline for referencing is strictly adhered to in the recommended order.

I recommend this book for use in the tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

Anonymous Book Reviewer
Commissioned by the Academic Planning Directorate
Rivers State University,
Port Harcourt, Nigeria



Some Comparative Education Conferences 2018

Comparative and International Education Society CIES

CIES 2018 Annual Conference

Theme: Re-Mapping Global Education: South-North Dialogue

Mexico City, Mexico

March 25-29, 2018



Comparative Education Society in Europe (CESE)

XXVIII Conference of CESE

Theme: Identities and Education: Comparative Perspectives in an Age of Crisis

Nicosia, Cyprus

May 29 - June 1, 2018



Bulgarian Comparative Education Society (BCES)

Theme: XVI BCES Conference Theme: Education in Modern Society

XVI Annual International Conference

Golden Sands, Varna, Bulgaria

11- 15th - 15 June, 2018



British Association for International & Comparative Education (BAICE)

Theme: Comparative Education and Development Alternatives: Critiques, Innovations and Transitions

University of York, England

12th – 14th September 2018



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An ISCEST Invitation: Become a Member!

The 4th ISCEST Annual Conference is now on its way! The Section themes are:

- (1) Education Sciences (2) Management Sciences (3) Environmental
and Agricultural Sciences (4) Technology (5) Applied Sciences

That's the reason why ISCEST exists. It is promoting teaching and cross-disciplinary research in all the above themes. It is a purposeful organization. It also aims to facilitate research publications; network with other professionals and professional organisations; and to support research students, organize conferences, workshops and meetings and being a resource to national policy makers. Do you see ISCEST as an organisation that can help to make positive differences in local and national education systems? Do you want to be a promoter of sound educational activities? Are you open to positive reform? If yes, become a member of ISCEST!



Get involved! Present a paper. Publish in the ISCEST Journal. For more information visit www.conference.iscest.org.

Saying 'Thank You' is Not an Option!

To you, the business and community organisations, academic institutions, patrons, concerned citizens and friends of ISCEST, the membership extends sincerest thanks to you for the encouragement and the various kinds of support that you have given to the society since its inception. You have made the society's existence a worthwhile one. You are the kind of supporters that any society would like to have in its corner.

It is with these grateful thoughts in mind that ISCEST dedicates this

Joanna Fuchs' poem to you. It is adapted especially for you!

You Didn't Have To

*Thank you for what you did;
You didn't have to do it.
I'm glad people like you
Could help ISCEST to get through it.*

*ISCEST always think of you
With a glad and grateful heart;
You are very special;
ISCEST knew it from the start!*

