

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Protocols

Dear respected colleagues,

This year's Annual Scientific Conference and AGM started on 8th March and will end on the 13th March 2011. It gladdens my heart seeing the enthusiasm put up by Oyo State LOC and other members in ensuring a huge success of this year's conference and AGM.

Our Conference since "**Eko o ni baje Lagos 2009**" has grown bigger and has become a conduit of capacity building for our members in different spheres of medical practices, as exemplified by the activities lined up for this year's Conference, **featuring workshops on Ultrasonography, Advanced life support, Echocardiography and ECG** as Pre-Conference activities.

The **theme** of this year's Conference "**Road Traffic Accident: - The place of Commercial Bus Drivers, Motor Cyclists and its Health Implications**" has long been overdue for discussion in view of the colossal loss of resources-human and economic associated with this phenomenon.

I am sure at the end of this conference, we would all be convinced there is a need for an urgent and pragmatic approach by the government and her people, in ensuring the stoppage of this senseless wastage of lives. The sub-themes have been carefully chosen to continue the education of members on some areas of their practices and to keep them abreast of information and management of those cases

Let me use this unique opportunity to inform our members that from the end of this year, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) **will only renew the practicing license of any doctor, if he/she has earned 20 credit units in a year**. This Conference will afford members to earn between 6-10 credit units, if members take particular advantage of it.

It will also gladden your hearts that our Association has been accredited by MDCN to render CPD programmes. In fact it's the first body to be accredited after full payment of accreditation fee.

Let me use this opportunity to appreciate and thank the **Spouses Support Group (SSG)** for supporting our Conference. You are well recognized.

I appeal to our members to embrace the **Postgraduate Diploma in Family Medicine** that will soon commence, as to enable us build the critical mass needed for **Primary care** in Nigeria.

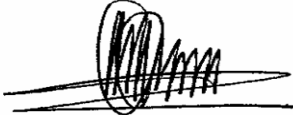
Our Association is marching forward. Our destiny is in our hands, and nobody will do it for us unless we do.

My sincere thanks to the immediate past President, all NEC members and the entire generality of this great Association, AGPMPN for their support and advice since I became the president.

Let me re-emphasize that I will continue to serve this great Association, because my desire to serve is derived from my innermost self and anchored on one of the definitions of leadership by Myles Munroe- **“The capacity to influence others through inspiration, motivated by a passion, generated by vision, produced by conviction and ignited for a purpose.”**

I say thank you all, as I wish you a successful Conference and AGM

Long live AGPMPN
Long live NIGERIA

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'A' followed by several vertical strokes, all contained within a horizontal oval shape.

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