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Interview with Mr. Mark Nwokoma

Mr. Mark Nwokoma, is the Head of Fellowship Department at the Nigerian Society of Engineers Headquarters, Abuja.

E-Newsletter: *What is the scope of activities of the Fellowship Secretariat?*

Mr. Mark: The Fellowship Secretariat is a unit at the Nigerian Society of Engineers National Secretariat. Its major function is to coordinate all Fellowship activities and attend promptly to any issues that pertain to Fellows and prospective Fellows. These include attending to enquiries on Fellowship matters, processing of Fellowship applications, preparation of periodic reports, organization of Fellowship conferment ceremonies, general advice to the Management on Fellowship matters, etc and any other duties that may be assigned by the Executive Secretary.

E-Newsletter: *How have you been able to manage these activities, especially in the area of according recognition to Fellows?*

Mr. Mark: It has been widely acclaimed that Fellows ought to be accorded some distinction in all its ramifications and this is expected to encourage a more active participation of Fellows in the NSE. Again, the Society stands to benefit a lot from their dispositions and wealth of experience. In pursuance of these, we have created an online real-time virtual platform for Fellows to interact via the internet 24/7, to discuss national issues with a view to proffer solutions from the Engineering perspective.



Mr. Mark Nwokoma

E-Newsletter: *What is the percentage of Fellows from the entire membership of NSE?*

Mr. Mark: At present, the NSE has a total of about 34,329 members out of which 1,749 are Fellows. This represents about 5% of the entire membership. The Society also has 18 Honourary Fellows who are non-Engineers.

E-Newsletter: *Are there any Challenges so far?*

Mr. Mark: No major one so far. Apart from the fact that the office space allocated to the unit is yet to be equipped but the management is really doing something in that direction. That's why we are still sharing the same office with the Council Secretariat.

E-Newsletter: *Can you share your highpoints so far?*

Mr. Mark: I feel highly elated when I read valuable contributions made by distinguished Fellows of the Society, especially via the e-group. This suggests that though some of them have not been attending NSE programmes such as Branch/Division meetings, AGMs perhaps due to age and other factors, but they are still interested in the Society and the profession they cherish much. Again it is very honourable being appointed to serve these distinguished members of the Society.



OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

OTC 2015: 4-7 May 2015,
NRG Park, Houston, Texas, USA.

The Offshore Technology Conference is where energy professionals meet to exchange ideas and opinions to advance scientific and technical knowledge for offshore resources. OTC gives you access to leading-edge technical information, the industry's largest equipment exhibition, and valuable new professional contacts from around the world. Its large international participation provides excellent opportunities for global sharing of technology, expertise, products, and best practices. OTC brings together industry leaders, investors, buyers, and entrepreneurs to develop markets and business partnerships. For more details visit <http://www.otcnet.org/>

The World Federation of Engineering Organizations – Committee on



World Congress on Engineering Education

Education In Engineering (WFEO-CEIE) – is organizing the **10th World Congress on Engineering Education (WCEE 2015)** in Beirut, Lebanon with the collaboration of the Federation of Lebanese Engineers, the American Society for Engineering Education and the American Society of Civil Engineers. The Congress will take place on the 29th and 30th of October 2015. The main theme of the Congress is: **“Engineering Education for Sustainable Development”**.

Important Dates:

- 26 June 2015 – Submission of paper
- 31 July 2015 – Acceptance status of papers
- 30 August 2015 – Final submission of revised paper

For more details visit <http://www.wfeo.net/events/world-congress-engineering-education-2015/>

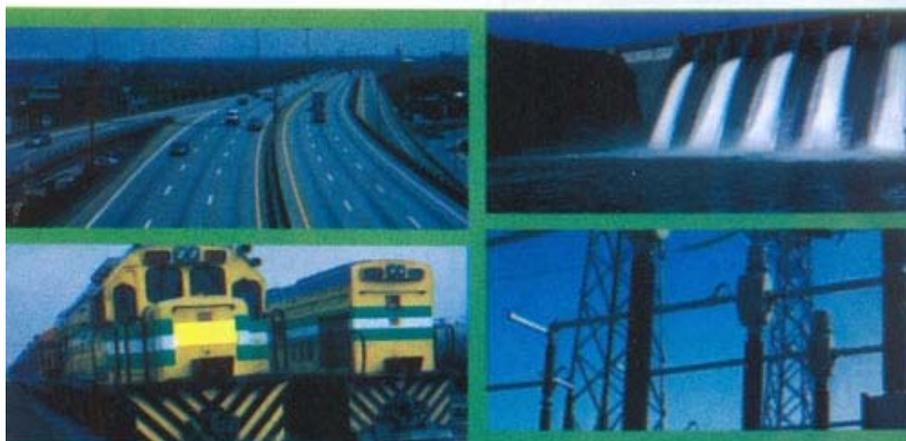


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PRESENTS

NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

“SUNSHINE 2015”



Theme:
“National Integrated Infrastructure
Master Plan (NIIMP) 2014:
Strategies for Implementation”

Venue: International Culture & Event Centre (Dome)
Akure, Ondo State

Date: Monday 16th— Friday 20th November 2015

Conference Registration

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| 1. Early Bird (Not later than September 30, 2015) | = N30,000.00 |
| 2. From October 1, 2015 | = N40,000.00 |
| 3. Spouses | = N10,000.00 |
| 4. Graduates | = N10,000.00 |
| 5. Students | = N5,000.00 |

Interview with Mr. Mark Nwokoma

E-Newsletter: *You received a Presidential Award during the WECSI2014. What do you think qualified you for the award and how did you feel about it?*

Mr. Mark: To be frank with you, the award came to me as a surprise as I could not think of any spectacular thing I did in 2014 to earn such a prestigious award. You know when you do things the best way you can, you may never know how others value it until you are called upon for recognition. Also, I see the award as a great challenge because when such an overt acknowledgment is made before all stakeholders (members and staff) of the society, it becomes a call to work hard, in order to maintain the rating.

E-Newsletter: *Permit us to be a bit personal now. As a non-Engineer, how do you feel working with Engineers?*

Mr. Mark: By virtue of this job, most of us at the Secretariat have somehow been integrated into the Engineering family, to the extent that I have been at times erroneously or humorously addressed as ‘Engr. Mark’ by some people. Generally, I have enjoyed working and relating with Engineers. In fact, as at present, over 50% of my friends and associates are Engineers majority of whom I met while working in NSE.

E-Newsletter: *Finally, where do you see NSE in the nearest future?*

Mr. Mark: I foresee an NSE that will become more relevant in the national context. I mean, NSE getting more involved in national planning and decision-making, especially in areas such as infrastructure development, technological advancement, appointments, etc. Remember, no nation can develop without Science, Engineering and Technology (SET). So, Nigerian government MUST begin to recognize and value the abilities of Nigerian Engineers.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*



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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.