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# ED NCAM Pledges Continuous Support for NIAE

## donates N100,000 to New EXCO

NEC members paid a courtesy call on the Executive Director (ED) of NCAM, Prof. K.C. Oni and his management Team. Engr. Dr. Ahaneku, representative of the NCAM Director in the EXCO presented the out-going and incoming EXCO members to the Executive Director. The Immediate Past Chairman (IPC), Prof. J. Ohu formally introduced the EXCO members and commended the Director for the wonderful support accorded to NIAE in forms of free accommodation and feeding to all the members during NEC meetings for many years. He appealed to the Director to extend the supports to the incoming and future EXCO members. Engr. Dr. Ahaneku in a brief remark informed the house of the salient achievements made by the Director as Chief Executive of NCAM in the last two years. The achievements included:

a. construction of access roads,
b. provision of internet facilities (VSAT)
c. Equipping of the computer laboratory,
d. Furnishing of lecture Theatre, Staff office, Library, Construction of boreholes, registrations of NCAM Journal (AGRIMECH), among others,



**ED of NCAM at the event**

In his response, the ED congratulated the incoming EXCO and pledged NCAMs continuous support to NIAE, because NCAM programme is an NIAE programme; promotion of Agricultural Engineering to meet Nigerian requirements for self sufficiency in food production. He advised the EXCO members to make use of the seasoned Agricultural Engineers as resource persons to NIAE in order to achieve the Institutionsô desired objectives.

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# NIAE awards Prof. Yisa a Fellow

Engr (Prof.) M. G. Yisa (FNIAE, MINAE), the Honourable Commissioner of Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Kwara State was awarded with Fellow of the Institution. Fellow is the most prestigious position of membership for the Institution. Engr. Yisa, an erudite professor of Agricultural Engineering, a seasoned administrator who served the Institution in various capacities as Nat. Assist. Sec., Vice Chairman, etc for almost two decades. He was one of the distinguished members of the Institution who were honoured with Fellow during the 29th AGM in Yola for their immense contributions to the development of the Institution.The investiture for Engr. Yisa was done at his Residence in Ilorin by the Immediate Past Chairman, Prof. J. O. Ohu (FNSE, FNIAE) and witnessed by some past and present EXCO members including the newly elected National Chairman, Dr. S. Z. Abubakar (FNIAE, MNSE).

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**Prof. Yisa, and some NEC members**

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# NIAE Plans to Joint ASABE

In its effort to be global, NIAE is presently negotiation with ASABE for cooperative membership that will give opportunity to members of NIAE and ASABE (**American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE)** of professional working relation. This effort is facilitated by the Nigerian members of ASABE, led by the National Vice Chairman, Prof. B.A. Adewumi during the recent concluded conference of ASABE in USA. Below is the draft agreement, which would be deliberated by NEC members at their scheduled meeting of 24th July, 2008 in NCAM.

**Part of the Agreement**

No joint action will be allowed that would violate the laws and regulations of either country.

Each organization will respect the copyright policy of the other organization and agrees that intellectual property will not be republished without prior written permission from the originating organization.

Membership

All Nigerian members of NIAE shall be members of ASABE. All ASABE members living in Nigeria shall be members of NIAE. ASABE will extend to NIAE our *Section Member Rebate Policy* and list NIAE as a Section in our databases, materials and *Member Roster*. Currently, the rebates paid to NIAE by ASABE would be:

-$3.00 for each New Member (first time joining NIAE /ASABE)

-$2.00 for each member in their first year of membership (after the initial year of membership)

-$1.00 for each member in their second year of membership

-$.50 for each member with two or more years of membership

ASABE will provide ASABE members, worldwide, the opportunity to be members of NIAE via our Web site.

The application for membership, for all new members, shall be on a form agreeable to both Societies and shall reflect membership in both organizations. The application shall be available on both the ASABE and NIAE websites. It is expected that NIAE will collect all applications and dues and, on a quarterly basis, forward these to ASABE.

ASABE will maintain a computerized database of the joint NIAE/ASABE membership and provide reports to NIAE upon request. NIAE/ASABE members will be included in the ASABE member search, information, and technical expertise databases. This will enable NIAE members to search for members generally, and for members with specific technical expertise, within Nigeria or worldwide. Additionally, inclusion in the databases will enable NIAE leadership to correspond with their members with ñone clickò access.

Dues will be billed in a manner agreeable to both Societies. To lessen foreign exchange fees, it is anticipated that NIAE will bill all dues annually for both societies and will provide pertinent member information and payment to ASABE. ASABE will process the NIAE/ASABE member information and dues payments and update membership records accordingly.

In late September of each year, the exchange rate for the Nigerian currency and the U.S. currency will be agreed upon by NIAE and ASABE for the subsequent calendar year. This should ensure ease of processing new members and renewing members throughout the year.

2. Representation

Annually, after their annual meeting, NIAE will provide ASABE with a list of officers. The NIAE National Chair and Secretary and ASABE President and Executive Vice President shall be the official liaisons between the two societies. The liaisons shall provide reports to the NIAE and ASABE Boards as deemed appropriate.

3. Cancellation

This agreement may be cancelled by either party upon submission of written notification at least one year in advance of the cancellation date. The next line of action would be the conclusion of the negotiation and signing of the agreement

Also African ASABE Network Group Forms

The Group was formed with the following purposes:

Develop a forum for Africans attending ASABE annual international meeting to meet during the meeting

Develop a network of Africans in ASABE such as sharing of ideas, developing collaborations, etc.

Develop a relationship between ASABE and the corresponding organizations/ associations in African countries.

Other African countries with significant number people within ASABE are encouraged to pursue this type of relationship. It should be mentioned that there is a formal relationship between the Chinese Agricultural Engineering Association and ASABE, and the South Korean Agricultural Engineering Association and ASABE.

NIAE Members who attended the ASABE Conference were John Osarenren (US and Nigeria), Folarin Alonge (Ilorin), Babatunde Adewumi (Akure), Catherine Alonge (Ilorin), and E.A. Ajav (Ibadan), , respectively

What would be the benefits to NIAE members? See next edition..

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## ...uous Support for NIAE

To improve the financial position of the Institution, he pledged a donation of one hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000) out of which Fifty Thousand Naira (N50,000) was promptly redeemed. The donation was in addition to the payment of transport allowances (N97,800) of all participants at the NEC meeting, their feeding, accommodation and refreshment. The issue of building of NIAE Secretariat (structure) at NCAM was also mentioned, it was suggested that NIAE should start the foundation on the land allocated to it many years ago by NCAM since the designs and drawings were made and then launch an appeal fund for the construction of the secretariat.

The Vice Chairman thanked NCAM particularly the Director on behalf of NIAE for the generous financial and moral supports and promised that NIAE particularly the present NEC would continue to consult senior professional colleagues on the activities of the Institution

Continue from Page 1:**NIAE awards Prof. Yisa a Fellow**

Engr Ohu stated that the award of Fellow to Engr Yisa is a result of his commitment and selfless service to the Institution and development of Nigerian agriculture through research, training and other professional services. He called on members to emulate the contribution of Engr Yisa. Earlier, Engr. S. O. Aniyi read the citation of Engr (Prof.) M. G. Yisa.
Engr Yisa expressed delight for the honour done to him by the NEC members for visiting him at his Residence despite tight schedule of the NEC meeting. He also thanked NIAE for the award and pledged to continue with his support for the Institution. He promised to serve NIAE whenever he is called upon to do so. He also pledged to support the reactivation of the Ilorin Branch of the NIAE in the shortest possible time. Thus, the reactivation of Ilorin Branch of NIAE becomes a challenge to past and present of NEC members in Ilorin; Engrs Olaoye, Ahaneku, Kasali, etc. Time will tell.

## Nigeria Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE)
## (A DIVISION OF THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS)

You may wish to recall the Fellowship Award Committee is to recommend prospective awardees to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Institution for the Award of Fellowship of the NIAE. In line with this, therefore, I wish to request all prospective awardees to submit there applications to the National Chairman, NIAE through the Chairman of his/her Regional Chapter.
To remind you once again, the criteria for the selection remains as follows:-

i) Be a graduate of Agricultural Engineering;
ii) Have had 20 years post-graduate experience;
iii) Be registered with COREN or an equivalent;
iv) Be a registered financial member of NIAE whose stand can be established for the past five years preceding the application;
v) Have shown measurable level of activity within the NIAE at both the Regional and National levels; and
vi) Have distinguished himself/herself academically/professionally in the field of Agricultural Engineering.

All Regional Chapter Chairmen are expected on receipt of applications in their region should summarize same in soft copy and email it to:-

The Secretary,
NIAE Fellowship Award Committee,
agad1965@yahoo.com

The date line for submission of applications to the Secretary of the Award Committee is on or before October, 2008.

**Signed:**
Engr. A. G. Abubakar
National Secretary ï NIAE,
Secretary, Fellowship Award Committee,
0805-274-0542, 0802-904-5246

CORPORATE
*AFFILIATE
*STUDENT

TO BAG THE ABOVE MEMBERSHIPS, APPLY THROUGH YOUR REGIONAL CHAIRMAN BY COLLECTING THE APPROPRIATE/RELEVANT FORM OR FROM YOUR BRANCH CHAIRMAN OR THE NAT. SEC.

## Participate in the NIAE membership drive.

Search for Agricultural Engineer friends and classmates and encourage them to register and contribute to the development of the Institution. You can obtain membership form from your regional chairman or the Nat. Sec. Engr (Dr) M. K. Othman through e-mail addresses. mkothman@yahoo.co.uk, mkothman@gmail.com
niae.engineers@yahoo.com

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# IAN-QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

**The new EXCO was over-whelmed by the unanimous verdict of confidence shown for most of its members during the election.**

***I want to appeal to all , in our various capacities and at the different levels to please give the maximum support and goodwill to their NIAE leaders to implement these reform agendas***



Engr. Dr. S.Z. Abubakar (**FNIAE, MNSE**)
National Chairman

On behalf of the newly elected executive council (EXCO) of NIAE, please permit me to thank each and every member of our great professional Institution for giving us the opportunity to serve this noble profession in the various capacities elected. The new EXCO are indeed appreciative to all who made it a duty to be personally present at Yola to ensure that a credible leadership emerged during the election as well as those who sent their goodwill and support.
The new EXCO was overwhelmed by the unanimous verdict of confidence shown by members during the election.

It would be recalled that during the traditional acceptance speech, I committed the new EXCO to God Almighty for guidance and support and further pledged that radical policy changes will be introduced in order to bring the much expected positive transformation of the institution to be very useful to the teeming membership as well as to the nation. The key issues to be addressed by these changes were:

Standardization of Administrative Practices for Effective NIAE Operations

Decentralization Policy of NIAE Operations for Effective & Inclusive Participation

Strengthening, Expansion and Deepening the Financial Base of NIAE

Intensive information generation and provision for membership use

Partnership in promotion and advocacy

Mainstreaming in NSE, COREN, NUC, NBTE, etc

Memoranda on each of these road maps were prepared and deliberated upon and approved by the national executive council during its first meeting for implementation. The implications of this on all levels of leadership as well as followership of NIAE are obvious. We are expected at individual and collective levels to re-examine our attitudes towards our profession represented by the Institution and level of our participation in the running of the institution.
The precise content of each memorandum will be made available to regional and branch chairmen for their study, circulation and compliance by all.
I want to appeal to all members in various capacities and at the different levels to please give the maximum support and goodwill to their NIAE leaders to implement these reform agenda.
On behalf of the national secretariat, I wish all a pleasant 2008 farming season and bumper harvest of agricultural produce.
Thank you all and God bless.

Engr. Dr. S.Z. Abubakar (**FNIAE, MNSE**)
National Chairman

Message from Secretariat
Be an active member of NIAE, pay dues regularly, attend your Regional and Branch meetings, write for the Monthly Newsletter at www.niae.net or send for your copy from mkothman@yahoo.co.uk

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# ng NEC Meeting of 3rd April, 2008

**Absence of Some Regional Chairmen**

The house noticed the absence of majority of Regional Chairman who are the major link to the NIAE members in their regions and directed that regional chairmen, in the event of their unavoidable absence at NEC Meeting, should send their representatives with regional reports. The house also directed members, who are expected to make presentation at NEC Meeting, to send such presentation(s) to other NEC members via e-mails before the meeting. In the event of unavoidable absence of such members at NEC meeting they should send their representatives with the presentation.

**PRESENTATION OF MEMO ON RE-ORGANIZATION OF NIAE**

The items in the Memo were exhaustively discussed and the following resolutions were made:

On devolution of tasks and responsibility to Regions and Branches,

Branches and regions are to mobilize members and collect their annual membership fees of N1,500.00 per member.

Branches are to retain 5% of the fees collected for their activities while regions are to retain 2.5% and the remaining 92.5% are to be paid to the National Body through the Bank account on-line **(Bank account No.: 0492080000139, UBA, Ilorin Main Branch, Ilorin, Kwara State)**

Regions and Branches are to collect membership application forms from the Secretariat to sell to potential members and facilitate the registration of such members,

Chairmen of the regions and branches, after due consultation and permission are to represent NIAE in events that the Institution is invited in their or outside their domain,

Regions and Branches are to identify groups or focal persons within the membership of NIAE who have connection with the local environment or with the target partner(s) to execute tasks/activities, which can promote or facilitate NIAE to achieve its objectives,

On strengthening, expansion of NIAE financial base

All regions and branches should have operational Bank account and develop a strategy for timely collection of annual dues, registration of new members, pledges, donations, etc,

Regions and branches should have receipt booklets for issuance of receipts to members/organizations that make payments.

Month of August each year is adopted as the financial year of the Institution instead of June; Members are to take note of this change. Month of September is remains as the month for the annual conference. In this regard, **South-East is granted a provisional hosting right for the 2009 NIAE conference,**

NIAE national and regional bodies should establish outfits for carrying out consultancies and specialized jobs for prospective clients (LGA, SGs, Companies, etc). They should also initiate projects for revenue generation and enrichment of experience to members,

On standardization of Administrative practices for effective operation

The house set-up a 4-man committee, headed by Vice Chairman with Regional Chairman (SE), Treasurer and Financial Secretary as members. The committee should submit report within two weeks. The committee was mandated to discuss and propose what NIAE should be paid to members on assignments or meetings such as:

Payment of costs of allowances to members on NIAE assignments to cover traveling, per Diem,

Communication (telephone, sending of mails, website subscription etc),

Planning and conduct of meetings, conferences, annual lectures, standing and ad-hoc committee works, etc,

Welfare packages for members (family) in distress at the 3 levels (National, region and branch) e.g. death, tragedy, etc,

Presents or gifts to members who achieved success in their lives, made giant achievements at the 3 levels (National, region and branch), e.g. appointment, promotion, etc,

4. On the proposal made by the secretariat, the house approved as follows:

Printing of letterhead papers, files, membership forms, certificates for students, affiliates corporate membership and fellows and distribution of the forms to regions and branches.

Empowerment of Central Planning Committee (CPC) to be headed by the Vice Chairman, other members of the committee are to be appointed based on proximity and merit. The committee is to liaise and work directly with LOC on conference organizing activities**. All monies realized during the conference should be paid directly into NIAE account, which should be disbursed to the LOC as the need arise**,

Production of electronic copies of monthly Newsletters for distribution to members through their e-mail addresses,

Production of hard copies of quarterly newsletters subject to availability of funds. The Secretariat can also seek assistance from organizations for the production of the hard copies and/or solicits advertisements from individuals and organizations and use the money generated for the production,

Regional Chairmen to compile e-mail address of their members and forward them to the Secretariat to facilitate communication with members,

The Secretariat should appoint news correspondents columnists and article writers among members from regions and branches for contribution to the monthly/quarterly newsletters.

Creation and posting of data bank of all NIAE members into the NIAE website,

Development of the NIAE website (www.niae.net) to become vibrant with relevant information on Agricultural Engineering, capacity building, educational materials, social activities, employment opportunities, research results, scholarships and linkages with similar websites,

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# ...OR AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS (NIAE)
# ... AND RULES (First Part)

## PREAMBLE

The Nigerian Society of Agricultural Engineers was established in 1975. Consequent upon a merger of the Society with the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) on 17th July, 1999 the Society metamorphoses into the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE); a Division of the NSE, hereinafter referred to as the Institution. This revision of the Institution Bye-laws and Rules reflects the current status of NIAE vis-à-vis the NSE. The Bye-Laws and Rules explain and complement the general provisions of the Constitution.

**Article 1: GOVERNMENT**

Every question, which shall come before a meeting of the Institution, or of the National Executive or of a Committee or other organized group within the Institution, shall be decided by a majority of votes cast, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution, the Bye-Laws and Rules, or by the Constitution, Bye-Laws and Rules of NSE, or by the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

**Article 2: OBJECTS**

The objects of the Institution shall be accomplished by:

R(1) Advancing the theory and practice of engineering in agriculture and the allied sciences and arts by:

encouraging research, experimentation, tests, and other original work in agricultural engineering;

encouraging the preparation of original papers on agricultural engineering topics;

holding meetings for the presentation and discussion of original papers, and participation in meetings with other engineering and scientific groups;

publishing papers and reports and disseminating knowledge and experience of value to engineers in agricultural engineering work;

developing and promulgating standards, cods, formulae and recommended practices;

offering awards and other honours to encourage contributions to agricultural engineering, conferring awards and other honours in recognition of meritorious contributions to agricultural engineering; and

encouraging intercourse among engineers generally for the mutual exchange of knowledge and experience.

R(2) Enhancing the status of the engineer in agricultural engineering work by:

maintaining high technical and cultural standards for admission to the Institution;

co-operating with educational Institutions in the maintenance of high standards of education for agricultural engineering;

requiring a high standard of ethical practice by members of the Institution;

aiding in the adoption of a high standard of attainment for the granting of the legal right to the practice of professional engineering;

encouraging among students of agricultural engineering the study of such subjects as will equip them with a proper cultural and technical foundation for achieving the optimum of enjoyment for themselves and of usefulness to society;

encourage the personal and professional development of young engineers in agricultural engineering works; and

R(3) Increasing the usefulness of the organized engineering profession as a whole by;

cooperating with other engineering and technical societies;

encouraging a high standard of citizenship among all engineers;

encouraging members of the Institution to participate in public affairs;

cooperating with governmental agencies in matters involving agricultural engineers; and

publicizing the engineering profession through the achievements of agricultural engineers.

**Article 3: MEMBERSHIP**

R(1) Each member shall be entitled to a certificate of membership, signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Institution, which shall remain the property of the Institution and be returned on demand.

R.(2) Abbreviation of the titles to be used by members shall be as follows:

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|---|---|
| Fellow | FNIAE |
| Member | MNIAE |
| Honorary Member | Hon. MNIAE |
| Affiliate Member | Affl. NIAE |
| Graduate Member | Grad. NIAE |
| Student Member | é é é é é |
| Corp. Firm Member | é é é é é . |
| Affiliate Institutions | é é é é é . |

R.(3) Each member shall be entitled to wear the emblem approved by the National Executive for his grade of membership

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## ...fficers

The SW witnessed a successful election on 22nd Jan., 2008 at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife. I need to congratulate all SW NIAE members, especially those that actively participate in the planning f the election and voting.

A total of 42 registered members of NIAE were present to elect their leaders. Among the important personality present at the election include: Dr Olaoye (National Treasurer), Dr Alonge (National Internal Auditor), Engr Olorunfemi (NSE, Deputy President), Engr Ilesanmi (Director, MANR, Ekiti/ Electoral Committee Member), Dr Adegbulugbe (Coll of Agric., Ibadan/ Electoral Committee Member), Prof Osunade (OAU), Prof Olufayo (FUTA), Prof Sangodoyin (OAU/ UI), Dr (Mrs) Taiwo (NSE Chair person, Ile Ife),Dr Dahunsi (State Coord, Oyo), Dr Owolarafe (State Coord, Osun), Dr Adewumi (Convener/ State Coord, Ondo), etc. The MC of the day was Engr Ogunsina (OAU).

The elected executives are listed below:

Engr Dr L. A. O. Ogunjimi Chairman OAU, Ile Ife 08062564792 laogunjimi@yahoo.com
Engr Dr S. I. Manuwa Vice Chairman FUT, Akure 08034152976
Engr S. A. Oloko Gen Secretary Fed Poly, Ado Ekiti 08033766399
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Engr Mrs F. T. Fayose Treasurer RUGIPO, Owo 08035862761
Engr. Bankole PRO LASPO, Lagos

The States shall provide the names of the State coordinators to join the SW Central EXCO.

A few pictures are attached.

Wishing the new SW EXCO a successful tenure.

Engr Dr B. A. Adewumi, FNSE
CONVENER

Dear NIAE National EXCO Members,

## News in Brief

1 Dr B.A. Adewumi appointed as Professor of Food Engineering at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta

2. Prof B. A. Adewumi attended the Food Automation and ASABE Conferences in Rhode Island, US between 28 June and 2 July. He presented technical a paper and poster during the conference and used the opportunity to register three members from Ondo State with ASABE

3. Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) workshop was organized for Chief Executives of River Basins Authority and Managers of State Irrigation Schemes by NAERLS. The workshop was conducted in Abuja on 23rd June, 2008.

## Ondo State Quarterly Meeting Held at RUGIPO

The Owo Chapter of Ondo State Branch hosted the Ondo State NIAE quarterly meeting Thur 29 May, 2008 at the Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo. The meeting was graced by the SW Region Chairman (Dr Ogunjimi), the Rector of Rufus Giwa Polytechnic (Prof O. P. Fapetu), Vice Chair SW Region (Dr Manuwa), Secretary SW Region (Engr Oloko), Treasurer SW (Engr Mrs Fayose), Chairman Ekiti Branch (Engr Adeoti), Secretary Ekiti State (Engr Isikaye), some other EXCO member in the SW region, Dean School of Engineering, RUGIPO and (Engr Ologunagba), among others. The Honorable Commissioner for Tourism (Engr Osakuade) was unavoidably absent because of the democracy day celebration and sent his apology. More than 45 corporate members of NIAE and many student menber attended.

The quarterly meeting features the technical and professional sessions. The opening remark was given by Prof Adewumi who doubled as the State Coordinator and the National Vice Chair while the opening speach was given by Prof Fapetu (Rector, RUGIPO).

A paper titled "Evaluation of process parameters for solvent extract of soybean oil' was delivered by Engr Lawson (HOD, Agric Engineering, RUGIPO) during the Technical Session. The professional session included both the reports from Chapter and an Induction Ceremony for newly certificated members.

## Note from Secretariat

NIAE Monthly news intends to create columns for Social diary of Branches, Technical report, etc. However, the paper requires the free services of Branch news Correspondents. Interested members can send their names to e-mail addresses below

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mkothman@gmail.com
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