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FROM ESN PRESIDENT
The 43rd Annual Conference of the Entomological Society of Nigeria was held in University of Benin, Benin City from 8-11 October, 2012. On that conference, election of some national officers was held during the annual general business meeting. To the glory of God, you joined other entomologists all over the country to give me the mandate to be your national president from October, 2012.

I profoundly express my gratitude to you all for unanimously electing me unopposed to serve you. The other newly elected officers; Vice president, General Secretary, Editor-in-Chief, Assistant Secretary/ PRO and the older ones joined me to solicit your support and cooperation in our administration so as to foster the renowned

Entomological Society of Nigeria (ESN) inaugurated by the great founders in 1965. Sokoto branch hosted the first council meeting (6th April, 2013) in Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto as soon as I assumed office. Lagos branch was the next to host council on 6th July, 2013. The Port Harcourt/ Yenagoa branch is hosting the 44th Conference in Yenagoa.

In the conference, the council on behalf of ESN heartily welcomes two eminent professors who were the key founders of ESN. First is Professor Anthony Youdeouwe who will present the keynote address, who designed the logo of ESN with *Dysdercus*, the Cotton Stainer. Next is Professor S. N. Okiwelu, Professor Emeritus of the University of Port Harcourt who agreed to speak on one of the subthemes.

We welcome you and everybody with joy in our hearts to this memorable conference. Professor Dan A. Enobakhare, FESN, KSM President ESN.

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Editorial

INSECT TAXONOMY- AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF INSECT PESTS

The word taxonomy is derived from Greek word *Taxis* which means arrangement and *nomos* means laws. It was first proposed by de Candolle in 1813 for plant classification. It is defined as the theory and principles of classifying organisms. While insect taxonomy is the branch of Entomology that deals with the study of insect nomenclature and classification on the basis of morphological characters.

Thousands of years ago, people designated plants, animals, and fungi by whether they were tasty and safe to eat, of medicinal value, or were foul-tasting or even poisonous. An early taxonomist was Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322 B.C.), who organized five hundred types of animals according to habitat and body form.

Presidential Address

Delivered to the 43rd Annual Conference of the Entomological Society of Nigeria at University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria
08-11 October, 2012

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Insects are the most abundant and successful group of animals in the world. They occupy every available niche and are highly fecund. Insects attack crops, livestock and fish. They are also vectors of numerous human, livestock and plant diseases. Their dynamic nature has continued to provide new challenges to entomologists. In Nigeria, entomologists have been working hard over the years to address the problems of insect pest constraints to improve crops' yields and increase livestock and fish productivity as well as control the various vectors of human disease.

This Conference marks the end of my tenure as National President of this great Society. The previous Constitution allowed the President and other National officers to serve a third term. We have amended the Constitution, among other things, to limit the tenure to a maximum of two terms. Permit me to recount some of the achievements that we made during the period.

The Society has reviewed the curriculum in Entomology in Nigerian higher Institutions especially for undergraduates Agriculture and Zoology to meet current demands. This publication is available and would be distributed to all stake-holders in the education policy sector. I thank Prof. S.S. Ogbogu and A.E. Akingbongbe (FESN) for their efforts in the production. ESN has continued to spear-head the establishment of a National Museum of Natural History. Although the Society has not been able to fully realise its dream in this regards, the Ministry of Science and Technology has included the Society in the Committee for the establishment of the Science and Technology Museum. Construction of which has since started at Abuja.

ESN has produced a Handbook of Insecticides available in Nigeria. This publication, which is in its final stages and will be a useful tool

for chemical use in pest control in the country. I commend the efforts of Prof. C.I. Amatobi (FESN), Drs A.A. Omoloye (FESN), R.S. Adamu and members of the ESN Executive Council for the production.

We have also ensured that our Conferences are held annually. Today the Society is holding her 43rd Annual Conference here in the University of Benin in the ancient Benin Kingdom. Through these annual conferences, entomologists communicate their research findings to colleagues and update their knowledge in Entomology. The theme for this year's Annual Conference, Entomology, Urban Agriculture and Wealth Creation addresses the role of entomology in Food Security and Economy in Nigeria. I have no doubt that the keynote speaker, Professor M.F. Iwajiro (FESN), one of our senior entomologists will do justice to the topic.

ESN was among the 52 Professional Societies in Nigeria that benefited from the first batch of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFU) five million Naira grant for Journal Development. The first set of the Journals produced with TETFU support was presented to the public and distributed to all accredited Tertiary Institutions in the country in a well-publicized and attended ceremony on 27 August 2012. With the support of TETFU, we have produced Volume 28 (2011) of *Nigerian Journal of Entomology*. The Society is to distribute this journal to all accredited Tertiary

Institutions in Nigeria free of charge. We have produced sufficient copies of the Journal and urge you to collect copies from the Business Manager for your library and return evidence that it has reached your libraries. With the funds, the Society has been able to acquire various equipment including Desk top computers, laptop, printer, photocopier, scanner, projector with screen etc. The Society is grateful to TETFU for the support, which has helped place the Society in a comfortable financial position to operate. I commend the efforts of the Editor-in-Chief, Professor N.E.S. Lale (FESN) in ensuring the production of this volume of the Journal. I also thank the immediate past Editor in Chief, Professor E.O. Ogunwala (FESN), who worked with me during my first tenure and produced the first volume of *Nigerian Journal of Entomology*, under TETFU support.

The Society also publishes the ESN Newsletter of excellent quality. The current ESN Newsletter is available from the efforts of the National Assistant Secretary, Dr Haliru Bandiya for members and interested persons. The Directory of Nigerian Entomologists, which should be updated periodically is overdue for review. I hope the incoming Editor in Chief will do his best to ensure that this is done.

The Society has continued to host and maintain a dynamic and active website, www.esn.org.ng. I encourage members and other stakeholders to visit the website. We have designed and presented Membership Certificate free of

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