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### Interview with Engr. Gbemisi Akperi, FNSE, Vice President of COREN

**Engr. Gbesimi Daultry Akperi FNSE**, is a Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers. He is the Vice President of Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN).



Engr. Gbemisi Akperi, FNSE

**E-Newsletter:** *What would you say are the engineering challenges we have and how will COREN handle them and bring the profession to the standard it ought to be?*

**Engr. Akperi:** COREN, has a lot to do in so many areas. One of the challenges for COREN is effective regulation and control of the profession. A lot had been done to increase the strength and presence in various centers of the Engineering Regulation Monitoring (ERM). In the area of dealing with training in other cadres, COREN is looking at the technical colleges. We went round like was mentioned during the last Assembly; all the technical colleges we saw had no facilities. We are focusing on that, to improve the training of craftsmen and technicians from our technical colleges. We are also looking at the harmony in the engineering family and that was the focus of the 22nd Engineering Assembly. We just introduced that. We also want to ensure

that engineers in this country produce quality works and haven't done that, they should be rewarded generously for what they have done.

**E-Newsletter:** *What do you have to say to the young engineers? How do you think COREN can assist the young engineers to enter into the profession and the labour market?*

**Engr. Akperi:** Most of the speakers at the 22nd Engineering Assembly directed their speeches at changing the focus of the young ones who are coming into the engineering profession. There are opportunities in the profession that people are not focusing on and an example is entrepreneurship. Engineers are skilled people and a skilled person who has entrepreneurial skill can reach a great level. We are not just talking about employment. If we have people with knowledge that have skills in an entrepreneurship, they can create jobs, they can create products and they can create market. That should be the focus for the young people. We need to do that by looking at their institutions where they are trained, give them quality training so that they can focus on creating employment for themselves. That is what we are doing.

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



Some Executive Committee members of Port Harcourt, Omoku, Bonny and Yenagoa Branches of the Nigerian Society of Engineers in a Retreat organized by NSE Port Harcourt Branch and held on Saturday 15th February 2014 at Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Port Harcourt. The theme of the retreat is "Equipping Executive Committee For A Better NSE Branch".



**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 Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch  
Programme of Activities for Year 2014*

QTR	MONTH	ACTIVITY	DAY/DATE	TIME	VENUE
THIRD QUARTER	July	<b>Technical Visit:</b> Afam Power Station	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Branch Secretariat
		Nigerian Local Content Workshop	Tue 15-Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Branch Secretariat
		<b>General Meeting:</b> Discussion- The Bureau for Public Procurement (BPP) Act- Engr. Prof. H. I. Hart, FNSE. <b>Technical Evening:</b> Electricity in Nigeria: What Hope for Our Industries? By Engr. Chf. O. O. Oruye, <i>FNSE</i>	Thursday 31 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Branch Secretariat
	August	Seminar for Professional Interview	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 5pm	Branch Secretariat
		<b>National Workshop:</b> 3-Day Mandatory Course	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am -5pm	Branch Secretariat
		<b>Workshop:</b> Design, Construction & Maintenance of Waterfront Structures: Jetties, Bulkheads. Deltec/NSE PH	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9am -5pm	Branch Secretariat
		<b>General Meeting:</b> Discussion- The Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) Act by Barr. F. Nlerum. <b>Tech. Evening:</b> Project Mgt by Engr. Denis Dania, <i>FNSE</i>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Branch Secretariat
	September	Annual Lecture/Awards	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Branch Secretariat
		<b>Technical Visit:</b> Coca Cola Bottling Company	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Branch Secretariat
		Annual General Meeting/Elections	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Branch Secretariat
FOURTH QUARTER	October	Workshop on Mechanical Engineering Design In High-Rise building: Design of Effective Plumbing Systems/ Sewage.	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-5pm	Branch Secretariat
		<b>Industrial Visit:</b> Rockwell Automation/Efficient Engrg. Onne	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Onne
		Engineering Resource Centre (ERC) Launch	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Branch Secretariat
		<b>General Meeting:</b> Discussion Nigerian Content Act. <b>Technical Evening:</b> Nigeria’s Energy Future in Renewable Sustainable Energy by Engr. N.O.P. Chinah.	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Branch Secretariat
	November	World Engineering Conference WECSI 2014	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Abuja
		Engineering Week Technical Visit Thanksgiving Service	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9am Daily	Port Harcourt
	December		December		



Engr. Chief O. O. Oruye FNSE, making a presentation titled “The Role of the EXCO in the Life of an NSE Branch” during the retreat



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