

PREFACE TO THE 33RD AGM/SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE **(FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S DESK)**

The last AGM/Scientific Conference held at Awka in March 2010 was a masterpiece in term of rich cultural display, regular supply of sumptuous meals, good accommodation and hitch free transportation arrangement. The keynote address, Andem Ewa lecture, was delivered by no other person than an academician of repute, “Iroko”, “timber” and “caliber”, the very distinguished Professor (Sir) Wilson I.B. Onuigbo who admonished private practitioners to take over delivery of health care services in Nigeria through group practice. Indeed it was a huge success.

This year's conference will not be anything less, in fact it is going to be a greater success story considering the fact that we are going to the ancient city of Ibadan; the City reputed for having the first citadel of learning (University) in Nigeria, the cradle of Western Nigeria culture, learning and politics and the former largest city in Africa. Ibadan has been the City of Firsts in many endeavours; academic, broadcasting, e.t.c, no wonder the state wears the acronym – Pace Setter. Will that be reflected in this Conference/AGM?

The answer from the look of their preparations is an emphatic Yes! For the first time, delegates are to arrive on Tuesday to be treated with a two-day cocktail of intellectually challenging, educative and practice-oriented seminars, workshops and practical hands on skill demonstrations. These sessions will offer participants golden opportunities to garner CPD credit units which are pre-requisites for MDCN re-certification (of all registered doctors) to practice in 2012. Evidence on the ground suggests a heavy and well-nourished academic content for this year's Conference.

The Theme of this year's Conference: Road Traffic Accident- the place of Commercial Drivers, Motor Cyclists and Its Health Implications was chosen by the host and approved by NEC. It is a topical issue. Many states have banned Commercial Motorcyclists from plying their State Capitals, some restricted their routes and hours of operation. But for others, they are still as free as air. Can this Conference produce a consensus and offer the way forward? We shall all be there to agree, disagree, modify or rebrand the operational and suggested modules.

The Subthemes: Alcohol; Health Care financing; and Health related MDG projects (Maternal Health) will be handled by seasoned experts when we are seated at the academic clime of University of Ibadan Conference Centre.

We are assured of a well planned/prepared Conference, a hospitable community and a luxurious home away from home.

Welcome to Ibadan the City of FIRSTS!

Welcome to the Pace Setter!!

Welcome to OLUYOLE 2011!!!

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