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ISTRO NIGERIA SYMPOSIUM ABUJA 2024

ISTRO Nigeria Branch Symposium/Congress Meeting 2024 came up on the 5th of September 2024 at the University of Abuja. It started exactly 9.00am.



Cross-section of participants at the ISTRO Symposium Abuja 2024.

The lead paper was presented by Prof. A. A. Oyerinde, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Abuja. In his presentation, he reiterated how sustainable soil management is very essential for the resilience and sustainability of tillage systems in Nigeria. And by adopting practices that enhance soil health, farmers will be able to mitigate the impacts of climate change, improve their agricultural productivities, and ensure long-term global food security. Besides, to subdue various challenges to SSM, it requires concerted efforts from farmers, researchers, policymakers and the efforts of international communities via education, financial

support, policy reform, and continued research. Then, our country, Nigeria can build a resilient and sustainable agricultural system that benefits both people and the environment.

In all, fourteen papers were presented in the one-day symposium that was attended by people from all walks of life. Among them are the President of ISTRO worldwide and also the National Chairman of Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers, (NIAE), Prof. J.O. Olaoye, the ISTRO Nigeria National Chairman, Prof. A.P. Onwualu, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Abuja, represented by Professor A.A. Oyerinde of the University and other dignitaries. The National President of NSE, Engr. Mrs Magaret Oguntala sent her goodwill message to the symposium.

USA (VIRGINIA BEACH) 2024 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

New President of Soil Tillage Research Organization (ISTRO) (2024 - 2027) Inaugurated in the USA



Moment when the outgoing ISTRO International President, Prof. Mark Reiter was briefing the new ISTRO President, Prof. Joshua Olaoye



The inauguration of the New President of ISTRO took place on 24th September, 2024. Prof. M. O. Faborode and Prof. A. F. Alonge accompanied Prof. Prof. Joshua O. Olaoye and wife to the Inauguration of Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju OLAOYE as the President, Soil Tillage Research Organization (ISTRO) at the Atlantic Ballroom, Wyndham, Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, USA.

Before the induction of the ISTRO International President, Prof. Joshua O. Olaoye had earlier made a presentation at the preconference Board meeting to honour his mentor, two Nigerians who had made impacts in Soil Tillage studies and who had contributed immensely towards the growth and development of ISTRO in Nigeria, Prof. Kayode Carroll Oni and Prof. C. I. Ijioma for ISTRO Honorary Members. The nominations were approved by members at the General Assembly of the organization. Hence, approval was given for the appointment of three retired ISTRO Members to become ISTRO Honorary Members. They are Dr. Blair McKenzie, Prof. K. C. Oni and Prof. C. I. Ijioma. By this appointment they are now given the full benefit of life membership of ISTRO, while they will no longer pay for the annual subscription fees, receive regularly ISTRO Info and other essentials details in circulation from the ISTRO Secretariat.



Participants from Nigeria and other African Countries in ISTRO International Conference in Virginia, USA

Prior to the induction of the New President of ISTRO, Scholarships awards were presented to two Nigerians and the President's mentees in highly competitive scholarship grants to participate in the 2024 ISTRO Conference, they are Dr. Ezekiel Olanrewaju Ariyo and Dr. Elijah Aina Alhassan.

Also, Prof. Azikiwe Peter Onwualu was also admitted as a New Board Member of ISTRO (2024 - 2027).

At the General Assembly of ISTRO that was held at the Atlantic Ballroom, Wyndham Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, USA the President made a presentation on the plans for Nigeria to host the 23rd International Conference of Soil Tillage Research Organization (ISTRO) in Nigeria in 2027.

Thereafter, Prof. Mark Reiter the outgoing President formally handed over the banner and Gavel of the ISTRO to the New ISTRO President (2024 - 2027). This therefore signaled the transfer of authority for the leadership of ISTRO officially to Nigeria under the watch of the New President.

There was a moment when the members departing the Board Members and the incoming members Board of ISTRO International were honoured. The members who departed the Board were Nick Holden (Past President), Stephen Prior (Past Treasurer), Danijel Jug (Board Member) and Guillermo Siri Prieto (Board Member). Members joining the ISTRO Board International are Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye (President), Danijel Jug (President-Elect), Mark Reiter (Treasurer), Lingling Li (Board Member), Silvia Imhoff (Board Member) and Azikwe Peter Onwualu (Board Member).



Participants from 35 countries attended the event and ISTRO Nigeria is looking forward to playing host to the world in Nigeria come 2027.



Prof. Mark Reiter the outgoing President formally handing over to Pro. J.O. Olaoye as the New ISTRO President (2024 - 2027). ISTRO flag and the Gavel

ISTRO Nigeria Branch heartily congratulates our dear Professor Joshua Olaoye as the new President of ISTRO Worldwide and Father, Mentor, Professor Azikiwe Peter Onwualu on his admission as a New Board Member of ISTRO International.

ISTRO Nigeria Branch also congratulates the two Awardees of grants who participated in 2024 ISTRO Conference in Virginia, USA namely Dr. Ezekiel Olanrewaju Ariyo and Dr. Elijah Aina Alhassan.

NIGERIAN JOURNAL OF SOIL TILLAGE RESEARCH

Members as well as general public have been sending in their manuscripts for peer review and possible publication in the ISTRO-NIGERIA journal.

TILLAGE BOOK PROJECT

The work on first edition of the Nigerian Tillage Book is going on behind the scene. The book would be out in few months.

ISTRO 2024-2027 INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND LOCAL MEMBERSHIP DUES.

While appreciating members' continued support of ISTRO Nigeria through your being financial member, more than forty (40) members of ISTRO Nigeria have paid the required dues for 2024-2027. For those who are yet to pay, this is to remind them that the renewal of membership with ISTRO is due, and there is a need for members to effect payment, which will last till 2027

The ISTRO due is \$21 for international membership. Members (and intending members) can pay into our Domiciliary account at United Bank for Africa (UBA) with account number 3004219885 (USD Account) or the Naira equivalent into our Current account at United Bank for Africa (UBA) with account number 1026489963 (Naira Account) at the rate of #2000/\$ (42,000). Local registration remains 7,500 for now. The total due for the next 3 years is money is 49,500 payable into Soil Tillage Awareness and Development Initiative account as detailed above.

REMEMBER! All payments run for 3 years (2024-2027)

UPCOMING EVENTS

24th International Conference and 44th Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE) 14-17th October 2024 @ University of Abuja



Exco meeting

The next Exco meeting is to be scheduled for 29th October, 2024 on Google Meet platform.

General/Congress Meeting

Next General/Congress Meeting is coming up on November 5, 2024 via Google Meet at 2.00 pm.

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