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Investiture of Engr. Denis A. A. Dania MNSE, as the 16th Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch on Thursday 16th February 2011 at the Branch secretariat.



Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni, MNSE (r), handing over the medallion of office to Engr. Denis Dania MNSE, while Engr. Mrs. Mayen Adetiba FNSE looks on



L-R: Engr. Denis Dania, Mrs. Magdalene Dania & Engr. Dr. A. H. Igoni



Engr. A. A. Rabi FNSE, Vice President of NSE, represented the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.



Inauguration of the 2012 spouses forum



Some Fellows, Members and Spouses of the branch



Engr. Adebisi Otukoya of Total E&P delivering a lecture

**Interview with Engr. Chinyere Wamuo FNSE on Post Graduation Training in Engineering**

**Engr. Chinyere Wamuo FNSE**, worked briefly with Shell BP, left and travelled abroad for his postgraduate study, came back and rejoined Shell. In 1980 he left Shell for the steel industry. He was in the steel industry until 2003 when he voluntarily retired from service. Engr. Chinyere Wamuo FNSE, is now a consultant.



Engr. Chinyere Wamuo FNSE

**E-Newsletter:** Sir, on the issue of post graduation training for engineers, what do you have to say about it?

**Engr. Wamuo:** We have never gotten it right, unfortunately. There was this program on Supervised Industrial Training Scheme in Engineering (SITSE) which was supposed to bridge the gap of post graduation training so that engineering graduates would acquire the necessary experience on training before registering as members of NSE. Remember one does not register with NSE till about four years of post graduation. SITSE was supposed to be funded by Industrial Training Fund. I happened to be the chairman for SITSE in Delta State from 1995 to 2002 and we had a very active team but the students were not getting the benefits of the plan because the companies didn't perform to see them through. So what I think should happen now is that the scheme should be revisited because

it's just like keying into what they have in the medical profession. In the medical profession you don't get registered until you have done what they call the housemanship, I think before now was called internship. We need to do this because many engineers find themselves not having the proper places to do post qualification training. It is touching to some of us who are older in the profession. In those days we used to have what we call vacation jobs and I happened to do vacation jobs twice in Nigeria Breweries and once in Guinness Nigeria Limited. So I think the SITSE scheme needs to be revisited and properly funded. There is nothing that succeeds if you don't fund it. That is the brain for training of Nigerian engineers.

**E-Newsletter:** Thank you sir. The stakeholders; the people who have been trained, the people who are to be trained and the people who are to organize the training, what advice do you have for them?

**Engr. Wamuo:** Well, who does the training? Nigerian Society of Engineers; and we have a pool of experienced engineers out there. So they have to identify them and run a program that will be taken very seriously. I believe we have a pool of engineers in all disciplines that will be too ready to give up the experience to the younger engineers. It requires planning and commitment once Nigerian Society of Engineers accepts it as a challenge and maybe they can do it in collaboration with COREN. I don't know what input the National University Commission may have but I think essentially it should be something between the Nigerian Society of Engineers and COREN.

**E-Newsletter:** Thank you very much sir.



NSE PH Branch Technical Evening held at the branch secretariat on Thursday 23rd February 2012. A presentation on "Awareness Session on Engineering Services Agreement with International Oil & Gas Corporations" was presented by Engr. Ben Akaakar, MNSE, FNSChE (right).



NSE PH Branch EXCO members visited the Greater Port Harcourt City Development Authority (GPHCDA) on Friday 24th February 2012. The branch chairman Engr. Denis Dania (standing) making a presentation on the NSE PH Branch Engineering Resource Centre, while Dame. Aleruchi Cookey-Gam, GPHCDA Administrator (left), Engr. Prof. Y. O. Beredugo FNSE (right) & Engr. B. J. Benibo FNSE (2nd right) looks on.



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