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### Interview with Prof. Luca Luiselli

*Prof. Luca Luiselli is a Professor in the University of Rome and he works for the United Nations.*

**E-Newsletter:** *Please what can you tell us about Research and Development?*

**Prof. Luca:** Well concerning Nigeria, especially the south-South, development is a very important field that should bring together different disciplines including engineering, biology, ecology, medicine, etc, because there is degradation of the environment which is affecting also the local population, so to reverse the situation, it is necessary that scientists and researchers from different discipline should come together to make joint efforts to help the country.

**E-Newsletter:** *So what has been your observation while re-searching in here?*

**Prof. Luca:** Well, it has been 20 years now that I have been working almost permanently in Nigeria. I work also in other West African countries. Here there has been a general negative effect



Prof. Luca Luiselli

due to the monopolization of the oil industry on the rural and forestry activities. Over 20 years ago the country was one of the main exporters of things like cocoa but now all that is almost finished because the oil industry has monopolized everything. This has improved wealth in some areas but in general it hasn't improved the economic conditions of the people and that's a problem because they are the giant of the African economy in terms of possibilities, so we have many more chances to do much better than we are doing now.

**E-Newsletter:** *What advice would you give in the area of research and development?*

**Prof. Luca:** Well I think that the best thing that should be done is for the oil companies to develop inter disciplinary groups of people including scientists from medicine, economics, ecology and engineering so that they will cooperate to create a network of engineering activities that will be sustainable on the environmental point of view so that their activities will impact minimally on the environment to preserve the natural resources which are essential to the people especially in the rural areas.

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



The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch General meeting/Technical Evening held on Thursday 30th April 2015 at the Branch secretariat. **Photo left:** Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE (left) chaired the meeting. **Photo right:** Engr. Prof. K. D. H. Bob-Manuel, FNSE, presenting a lecture on "Renewable Sustainable Energy for Marine Transportation".



Cross-Session of members during the NSE PH Branch general meeting / technical evening held on Thursday 30th April 2015.



**WFEO Executive Director Reports on the December 2014 Executive Council**

The Executive Council of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations met at UNESCO in Paris on 8 December 2014 ending a week devoted to engineering and engineers.

Several events prepared for the executive council took place during the first days of the week:

The WFEO ten Standing Technical Committees reviewed their activities during the current year and discussed their programmes to be launched next year.

Several Task Groups discussed matters relating to the Federation and STCs activities.

The Executive Council received these reports on 8 December and prepared the recommendations for the General Assembly.

In particular, it:

**approved** the draft minutes of the 2013 executive council meetings

**approved** the audited 2013 accounts

**endorsed** the activity report of the President  
**endorsed** the reports of the Standing Technical Committees and the WFEO international members  
**endorsed** the reports of the Marketing Task Group, the Strategic Planning Task Group  
**endorsed** the report of the nominations committee report and the STCs Review and Support Groups  
**endorsed** the reports on WECC 2015 and WEC 2019  
**recommended** the transformation of the WFEO/UN Relations committee to a Standing Technical Committee to the general assembly for approval  
**received** the report on the Engineering Associations of the Mediterranean Countries (EAMC)  
**approved** establishment of the working group to draft an agreement with IEA and work on other aspects of the MoU signed between WFEO and IEA  
<http://www.wfeo.org/wfeo-executive-director-reports-december-2014-executive-council/>

The Nigerian Society of Engineers  
 Presents  
**NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE  
 AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Sunshine 2015**

**THEME:**  
**“National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan 2014: Strategies For Implementation”**

**Venue:** International Culture & Event Centre (Dome), Akure, Ondo State  
**Date:** Monday 16th— Friday 20th November 2015

**Conference Registration**

1. Early Bird (Not later than September 30, 2015)	= N30,000	4. Graduates = N10,000
2. From October 1, 2015	= N40,000	5. Students = N5,000
3. Spouses	= N10,000	



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