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Interview with Engr. Mrs. Iniobong Louisa Usoro, APWEN President on Women in Engineering

Engr. Mrs. Iniobong Louisa Usoro is the President of Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN) and she is from Akwa-Ibom State. She loves engineering and has a masters degree in Civil Engineering. Engineering is a profession that is dear to her heart. She has passion for it and having been made president of APWEN, it is really her desire to endeavor to touch the lives of the younger ones especially.



Engr. Mrs. Iniobong Usoro

E-Newsletter: Please tell us about women and engineering.

Engr. Mrs. Iniobong Usoro: You may say I am a little bit bias, because I have three girls but I believe that women have a lot to contribute in engineering and at such so far we have been able to carry out career talks, mentorship and other programmes to sensitize the female youths that engineering broken down to Mathematics and Physics is not as difficult as they perceive and when they see us they tend to believe that if we who they can see can do it, they surely can do it too. APWEN encourages female youths and APWEN members excels in their endeavour and by so doing we are trying to give the youths something to hold on to and some form of belief to realize that even when they are in a world, an environment where everything seems to have failed, they should still look around and see that it is not about their external environment, it is more about them, their inner self. What do they want to do for themselves? Once they believe in themselves, they can become whatever they want to become.

E-Newsletter: How does APWEN try to reach out to young female

aspiring engineers? How do you try to reach them to encourage them?

Engr. Mrs Iniobong Usoro: Like I said from experience in the past and conferences and sister organizations, we have gotten the experience that you must catch them young. We carry out a programme called "Knowing More About Engineering" at the primary school level. Then we carry out Career -Talks during Career Week Programme in secondary schools. These are the ages we try to target, however for those in the university; we have a student membership for female student engineers, APWEN. So when they see us we tend to give them hope and we know how to encourage them for maybe some challenges they may be facing in school. It could be tight, it could be financial but just knowing that there is an ear to listen to, there is somebody who may be able to assist if not in totality. We have been successful because a lot of the students we have been able to mentor have graduated and at the moment we are trying so much to encourage and provide places of employment. We have done a few this year and we are hoping we can get some more. So even when we go to offices and industries we always tend to leave behind one request; if it is only one female engineer that they can employ in their organizations. So far so good, I think we've been trying our best.

E-Newsletter: Thank you very much madam.



Engr. Otuenh & Engr. Iniobong Usoro

NIEEE PH Chapter Visits Rivers State Water Board

On Friday February 25th 2011, the Nigerian Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (NIEEE) Port Harcourt Chapter paid a technical visit to the Rivers State Water Board at Rumuola pumping station in Port Harcourt. On arrival, the guests to the board were received by the General Manager of the Rivers State Water Board Engr. Martin Mmeo in the board room where he did a presentation on the operations and water piping networks across Port Harcourt metropolis. After the board room presentation, Engr. Martin Mmeo took the NIEEE Port Harcourt Chapter members round the Rumuola water pumping station and showed them the water drilling and pumping facilities and explained to them how each of the facility works and their relevance to the water pumping network.

In the NIEEE Port Harcourt Chapter team were Engr. B. T. D. George FNSE (Chapter Chairman) who led the team, Engr. Dr. Chris Ahiakwo, Engr. Senibo Minafuro (Chapter Secretary, Pastor Engr. Samuel Davies, Engr. Kinba Queen Blue-Jack (the only lady in the team) and some members of the chapter.



Engr. Martin Mmeo (3rd from right) explaining some points to his guests



NIEEE PH Chapter members and some staff of the Rivers State Water Board, Rumuola pumping station during the former's visit to the board

The Nigerian Society of Engineers, Port Harcourt Branch 2011 Programme of Activities

QTR	MONTH	ACTIVITY	DAY/DATE	TIME	VENUE
Third Quarter	July	Technical Evening: Electricity Generation and Distribution in Rivers State	Tuesday 12 th	5.00pm	Branch Secretariat
		Workshop on: Conducting an Effective Feasibility Study and Report.	Monday 18 th Friday. 22 nd	9am -5pm	Branch Secretariat
		General Meeting	Thursday 28 th	5.00pm	Branch Secretariat
	August	Industrial Visit Meeting at TOTAL E & P, Obagi ONEL-GA	Tuesday 2 nd	9:00am	Obagi
		Seminar for Professional Interview	Thursday 4 th	9am-5pm	Branch Secretariat
		3 Days Mandatory Continuing Profession Education (MCPC) Course for Prospective Corporate Members	10 th -12 th & 17 th -19 th	9.00am-4:00pm	Branch Secretariat
	September	Annual Lecture/Awards	Thursday 15 th	5.00pm	Hotel Presidential
		Industrial Visit Meeting to Intel Logistics Ltd, Onne	Tuesday 20 th	9.00am	Onne
		Annual General Meeting/Elections	Thursday 29 th	5.00pm	Branch Secretariat
Fourth Quarter	October	Workshop on: QA/QC Practices in Engineering Projects	Tuesday 11 th – Thurs. 13 th	9.00am-5pm	Branch Secretariat
		Industrial Visit Meeting RIVPOLY, Bori	Thursday 20 th	9am	Bori
	November	Engineering Week	Monday 7 th – Tuesday 8 th	9am Daily	Various
		Annual Dinner/Membership Induction	Saturday 12 th		
		Thanksgiving Service	Sunday 13 th		
	December	National Conference/AGM	December		Calabar

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