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### NOTICE!!!!

Please be informed that the date of NSE Professional Interview & Exam has been re-scheduled as follows ;

\* Professional interview/defence of technical report— 25-27th Sept, 2007 .

\* Professional Examination— 6th October, 2007

All concerned candidates are to seriously take note

### UP COMING EVENTS

- The National Annual General Conference/ Meeting of the Nigerian Institute of Mechanical Engineers holds on the 24th-26th October 2007 in Kaduna.

## NSE PH ELECTS NEW EXCO - OGARIAWO NOW BRANCH CHAIRMAN

On Thursday 27th of September 2007, the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch elected new executive committee members. Twelve positions were declared vacant and were subsequently filled through a secret ballot election. The chief returning/electoral officer for the election was no other person than Engr. Mokuolu Adekunle O. FNSE, the past chairman of NSE Abuja Branch. He conducted the election in company of 3 students from UST & UNIPOINT with transparency and free and fair candour. The election which was adjudged short and peaceful saw the position of the vice chairman and the technical secretary keenly contested for. Each contestant was allowed 60 seconds to address the capacity filled secretariat audience who obviously were prepared for the election. After the elections the following emerged as the new executive committee members elect:

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| (1.) BRANCH CHAIRMAN                | — | ENGR. BATEIM MAX. OGARIAWO MNSE    |
| (2.) VICE CHAIRMAN                  | — | ENGR. DR. A.H. IGONI MNSE          |
| (3.) BRANCH SECRETARY               | — | ENGR. DENIS A.A. DANIA MNSE        |
| (4.) ASSISTANT SECRETARY            | — | ENGR. BROWN AHORKA MNSE            |
| (5.) TECHNICAL SECRETARY            | — | ENGR. RICHARD OGGONNA MNSE         |
| (6.) ASSISTANT TECHNICAL SECRETARY— | — | ENGR. SIR. G.N EZE MNSE            |
| (7.) PUBLICITY SECRETARY            | — | ENGR. DR. AWAJIOGAK .A. UJILE MNSE |
| (8.) FINANCIAL SECRETARY            | — | ENGR. EMMANUEL AMATEMESO MNSE      |
| (9.) TREASURER                      | — | ENGR. GOODLUCK IKENYIRI MNSE       |
| (10.) WELFARE SECRETARY             | — | ENGR. (MRS.) C.A OHAGWA MNSE       |
| (11.) INTERNAL AUDITOR              | — | ENGR. DR. SOLOMON T. ORUMU MNSE    |
| (12.) MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY          | — | ENGR. WARI-ALABO S. JOMBO MNSE     |

The programme was the annual general meeting of the branch which featured technical presentation, financial report from the branch treasurer and the receipt of the external auditor report. Over a hundred engineers were present at the AGM. The technical presentation by Engr. B.M. Ogariawo MNSE. The Vice Chairman (Now Chairman elect.) discussed the Solidification/Stabilization of Drill-cuttings for Beneficial Reuse. The thought provoking lectures provoked discussions from the floor.



Some of the newly elected executive members

## ERC COMMITTEE VISITS ELF

On Thursday September 20th, 2007, Engineering Resource Centre Committee led by the Branch Chairman, Engineer B. J. Benibo FNSE visited Elf Petroleum Nigeria Limited. The team was graciously received by the Deputy Managing Director (Corporate), Engr Alek Musa. In his remark, Engr. Benibo thanked the DMD Corporate for accepting the invitation and reception. He explained that the aim of the visit was to intimate the Elf Management of the desire of the branch to build an Engineering Resource Centre which is intended to offer training and professional development and services to all engineers and stakeholders in engineering industry. He explained that the centre shall have all the state of the facilities that can match any similar institution anywhere in the world.



ERC Committee members with ELF Team

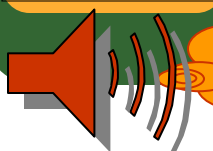
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**THE OGARIAWOS CELEBRATES NEW BABY:**  
**FETES EXCO**

The Family of Engr. & Mrs. Ogariawo MNSE, the Vice Chairman of the NSEPH celebrated the birth of their new born baby girl with the Branch Executive Committee members on Wednesday 19th of September, 2007 in their cursory home at D/line Port Harcourt. The Vice Chairman, Ogariawo, who was full of joy expressed gratitude to God for the safe arrival of the baby and the good health of the mother. He thanked the Exco for the overwhelming visit. The Executive Committee which was led by the Branch Chairman, Engr. B. J. Benibo FNSE, was fete to a sumptuous dinner.



Infotech/Library Committee members in a meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENT**



This is to inform the general public that the date of the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of the Engineering Resource Center earlier stated in our 6th edition has been shifted to **27th of October, 2007**. This is to enable the Committee have adequate preparation. Please bear with us.

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 16TH COREN ENGINEERING ASSEMBLY HELD ON TUESDAY 28TH AND WEDNESDAY 29TH AUGUST, 2007 AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, ABUJA (continued from last edition)**



Participants at the assembly

The Assembly noted the roles of science, engineering, Technology and Innovation (SETI) in meeting the goals of development in Nigeria and that these must be placed at the heart of policies to promote sustainable

development as attested by Declaration of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) as presented in Johannesburg Plan of Implementation in 2000.

The Assembly noted the importance of capacity building in relation to Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation towards the achievement of Millennium Goals. There is need to train all the manpower (engineers, technologists, technicians, craftsmen and artisans) both in quality to meet the established needs of the economy.

The Assembly noted that the National Economic Empowerment and

Development Strategy (NEEDS), which is a Nigerian Poverty Reduction document, that is further illustrated in SEED/LEEDS policy document for State and Local Government provide an authentic framework for coordinating policies and implementing programs to achieve the MDGS. However, There is need for Public-Private Sectors Partnership and Strategic Investment in Science and Technology Sector that could generate more resource required to address the huge funding gap annually, in order to achieve the MDGS in Nigeria.

The Assembly noted with concern the flagrant violation of Code of Engineering Practice in Nigeria, hence welcomes the approval given by the Chief Justice of the Federation for the setting up of COREN Tribunal, in line with the Act establishing the Council, to investigate Culprit (s).

The Assembly observed with concern the delay in the implementation of the Federal Government released White Paper on Strategic Plans for Engineering Development and Control in Nigeria.

The Assembly noted with concern, that the supervised Industrial Training Scheme in Engineering (SITSE), a one year training programmed for fresh graduates in engineering as approved in the White paper, could not also take off.

The Assembly noted with great concern the Brain Drain syndrome that is devastating the sustained utilization of indigenous highly skilled manpower in the country, and that adequate infrastructure should be put in place to avoid total disaster in indigenous manpower development towards achieving MDGs implementation in Nigeria.

**INSPECTION CARRIED OUT BY THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, PORT HARCOURT CHAPTER ON 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2007.**

As part of the Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers programme for the year, the NICE Association inspected some existing projects so as to inform members, the public and the Government on their present status. The Inspection Team of the Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers led by the Chairman, Engr. Amatemeso, O. Emmanuel, Engr. Chief S. Jumbo, Mr. A. Mohammed, Engr. Dr. Orumu, S. Orih, just to mention a few. The team visited the Fly-over at Boro Park and the Bridge along the Link Road from Eastern bye-pass and Amadi-ama by the N.L.G Port Harcourt Office. The team made the following observation:

**ISAAC BORO PARK FLY-OVER:** The pseudo-box type bridge of the flyover show deep structural cracks at the skewed portions of the deck (Slab), and required repairs.

**THE BRIDGE LINKING EASTERN BY-PASS AND AMADI-AMA:** it was observed that the wing walls to the abutments on the N.L.N.G. end and the whole approach slab has failed. Extensive cracks were seen on the wing wall, while the approach embankments have depressed. Collapse is therefore imminent.

The public is advised to take alternative roads to Amadi-ama, Abuloma etc. while the Government should effect immediate repairs as the Association is ready to give professional advice in terms of design, construction and consultancy.



Members of the committee



Crack on the NLNG bridge

**COREN**

The Council for the Regulation of Engineering (Practice) in Nigeria (COREN) Port Harcourt Zone has resumed full activities @ its new zonal office at Maintenance/ FERMA Yard located at plot 41, Birabi Street, opposite Hotel Presidential, G. R. A. , Phase II, off Port Harcourt-Aba Express way, Port Harcourt.

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This is to inform all members of NSEPH that the annual branch due of N4000 and compulsory levy of N5000 towards the Engineer Resource Center is due. All payment should be made at the Branch Secretariat or via Branch Account: UBA ACC. NO: 080208000194 (Port Harcourt main Branch). Also pay National Annual Subscription of N5,500.00 directly to AFRIBANK ACC No. 1420202215613 & forward all tellers to the secretariat for reconciliation.