

REPORT PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT, DR ANTHONY A. OMOLOLA DMP AT THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HOLDING AT TINAPA BUSINESS RESORT, CALABAR, CROSS-RIVER STATE ON SATURDAY, 16TH MARCH 2013.

My dear respected colleagues.

Preamble;

It's with happiness and great pleasure I address you all today as your chief servant and biggest errand man of our Association. I heartily thank you all for your tremendous support, starting from the National Officers, to NEC members and the generality of our members Nationwide. This has been the powerful source of my energy and dedication which have led to the modest achievements that our Association has recorded recently. My unquantifiable thanks to Almighty GOD for giving me the passion, and good health in pursuing these goals. I am passionately and emotionally attached to AGPMPN, because I see this great Association becoming the **SOLUTION TO NIGERIA HEALTH CHALLENGES!!**

In view of this, our Association needs dedicated Officers at all levels of AGPMPN hierarchy that "think" AGPMPN, "drink" AGPMPN, "act " AGPMPN and "show" AGPMPN. This will give a purposeful direction to the generality of members and beyond in achieving our set objectives and goals.

I am delighted to tell you that "AGPMPN is working". We have been involved in many activities and programs.

1. FMOH/PRIVATE HEALTH SECTOR

The committee set up by the Federal Ministry of Health in August 2012: unlocking the potentials in private health sector is putting processes in place that will put private health sector in a position to deliver high quality standards.

As we draw near conclusion, information will be disseminated to properly position colleagues in private sector.

2. POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE

As you are all aware our Association in collaboration with Faculty of Family Medicine, NPMCN launched this program on the 29th October 2010 and the program commenced on the 20th May 2011 in three centres, namely Lagos, Abuja, and Awka.

The 1st batch had their final examination in January 2013. I congratulate those that passed and encourage the few that could not make it to do a re-sit of the examination when it is announced by the NPMCN.

I am glad to inform you that the 2nd batch has resumed in February 2013.

3. WONCA

The 3rd Africa Region WONCA Conference was held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe between 19th - 21st November, 2012 (15) fifteen members of AGPMPN attended along side with other member of NPMCN.

We held the 1st General Meeting of Africa Region which will be the rallying point of WONCA Development in Africa Region.

The WONCA Africa Region President, Dr Tola Osinowo presided exceedingly well over the meeting.

Some of the highlights:

- i. Member organizations in Africa will pay an annual due of three hundred US Dollars.
- ii. Direct Africa WONCA member will pay a sum of twenty US Dollars.
- iii. Africa Region to develop programs that will benefit her.
- iv. Africa Region to develop her own VASCO DA GAMA Movement.

World Family Doctor Day of 19th May was first declared by the World Family Doctors (Wonca) in 2010 and it has become a day to highlight the role and contribution of family doctors in health care systems around the world. The event has gained momentum globally each year and it is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the central role of General practice/Family medicine in the delivery of personal, comprehensive and continuing health care for all patients.

The 2012 World Family Doctor day was a huge success in Nigeria.

Activities marking the day were concurrently celebrated in many centres in Nigeria but notably Lagos, Abuja and Port Harcourt.

Let me appreciate all those that contributed to the success of this day solicit for the support of members in making 2013 World Family Doctor day a success.

The 20th WONCA WORLD CONGRESS will hold in PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC between 26th -30th June 2013. I have no doubt on my mind that it will be a great experience as it has been before, so I implore our members to register in time to facilitate their travelling requirements.

4. CPD

To sustain our Association in the area of CPD, research and related endeavors, the sum of two hundred and fifty naira (#250.00) only/1 credit point/doctor should be adhered to by all our state branches. AGPMPN National, registered with MDCN as one corporate body to ensure we give credence to our CPD points.

We shall continue to work with MDCN guidelines to ensure our Association is seen and addressed as a responsible body. The CPD Chairman will communicate further with all states branches on the issues.

5. ENTERPRENEURIAL TRAINING FOR MEDICAL PRACTICE

Having clearer understanding of the huge amount of resources the nation is losing to medical tourism and professional flight in search of greener pasture in medical industry, it is compelling to nip the issue at the bud by way of providing tailored made approach.

Most time we have been looking at the wrong direction for the solution, meanwhile the solution is within the private sector where a private hospital operates as a core business environment and not just where medical professional services are given.

In view of this, AGPMPN will collaborate with Whizmind Consulting, Philips Consulting and University of Lagos in providing Professional Certificate and Diploma Certificate courses on

Hospital administration and Medical Entrepreneur respectively for primarily medical practitioners.

The objectives:

This is to see medical practitioners adding to their knowledge base on the rudiment and requisite knowledge needed to operate a successful business environment.

*Every participant will identify ingredients of running a successful business.

*Able to learn and relearn the demand of modern business culture.

*Acquiring basics of employability skills for private practitioners.

We believe every participant will experience direct impact of the training on their career and personal life.

APPROACH:

Diploma Certificate in Medical Entrepreneur;

The participants are expected to apply for the course with the University and will be awarded certificate on completion of the course.

The professional Certificate Hospital Administration;

The course will be integrated into the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) of AGPMPN and the approach will be to cover each state of the Federation.

6. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

There is now better response to group life insurance program, embarked by the Association.

This is an area I implore members and their loved ones to key into.

Two of our colleagues in cross-rivers state died last year.

- i. Dr Inyang J. Etukenyen former secretary of cross-rivers state AGPMPN
- ii. Dr Pius Mbia Asu.

A cheque of one million Naira is now ready and will be made available to the family of Dr Etukenyen.

While the one million Naira due to Late Dr Asu's family will be ready soonest through IGI, our insurance partner.

7. COURT CASES

Our court case with PCN is still on. No date has been fixed yet for further hearing.

8. FLOOD VICTIMS

Let me use this opportunity to sympathize and empathize with our colleagues whose properties were destroyed in flood in 2012, especially from Bayelsa, Rivers and Kogi states.

I solicit for assistance from all members, to donate generously for the affected colleagues.

A committee will be responsible for the disbursement of such funds, to these members based on certain criteria.

9. NHIS/NHB HEARINGS

Our Association was represented in these two occasions by:

- Dr Anthony Omolola
- Dr Frank Odafen
- Dr Iyke Odo

➤ Dr Philip Njemanze.

The NHB:

Dr Frank Odafen

Dr Philip Njemanze and other colleagues in FCT

While I was in the Federal Ministry of health committee in Lagos having formally informed NEC members in Owerri. Reports of NHIS/NHB will be presented to the house by Dr Njemanze

10. AGPMPN/WEST AFRICAN HEALTH (WAH)

WAH now collaborates with AGPMPN in their programs. This has provided platform for our colleagues to earn credits units for their CPD and also expose them to other medical technology, displayed at their exhibition pavilion. The 2012 edition was between 5th -7th September 2012 at Eko Hotel and Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos. This year edition comes up 10th -12th September, 2013 at the same venue.

11. AGPMPN/USAID

USAID/Strengthening Private Sector Family Planning and Reproductive health.

This program was launched in Lagos on the 23rd February 2012 by USA Ambassador to Nigeria Amb. Terrence McCulley and in attendance were members of AGPMPN led by the President. The project was initially executed in Lagos, Kaduna, Kano, Edo but has now extended to more states.

Our performance and availability of fund will enable USAID to move to more states.

12. COLLABORATION WITH MEDICAL TUTORS/MEDEHANCE

Our collaboration with these organizations will build capacity among members and earn us units through online/e-learning.

13. STANDING COMMITTEE/ADHOC COMMITTEE

Committees will be reviewed, as to revamp some that are not performing well and strengthen those that are on course.

Special Committees formed last year in a bid to strengthen our health systems and in line with WHO principle on primary care will have their chairmen and secretaries appointed.

14. NJGP

Our journal has improved in all ramifications and it's an outcome of the team work of the Editorial board headed by Dr Edo-Olotu.

I commend him, Dr Jide Onyekwelu and Dr Festus Kalu for job well done.

I implore members henceforth to contribute materials, that our journal will need to come out as the best in Nigeria and far beyond.

15. EAGLES SEARCH/AGPMPN

The concept of Eagle Search is laudable but the company is working to overcome their initial challenges.

When we are sure things are in proper position, we shall start our collaboration.

Our Emergency Rescue group, which I proposed two years ago can function well in collaboration with Eagles Search Foundation when fully in operation and functional.

16. DATA/RESEARCH

Our Association needs to be involved in Data and Research, as to make us relevant in the current day medical practice.

Let me use this opportunity to again thank Drs Edo-Olotu, Jide Onyekwelu and Festus Kalu for concluding study in **CAPACITY UTILIZATION OF PRIVATE MEDICAL FACILITIES IN NIGERIA**.

The results of this study are quite intriguing and will help our Association to present a position paper on it to Government.

More research and studies should be embarked on by members.

Conclusion;

We need to continue to rededicate ourselves to our Association, think about her sovereignty, existence, progress.

In the words of OBAMA during his speech on the 29th January, 2013 in the US **“what makes someone an American is not the blood or birth but allegiance”**

Our allegiance to AGPMPN will make difference and make us proper AGPMPN members.

I thank you all for your support and prayers.

Long live AGPMPN!

Long live Nigeria!!

God bless AGPMPN!

God bless Nigeria!!

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