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Interview with Bolu James Ajibolu on NISET

Bolu James Ajibolu is the National President and a Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineering Technicians (NISET).

E-Newsletter: *Sir, what is NISET ?*

Bolu: NISET is the Technicians cadre under the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria. Our objective among others is to have a central administration for Nigerian technicians. When we talk of engineering technicians, professionally and academically, they are holders of National Diploma and its equivalents. They are the bedrock of engineering; they are personnel you need so much in engineering to make things work. We are having a little challenge. We were established and recognised in 1996 and for this reason we are having constraints such as the ability to reach out to our people taking into cognisance of the system of education and the engineering pyramid where more engineers are registered compared to other cadres. The pyramid of the Engineering family is inversely positioned. Cadre like ours that is the bedrock of engineering, we are struggling on how we can sensitise and have more technicians in the system because we are supposed to have more compared to what we have presently.

E-Newsletter: *What is NISET doing to increase her member-*



Bolu James

ship?

Bolu: The approach we are giving it now is that we are going through the polytechnics to sensitise students for student membership because when students are aware of the existence of this cadre they will not have difficulty in identifying with the society when they are through with their academic programme. We are doing the best in reaching out to technician. The fact that some of the industries in the country have collapsed is making it more difficult to reach to technicians because it is in the industries that we have most of the technicians. Considering that technical education that was discouraged also brought discouragement for this cadre which has caused most people to struggle and see how to get to the top to answer Engineer.

E-Newsletter: *What adviser do you have for those that are yet to register with NISET?*

Bolu: We advise qualified Technicians. Basically, the National Diploma holders and its equivalent to register with NISET so that their interest can be protected in the profession and also they can have a forum for interaction such as the Engineering Assemblies where we can take them through workshops and exposed them to more practical questions and answers.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*



The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Executive Committee members in an Emergency Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday 18th September 2014 at the Branch secretariat. The meeting was chaired by the Branch Chairman Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson.



World Engineering Conference on Sustainable Infrastructure,
2nd - 7th November 2014, Abuja-Nigeria.
Theme: *Development of Sustainable Infrastructure in Africa*
<http://www.wecsi2014.org>





The Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers Port Harcourt Chapter training on SAP design software held on Thursday 11th—Saturday 13th September 2014 at the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch secretariat.

Today's engineer often study and work on projects around the globe. Mutual recognition of engineering qualifications and competence assessments is increasingly important for the public good. Moreover, lack of such recognition is a barrier to development for engineers and nations.

In April, the International Engineering Alliance and the World Federation of Engineering Organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding to:

- **Raise awareness** of the importance of accreditation.
- **Build commitment** for the development of national bodies.
- **Build capacity** of national bodies to prepare for IEA mentoring.
- **Support national bodies** to join the IEA accords and agree-

ments.

WFEO and the IEA will be launching a **joint information an advocacy campaign** and will raise funds together for **joint capacity building work**. Marwan Abdelhamid, President of WFEO, praised this initiative saying:

"This is an exciting development for the global engineering profession that brings together WFEO's vital role in networking and capacity building and the IEA's expertise in accreditation and competence assessment. We are working now to deliver our joint actions after this very positive first step."

The [Memorandum of Understanding](#) is available on our website and you can find out more about WFEO's work in this area at www.wfeo.net/mobility.

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Nigerian Content Workshop & Exhibition

Date:

16th—18th October 2014

Venue:

Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat,
Water Works Yard, #3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt.

Theme:

The challenges of local vendors in the Oil and Gas sector in Nigeria and the way forward.

NSE Port Harcourt Branch Annual General Meeting

The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Annual General Meeting will hold as follows:

Date: Thursday 25th September 2014

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Water Works Yard, #3 Bernard Carr Street, Port Harcourt



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NOTICE! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!!

All members of NSE Port Harcourt Branch should pay their Annual Branch Dues of N5000 for Corporate Members and N7,500 for Fellows to UBA Account No. 1000183629 (Port Harcourt Main Branch). Also pay National Annual Subscription of N9,000.00 for Corporate Members & N11,500 for Fellows directly to First Bank Account No. 2020502052 & forward all tellers to the secretariat for reconciliation. All payments should be made into the bank accounts.