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## ISCEST Congratulates Its Nordic Countries' Coordinator

The ISCEST Family is delighted to extend heartiest congratulations to Dr Elizabeth Agbor Eta on the occasion of her ceremonial conferment of Doctoral Degrees at the University of Turku, Finland. The ceremony took place on May 26th and 27th, 2022.

Dr. Eta completed her Doctoral Studies at the Faculty of Education at the University of Turku in 2018. Her doctoral dissertation, located in the field of comparative and international education, examined the process of adoption and adaptation of the original European reform – the Bologna Process for the harmonization of higher education in Cameroon – a country with complex colonial and post-colonial history. Her doctoral dissertation won best doctoral dissertation in Education in Finland that year

awarded by the Finnish Educational Research Association (FERA). The story behind the ceremonial conferment of doctoral degrees in Finland is quite an enlightening and interesting one. Read all about it on page 4. Dr Eta's 2022 ceremonial conferment story continues on pages 4 & 5.

Dr Eta is also a member of ISCEST's official journal editorial team.



Dr Elizabeth Agbor Eta

### Publish Your Research Paper in CSCEST!



Current Studies in Comparative Education, Science and Technology (CSCEST) is ISCEST's Official Journal. The journal promotes interdisciplinary studies in education, science and technology. It publishes original research and papers that discuss, analyse or evaluate policies, or those that disclose relevant gaps in existing research. For more information on paper submission please visit <http://www.journal.iscest.org/>.

## Professor Chinma's Webinar Presentation 11th March 2022 (Cont'd from Issue 1)

**Title:** *How to Write Research Articles for Journal Publication and Increase Visibility of Research*

**□2. ABSTRACT**

□ Abstract briefly explains what was done in the research, and the key findings.

➤ A full abstract should contain:

Some background information.

The principal activity (or purpose) of the study and its scope.

Some information about methods used in the study.

The most important results of the study.

A statement of conclusion or recommendation.

➤ A clear abstract will strongly influence whether or not your work is further considered.

➤ Be mindful of the word limit (usually 150-250 words) specified in the Journal Author's Guide.

**□2. ABSTRACT CONTINUED**

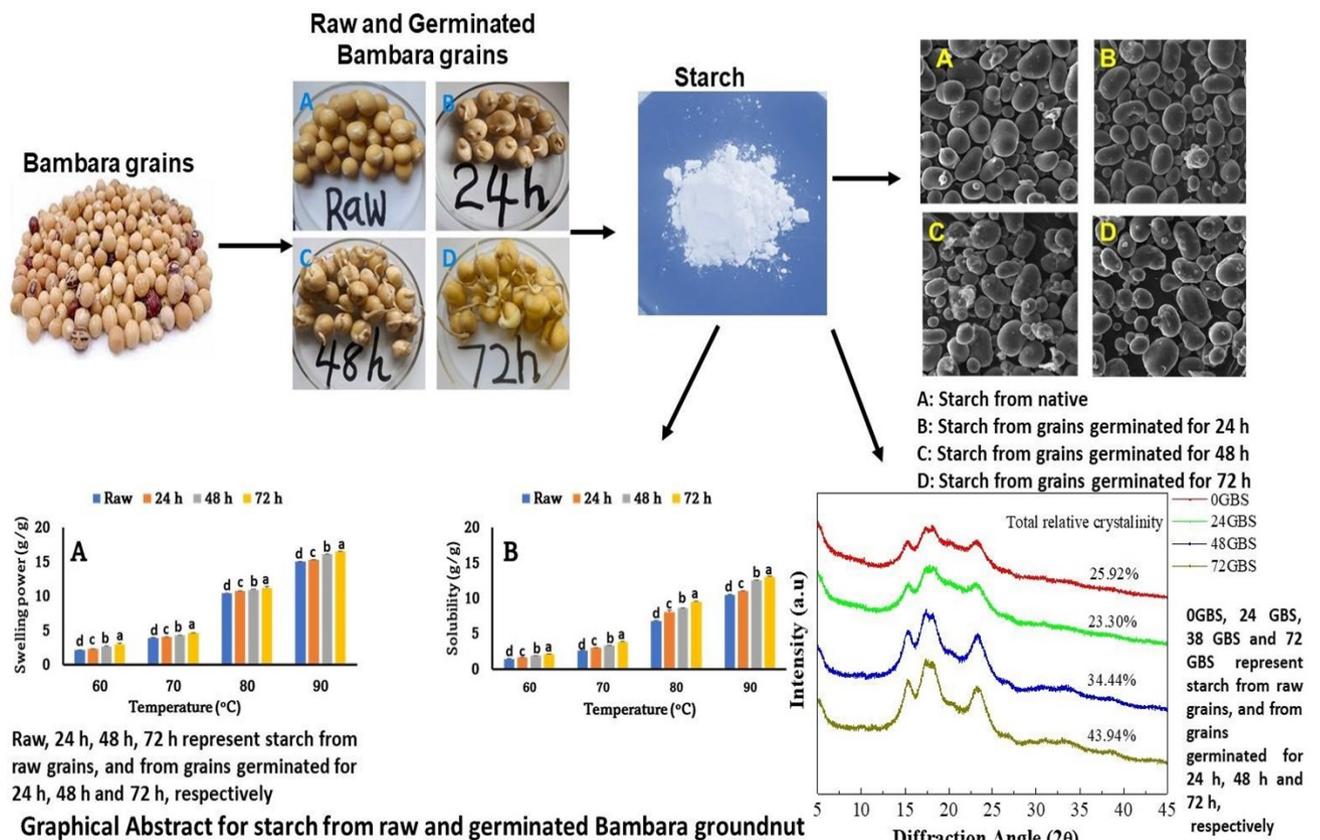
➤ Most journals require graphical abstract.

➤ Graphical Abstract is a visual summary of the main findings of the article that is placed as part of your article on ScienceDirect (Elsevier) and will turn up in online search result lists.

➤ It will help people to understand the key point of your article at a glance.



Professor Chiemela E Chinma



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### □ 3. KEYWORDS

- Keywords are the labels or tags for the paper.
- Important for accurate indexing and abstracting services e.g. Scopus.
- Use specific words that clearly capture the work – do not repeat words already in the title.
- Check the 'Guide for Authors' for the maximum number of keywords allowed.
- Only use abbreviations that are firmly established in the field of study (e.g. DNA).

## GENERAL STRUCTURE OF A RESEARCH ARTICLE

### □ 4. INTRODUCTION

This section provide background to the study or brief context of the research.

#### **Pointers for a compelling introduction :**

Statement to provide the reader with the background information to the key issue.

Specific statement about the aspects of the problem already studied by other researchers, laying a foundation of an existing information.

Statement that indicate the need for more investigation, creating a gap or research niche for the present study to fill.

Statement that highlight the objectives of the study.

Statement that present the justification for the study.

- An effective introduction providing answers to the following questions:

Is the contribution new?

Is the contribution significant?

Is the paper suitable for publication in the journal?

- A maximum of three or four paragraphs is appropriate for this section<sup>11</sup>.

### □ 5. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Briefly describe the methods employed to achieve the research objectives.

This section establishes credibility for the results by showing how they were obtained.

This section can be organized in different ways:

By activities tied to specific procedures.

By objectives tied to standard methods.

By functional categories such as planning, development, and implementation

Be detailed: A knowledgeable reader should be able to repeat the experiment with the information provided.

Any previously published procedures should not be written in detail, but appropriate references must be provided.

**(To be continued in Issue 3)**

## Ceremonial Conferment of Doctoral Degrees in Finland

By Dr Elizabeth Eta

This ceremony which confers scholars into the academic community in Finland dates to the Middle Ages in Europe with the conferment of bachelor's and master's in Paris and Bologna.

The tradition later spread to Sweden where the first ceremonial conferment was organized in 1600 at the Uppsala University. During that time, Finland was part of the Swedish Kingdom and the Royal Academy of Turku. Founded in 1640 and situated in Turku until the Great Fire in 1827, the Royal Academy was the first university in Finland. After the Great Fire, the Royal Academy was moved to Helsinki.



Dr Elizabeth Eta

In Finland, ceremonial conferments used to be celebrations of master's degrees as they were considered more important than doctoral degrees. Conferment of doctoral degrees took place in Turku for the first time in 1781, organized by the faculty of Medicine. Following Finland's independence in 1917, and the creation of the University of Turku in 1920, the first ceremonial conferment was organized at the University of Turku in 1927 as part of the inauguration of the university.

Given the growth in the number of students, ceremonial conferments are now reserved only for doctoral degrees. The last ceremonial conferment of master's degrees at the University of Turku was held in 1977.

Unlike most countries where the academic attire during graduations is a robe, In Finland, it is a hat and a sword and the academic colour is black. The hat symbolizes 'freedom of thought and research' and the sword symbolizes the 'sharpness of the mind'.

Worthy to mention is that ceremonial conferments, in Finland, are not yearly events. At the University of Turku, in the 1960s and 1970s, they were organized twice per decade. Now, they are organized once every two or three years. The ceremony that took place in May 2022 was planned to hold in 2020 but was postponed twice because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although the events marking the ceremonial conferment of doctoral degrees have evolved, today, the celebration includes:

- A sword sharpening ceremony - held the day before the actual conferment ceremony
- The conferment ceremony – a celebration of the academia, scientific achievements, science and scholarship, and academic rite of passage
- An academic procession
- A service – divine and secular
- A banquet

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**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!**

## Some Scenes from the Ceremonial Conferment (Cont'd from p.1)



Dr Eta being conferred



Dr Eta at the Sword Sharpening Ceremony



Dr Eta in front of the Turku Cathedral after the service

*You educate a man; you  
educate a man. You edu-  
cate a woman; you edu-  
cate a generation—  
Brigham Young.*



Dr Eta at the ceremonial conferment banquet with husband Dr Valerie Eta, who holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering from Åbo Akademi University, Finland

## Merited Commendation!

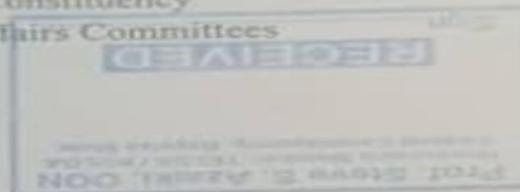


**Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakub, MHR**  
Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency, Adamawa State  
Chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs

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March 9, 2022

Prof. Steve S. Azallki, OON  
Yenagoa/Kolokuma-Opokuma Federal Constituency  
Member, Appropriations and Foreign Affairs Committees  
House of Representatives  
National Assembly Complex  
Abuja.



*MY Dea Buba,*

### LETTER OF COMMENDATION IN RESPECT TO YOUR DISPLAY OF REAL PATRIOTISM IN THE ONGOING RUSSIAN-UKRAINE CONFLICTS

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, wishes to officially commend your esteemed self for the noble roles you played in Ukraine before and during the on-going conflicts to put thousands of Nigerian students and nationals out of harm's way.

2. It is on record that as a former student and erstwhile lecturer at a University in Ukraine you facilitated the admission and entrance of hundreds of Nigerian students into different institutions of higher learning in that country and enhanced in that regard the human capital development of several Nigerians, who are now contributing their quotas to the development of our people and the Nigerian nation.

3. It is also on record that, you had undertaken several measures at personal expense to shelter, cater for and protect many Nigerian nationals in Ukraine at the onset of threats of war and had also devised very ingenious strategies and means to mobilise notable Nigerians in Ukraine and the entire region in a bid to offer assistance, advice, welfare and passage to safety for the thousands of Nigerian students in Ukraine, an act which did not go

unnoticed by not only other notable Nigerians and Envoys in the region, but as well as nationals of other African countries in the region.

4. While re-iterating the kind commendations of the Committee on Foreign Affairs for your acts of patriotism, I urge you, Hon. Prof., my brother, to accept the assurances of the very warm regards of all members of the Committee.

**Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Yusuf Buba Yakub**  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs  
House of Representatives

## Merited Commendation! (Cont'd from Page 6)

The Honourable Steve Azaiki OON is well known for his involvement in academic affairs and his attachment to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) activities in Ukraine. Steve Azaiki is a Professor of Conflict and Crisis Management & International Relations at the Ukrainian Academy of Personnel Management and International Relations. He was a lecturer at the Department of Phytopathology, Faculty of Plant Protection, Ukraine Agriculture Academy. However, the recognition that he received from the Right Honourable Dr Yusuf Buba Yakub, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, was for something much more magnanimous. It is for the role he played in facilitating the entry process to several HEIs for hundreds of Nigerian students. This is in addition to his display of real patriotism in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The invaluable assistance rendered to Nigerian students include advocacy, welfare and a 'haven' during very difficult times.



Professor Steve Azaiki

ISCEST wishes to use this medium to join the Right Honourable Dr Yusuf Buba Yakub and the Committee on Foreign Affairs to recognise its Founding President, the Honourable Steve Azaiki OON, in his role as an anchorage for Nigerian students during very distressing times. Well done Professor Azaiki!

The Right Honourable Dr Yusuf Buba Yakub currently serves as the Federal Representative for the Gomb/Hong constituency in the 9th National Assembly. He is the Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Affairs.



L-R: Hon. Dr Yusuf Buba Yakub, Chairman Foreign Affairs Committee at the National Assembly, Abuja; Professor Steve Azaiki, Chairman sub Committee on Chad.

## Congratulations Are In Order!

ISCEST wishes to congratulate the following members for completing their studies at tertiary education level:



*Your positive action combined with positive thinking have resulted in your success—Shiv Khera.*



Dr(Mrs) Lois .E. Obed-Ojukwu graduated February 2022 from Ignitius Ajuru University of Education, Rivers State with a PhD in Community Health, Works as an Assistant Chief Environmental Health Officer in the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Dr. Martha Azuonwu— PhD in Industrial Technology Education (Electrical/Electronic Technology, option), Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rivers State, Nigeria



Lady Dr.(Mrs) Clementina. O. Chikeka. Graduated in February'2022, from Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences with a Ph.D Occupational health and safety Stud-

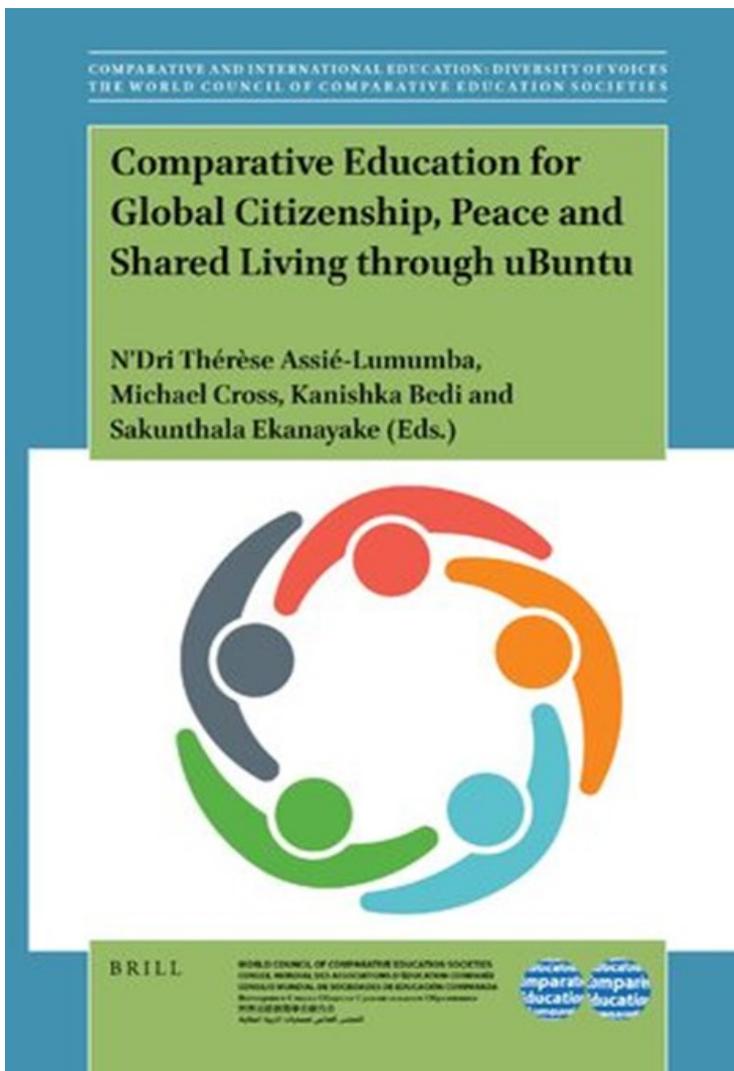


Nerrisa Bekwele Chinda  
Degree obtained: Master's Degree in Educational Administration( M.Ed)



Omereji Gift Saint  
Achievement: Master's in Educational Management.  
University: Ignatius Ajuru University of Education

## Another Publication Achievement for Two ISCEST Authors!



Professor Steve Azaiki and Dr Gertrude Shotte are pleased to be contributors to this timely book.

The book has fifteen (15) chapters. The contribution from the ISCEST authors, is found in Chapter 4.

Available Formats:

- ◆ E-Book (PDF)
- ◆ Hardback
- ◆ Paperback

For more information, including how to get a copy of the book, please visit:

<https://brill.com/view/title/62967>.



Esther Enaregha - Promoted from the rank of Principal lecturer to chief lecturer. Institution: Isaac Jasper Boro College Of Education, Sagbama. Bayelsa State, Nigeria

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To: The **six ladies** who have reached another milestone:

**MASSIVE  
CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

From: The ISCEST Family

## Don't Miss This Opportunity!

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For more information, interested students can reach out to Emesakoru Enifome, Country Manager, Nigeria, M Square Media (MSM) Canada via [emesakoru.enifome@msquaremedia.com](mailto:emesakoru.enifome@msquaremedia.com), or by 07054360278.



Emesakoru Enifome



*We often miss opportunity because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work— Thomas A Edison.*



## Attend 2022 International Education Conferences!



British Association For International & Comparative Education  
Partnerships In Education: Collaboration, Co-Operation and Co-Optation  
13—15 September 2022 University of Edinburgh

KIE Conference – 26-28 July 2022  
Madrid, Spain

The World Education Fellowship  
The Torrance Roundtable,  
Kaufman Research Symposium

Reisman Diagnostic Creativity Assessment (RDCA) Special Interest Group



ICCIE—International Conference on Comparative and International Education—November 11-12, 2022 in Tokyo, Japan



The 3rd Barcelona Conference on Education (BCE) from Tuesday, September 20, 2022 to Friday, September 23, 2022.

The BCE Organising Committee welcomes papers from a wide variety of interdisciplinary and theoretical perspectives.



**ICGICE 2022**  
September 23, 2022  
London, GB

International Conference on Global Issues and Comparative Education (ICGICE) on September 23-24, 2022 in London, United Kingdom.

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## An Open Invitation!

Dr Nedie Akani, ISCEST's President, invites academics, researchers, educators, policy makers, curriculum developers, students and all who have an interest in education, science and technology to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virtual and 9<sup>th</sup> Annual ISCEST International Conference. It takes place from 01-03 December, 2022. The theme is **Rethinking Sustainable Education for Sustainability in a Pandemic Age**. The thematic sections are:



Dr Nedie Akani

- Education
- Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
- Engineering Science and Technology

Registration for the conference is now open. For more information please visit <https://www.iscest.org>.

## Call for Papers!

Submit a paper for publication in the **December 2022 CSCEST Volume!**

## Our Sincerest Gratitude!

Giving thanks is the right thing to do  
To show our sincerest appreciation  
For all the support given to ISCEST  
And all the pep and commendation

As time passes we continue to show  
A warm, pleasant and caring attitude  
So with grateful hearts we beg of you  
Do accept our sincerest gratitude



Gertrude Shotte