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ISCEST's Founding President, Hon. Professor Steve Azaiki (OON) at 'Study in Ukraine Exhibition 2021'



L-R: Tatyana Mayboroda - representative, Suny State University; Representative, Ternopil University; Consul Ukrainian Embassy; Hon. Prof. Steve Azaiki; Dr Ngozi Ebisike, Federal Ministry of Health

ISCEST was ably represented at the *Study in Ukraine Exhibition 2021*. The event was held from Tuesday 21st September to Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at the Ukrainian Embassy in Abuja. ISCEST could not have fielded a more fitting representative than its very own founder, the Honourable Professor Steve Azaiki OON.

Through the medium of the Institute of Science and Technology (IST), Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, which is an important segment of the Azaiki Foundation, Professor Azaiki has established a practical and mutually beneficial partnership with the Kiev Polytechnic Institute (KPI). (More on this story on Page 9).

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Meet Science Keynote Speaker—Professor I. K. Dabipi



Professor I K Dabipi

Professor I. K. Dabipi research interests include Computer Security and Network Management, Parallel Computing and Algorithms Development, Performance Evaluation of Computer Networks, Optimization of Transportation Networks and Economic Analysis of Transportation Facilities. I. K. Dabipi holds the following degrees Ph.D., in Electrical Engineering, 1987, and a Master of Science, in Electrical Engineering, 1981, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Bachelor of Science, in Electrical Engineering, and Bachelor of Science in Physics/Mathematics, 1979 from Texas A&I University, Kingsville, Texas. I. K. Dabipi was the Chairman, Department of Engineering and Aviation Sciences University of Maryland Eastern Shore from 2001 - 2006. Prior to coming to University of Maryland Eastern Shore, he was the Interim Chairman, and chairman, Electrical Engineering Department, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana from 1997 - 2001. His experiences include working at Bell Communications Research and AT&T Bell Labs as member of technical staff during the summers of 1984 through 1987.

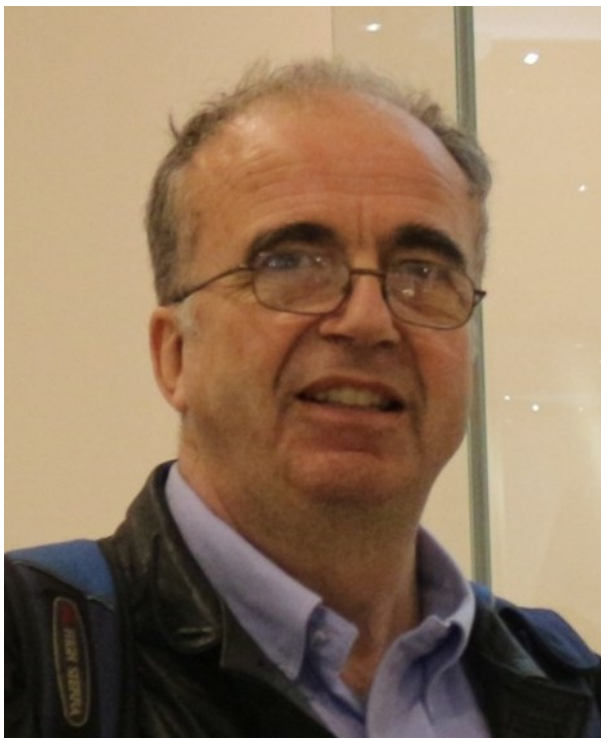
His Professional activities include: Reviewer, International Association of Journals and Conference (IAJC)-International Journal of Modern Engineering (IJME) Conference Program, International Conference on Engineering & Technology, November 17-19, 2008, Nashville, TN, Proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation, 2003 – Present, Reviewer, ASEE, 2000 to Present, Reviewer, FIE, 2001 to Present, Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Grant reviewer, 1995 – Present, Proposal Reviewer, U.S. Department of Education Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program, March 1996 & April 2003, U.S Department of Education Student Support Services Program, Hispanics Serving Institution program, Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need program proposal evaluator; 1995 – present, Editorial Board, Area Editor, International Journal of Communication Networks and Information Security (IJCNIS), Member of Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) AFRICAN DIASPORA TASK FORCE. He is a member of the IEEE 1876 standards committee working group as well as IEEE Education Society Standards Committee on member P2834 Working Group. He has been an invited guest speaker at Mid Atlantic Transportation Center Scholars Program from 2010 to 2021. He has authored and co-authored several papers in referred journals and conference publications. He is currently a senior member of the IEEE society.

Meet Technology Keynote Speaker—Professor David Turner

Professor David Andrew Turner is Professor Emeritus of Education at the University of South Wales, UK, and Professor at the Institute for International and Comparative Education (IICE), Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China.

He has extensive experience of teaching in schools and universities in the UK, including working as admissions tutor for several postgraduate programmes. He is the author of several books, including *Quality in Higher Education* (Sense Publishing, 2012) and *Theory and Practice of Education* (Continuum Books, 2007), as well as numerous scholarly articles in peer reviewed journals.

His research interests range across Comparative Education, Higher Education, Education Policy and Leadership and Management in Education.



Professor David Turner

Meet Education Keynote Speaker—Dr Elizabeth Eta



Dr Elizabeth Eta

Dr Elizabeth Eta holds a master's degree in Social Sciences and doctoral degree in Educational Sciences both from the University of Turku, Finland. She has extensive knowledge and expertise in international and comparative education and education export based on her work in academia and the private sector. Her doctoral dissertation which utilized theories in international and comparative education to examine the adoption of adaptation of a European reform for higher education harmonization in Cameroon was awarded doctoral dissertation of the year in 2018 in Education in Finland by the Finnish Association of Educational Research. Dr Eta currently works as a Project Director at GraphoGame, a Finnish EdTech game development and distribution company developing early literacy apps for kids in all major languages. She is also the responsible lecturer for the international and comparative education course at the University of Turku, Finland. She was the pioneer team lead of Ambitious

Africa Cameroon. Her research interest is diverse, including education policy, policy transfer (borrowing and lending) and diffusion, education export, and research ethics. She has published extensively on these topics

Professor Kpolovie, Winner of Global Scientist of Year Award

.....By Emesakoru Enifome

A former Director of Academic Planning, Research and Control, University of Port Harcourt, UNIPORT, Prof. Peter James Kpolovie, has emerged the winner of the global Scientist of the Year 2021 award.

Kpolovie was among the eight winners of the global competition organised by the International Achievements Research Centre (IARC) located in Montreal, Canada, a competition opened to scientists, engineers, researchers and innovators from all over the world.



Professor Kpolovie

The contest was designed to foster professional growth of talented scientists, engineers, and researchers from various regions of the world through showcasing the latest results of their work, notable discoveries and breakthroughs that advance the frontiers of Science and Technology.

Winners of the award alongside the Nigerian don are Prof. Georgy Fomenko, Yaroslavl State Technical University, Russian Federation; Manohara Basoor Halasiddappa, Agok Bio, San Francisco, USA; Prof. Inna Shevchenko, Kharkov National Automobile and Highway University, Ukraine and Prof. Laurens Molenkamp of the University of Wurzburg, Germany.

Others are Prof. Vadim Potapov, Geotechnological Center, Russian Federation; Prof. Kossi Bollanigini Amey, FORMATEC Institute, Togo and Prof. Vladimir Grachev AVERS, Russian Federation.

The Director of IARC Competition, Dr. Michael Finnen, in a congratulatory letter to Kpolovie in Port Harcourt, on the award said the professor's impressive accomplishments over the years and his commitment to excellence inspired the centre to recognize him as winner in the Natural Sciences/Computer and Information Sciences category.

The letter read: "Studying plenty of nominations received from different countries of the world for the 'Scientist of the Year 2021' Open International Competition, our international experts and the Judging Committee have thoroughly evaluated the potential and track record of each candidate, as well as the scientific value and impact of his/her works on the modern world and human being.

"The impressive accomplishments that you have been demonstrating over the years, along with your commitment to excellence inspired us to recognize you as a Winner 2021 in the 'Natural Sciences/Computer and Information Sciences' competition category.

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"To maximize the visibility of your works and achievements on the international level, your personal 'Scientist of the Year 2021 Winner' web page with a unique URL containing your name has been created and published on the official website of the 'Scientist of the Year' Open International Competition'.

"Honoring your leadership and outstanding professional achievements, we present you with a Certificate of Recognition. The Certificate contains a QR-code with the link to your personal web page mentioned above.

"As a Winner, you are granted a perpetual right to use the emblem "Scientist of the Year 2021 Winner" that promotes your accomplishments and highlights your international recognition. "You can use the Emblem in your own publicity, print it on your books, articles, and monographs, place it on your website and official pages on social networks, display it in your office, and many other ways. Also, as a winner, you receive the privilege to publish your informational or scientific article in the "International Tribune" section on the IARC official website free of charge".

However, Kpolovie, reacting said the recognition was based on his clear research publications and international books on rare scientific works before and during the advent of COVID-19 pandemic.

He named some of the books written in collaboration with eight top global brands as IBM SPSS Statistics Excellent Guide; Correlation, Multiple Regression and Three-Way ANOVA; Factor Analysis - Excellent Guide with SPSS; Statistical Approaches in Excellent Research Methods; Excellent Research Methods; Handbook of Research on Enhancing Teacher Education with Advanced Instructional Technologies; and Education Management in Developing Economies; among others.

Emesakoru Enifome Talks to Members of a Ukraine Delegation



3rd from Left: Emesakoru Enifome

Emesakoru Enifome, Director- University Partnerships- Africa, Worldview International Group U.K having an audience with visiting Ukrainian Center for International Education delegation to Nigeria led by Dr. Olena Shapovalova , accompanied by Irina Kolomyichuk, Director of Ukrainian -African Academic Center at V.N Karazin Kharkiv National University and representative of International European University -Ukraine to sink deal on students' recruitment from Africa.

Celebrating An Unassuming Brain Box - Hon. Steve Azaiki, OON

By Dason Nemieboka - a Port Harcourt-based PR consultant and author.

The leis of honour haven't ceased hanging on the neck of the member representing the Yenagoa, Kolokuma Opokuma Federal Constituency, Prof. Steve Azaiki, OON. He is gradually becoming a tremendous national human resource. This man of a small physical frame from the bowels of the Niger Delta; has, since his return to the country after his educational pursuit overseas, continued to contribute his quota to national development. Interestingly, the activities of Steve Azaiki have not gone unnoticed.

The Bayelsa-born technocrat has left indelible marks from the public service, academia, international relations, and currently in the nation's parliament. The global trotting representative has continued to draw down from his network to improve the net worth of Nigeria. Steve returned to Nigeria and founded the most organised environmental NGO in the country, the World Environmental Movement For Africa, WEMFA. Propelled by the achievements of WEMFA, Young Dr Azaiki noticed the lack of intellectual depth in policy formulation and so mobilised some of the finest brains around to start the National Think Tank. That was to help the Nigerian government to tap from substantial human resources. The NTT began in March 2008. Repeatedly organised public workshops, specialised conferences, and seminars to brainstorm on issues of national concern, thereby supplying valuable suggestions to solve tough national challenges.

Hon. Professor Steve Azaiki, a former Secretary to the State Government, is a rare breed. Even as a first-time parliamentarian, his contributions to the legislature are glaring. A member of seven house committees, Azaiki is giving back to society through his strategic intellectual interventions. An agriculturalist by training, Azaiki is an international scholar and technocrat. With vast administrative experience in public and private sectors. He is the founder of the Azaiki Public Library, Yenagoa, and the Institute of Science and Technology, Yenagoa. He Chairs the board of the Azaiki Foundation and sits on several other committees. A businessman and role model for youths. Steve is a multi-tasking personality who easily fits into any role.

Prof Azaiki had been a member of the Governing Councils of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, and Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island. He was also Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the NDU, thus justifying his service as president of the International Society of Comparative Education, Science and Technology (ISCEST), Nigeria. An organisation that is promoting research, development of knowledge, and skills, which he introduced to Nigeria. Azaiki is also active in education, enabling organisations such as Comparative & International Education Societies of America (CIESA), World Congress of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES), co-opt him into their Executive Committees. He is also an Executive Member of both the Under-Represented Group Societies (UREAG), and Southern African Comparative and History of Education Society (SACHES).

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At the federal level, he had served as Special Adviser to Ministers at various ministries exposing him to leadership at all levels. No wonder he successfully expanded the influence and visibility of the Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption, GOPAC, Nigeria, after he was elected President in Doha, Qatar, a few years ago. Only in October 2021 was he again honoured with the Uhuru/Raila Peace Accord award by the London Political Summit in London. Just after he was elected to the board of the Global Parliamentary Network. That Prof Azaiki was elected into a twelve-member board of the global organisation is by itself an honour to him and Nigeria. Indeed, Prof Steve Azaiki is becoming a serial awardee, with honours and recognitions coming worldwide.



Worshipful Mayor of Islington Council, Councillor Troy Gallagher presents award to the Hon. Professor Steve Azaiki OON

The award was received at the Sixth Annual London Political Summit and Awards event in London. The Summit aims to boost the further discussions and debates on the role and place of politics in modern democratic order, as nation states continue to evolve.

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Dr Igbogi Presents at the 2021 BCES Conference

Improving Government and Private Maritime Training Programmes for Nigerian Seafarers: Lessons from Selected Countries

Abstract

Education and training are vital elements to the development and standards of any maritime economy. For economic growth in Nigeria, many opportunities present themselves in oil and gas sectors, mega construction integration and sea-borne trade. However, the threats are just as prevalent in areas such as inefficient manpower, policy implementation failures, insufficient government funding and infrastructure deficit. These result in the dominance of the sub-sector by foreign seafarers. The need for education and training for Nigerian



Dr Elei Green Igbogi

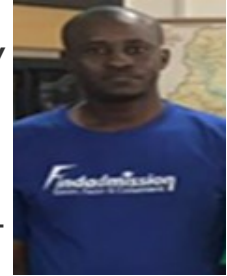
seafarers is vital. This paper explores how government and private maritime training institutions can improve their programmes with a view to strengthening the Nigerian maritime economy. It utilises a desk research approach to support the discussion. Turkey is identified as a nation that benefits from maritime training. The training programme was run by the Turkish Maritime Education Foundation (TUDEV) and the Turkish Chamber of Shipping (TCS). The paper also cited Australia, an island nation that is highly dependent on shipping for both international trade and domestic freight movements, as gaining much benefits from maritime education and training. The Philippines, China and Indonesia were also identified as nations whose economies have improved because of the focus that they have put on maritime education and training. From the literature that was reviewed, the paper concludes that there are many lessons that the Nigerian maritime industry can learn from the nations that run a comprehensive education and training programme. Following their examples can bring much benefit to the maritime and general economy.

Keywords: maritime economy, education and training, international trade, maritime industry, seafarer

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ISCEST Nigeria took part in an International education exhibition “Study in Ukraine 2021” in Nigeria

..... By Emesakoru Enifome



Emesakoru Enifome

On September 21st-22nd, 2021' the International Society of Comparative Education, Science and Technology (ISCEST Nigeria) was present at the "Study in Ukraine- Exhibition 2021", which took place in Abuja under the auspices of the Embassy of Ukraine in Nigeria.

The exhibition was dedicated to the promotion of Ukrainian education on the west coast of Africa. The International Society of Comparative Education, Science and Technology (ISCEST Nigeria) was represented at the event by the Founding President, Hon. Prof Steve Azaiki (OON). During the event, the participating universities' representatives had an audience with Hon. Prof Steve Azaiki (OON). They held discussions on the recognition of Ukrainian degrees, scholarships for Nigerian students studying in Ukraine, expanding cooperation between higher education institutions and signing bilateral agreement in the field of education, between Ukraine and Nigeria. In particular, Hon. Prof Steve Azaiki (OON) expressed his continuing support for the cooperation between Institute of Science and Technology, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State and Kiev Polytechnic Institute (KPI) as a successful example of a partnership between higher education institutions of the two countries.

This testimony excited the audience, but clearly reflects the culture of excellence in the Ukrainian educational system which he has adopted back home in Nigeria. The Federal Lawmaker further described Ukrainians as a very friendly and accommodating people who provide conducive environment for learning and living.

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An Important Reminder!

ISCEST's President, Professor Jason Osai takes this opportunity to send an important reminder to education officials, policy makers, curriculum developers, academics, lecturers, teachers, students and other interested persons to participate in the VIII ISCEST Conference. All researchers who have already collected and analysed, and are searching for an opportunity to publish research papers, are invited to publish in ISCEST's official journal, Current Studies in Comparative Education, Science and Technology (CSCEST) .



Professor J. Osai

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