Inaugural Conference Edition

Meet 2014 ISCEST Conference Keynoter, Chairman & Thematic Section Chairs

Keynote Speaker: Prof. David Turner

Professor David Turner recently ends his term as the Treasurer for the World Council of Comparative Education Societies. He is an emeritus professor in the Faculty of Business and Society, University of South Wales, UK and a visiting professor at a number of universities across the globe. After graduating in engineering, Professor Turner became a science teacher in secondary schools for nine years, before moving into teaching in higher education. He has taught in a variety of higher education institutions, teaching comparative education at the University of London Institute of Education before moving to the University of East London, UK.

Conference Chair: Prof. Steve Azaiki

Professor Steve Azaiki is the interim President of the International Society of Comparative Education, Science and Technology Nigeria and Chairman of the 2014 ISCEST Conference. He is the President and Vice Chancellor of soon-to-be operational Institute of Science and Technology-Yenagoa. He serves on the governing board/council of a number of organizations including Federal University of Technology, Ondo State, Niger Delta University, Bayelsa State. He is also a visiting Professor/Fellow to a number of Institutions including the Institute of Petroleum Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, the International Personnel and Management Academy, Kiev, Ukraine. He holds a PhD in Agriculture and is currently a Professor of Plant Protection in Agronomy at the Institute of Potato Research, Ukrainian Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Nemishaeve, Ukraine.

Education Thematic Section Co-Chairs: Prof Charl Wolhuter and Dr Gertrude Shotte

Professor Charl Wolhuter is the President of the Southern African Comparative and History of Education Society and professor in Comparative Education at North-West University, South Africa. Dr Gertrude Shotte is a lecturer at Middlesex University London and Books Editor of the International Journal of Multidisciplinary Comparative Studies.

Management Sciences Thematic Section Chair: Dr Paul Miller

Dr Paul Miller is a Reader at Brunel University United Kingdom and founder of the Institute for Educational Administration & Leadership- Jamaica (IEAL-J). Prior to joining Brunel, he was Professor at the University of Technology, Jamaica.

Environmental & Agricultural Sciences Thematic Section Co-chairs: Prof. Valentine Aletor & Dr Omokaro Obire

Prof. Valentine Ayobore Aletor is a Professor of Agricultural Biochemistry and Nutrition and Vice-Chancellor of Elizade University, Ondo State, Nigeria.

Dr Omokaro Obire is Associate Professor for Environmental Microbiology and former Acting Head of the Department of Applied and Environmental Biology at Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Nigeria.

Technology Thematic Section Chair: Prof. Humphery Ogoni

Prof. Humphery Ogoni is the Vice Chancellor of Niger Delta University, Bayelsa State, Nigeria. He is an expert in chemical and petrochemical engineering.

Applied Sciences Thematic Section Chair: Prof. Ibibia Dabipi

Prof. Ibibia Dabipi is a professor of Electrical Engineering and former Chairman of the Department of Engineering and Aviation Science at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Previously, he was Chairman of Electrical Engineering Department, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA.
Call for papers now open for the Inaugural Conference of the International Society of Comparative Education, Science and Technology (ISCEST) in Nigeria.

Participants are invited to submit full papers. Preliminary submission of abstracts is not required, but participants should send their full papers directly to the thematic section of their choice via the email addresses given below. Any participant who ONLY wants to present a paper without having it published is not required to submit a full paper. If this applies to you, then an abstract of between 150 - 300 words is sufficient.

Notes on full paper submission
- Papers' length should not be a maximum of 4000 words.
- Papers should consist of title; name(s) of author(s); abstract; main text; references.
- No tables, graphs, figures or pictures are accepted.
- Papers accepted for publication will be included in the ISCEST Journal, Volume 1, 2014, that will be published before the beginning of the conference.
- Each participant receives a free copy of the book.
- The deadline for submitting full texts of papers is 6 October 2014.
- Papers are sent directly to Thematic Sections Chairs.
- After submitting papers, participants are notified within a week or two on the acceptance of their papers.

Language of full papers
- Full papers should be written in English.

Language of paper presentations
- Paper presentations (both oral and PowerPoint) and discussions are in English.

Conference equipment
- The conference rooms have computers and digital projectors for PowerPoint presentations.

Important notes
1. Only registered participants will have their papers included in the ISCEST Journal, Vol. 1, 2014. Participants who want their papers to be considered for publication should pay their registration fees by 6 October 2014.
2. Papers submitted after 6 October 2014 and papers of late registered participants who register after 6 October 2014) may be presented at the Conference but they WON'T be published in the Conference Journal.

ISCEST Conference Publication
Papers will be peer-reviewed and published in the Current Studies in Comparative Education, Science and Technology, Volume 1, 2014.


Education Sciences
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Conference Added Feature
CPD Workshop
7 December 2014
Academic writing for journal publication
Presenters
Prof David Turner, FRSA
University of South Wales, UK
&
Dr James Ogunleye, FRSA
Middlesex University, UK
Lead Editor, International Journal of Knowledge, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

All attendees receive CPD Certificates. Places: limited to 30 people.
Call for Membership now open for ISCEST

The International Society of Comparative Education, Science and Technology Nigeria is a scholarly association dedicated to promoting comparative education, science and technology, and as well as enhancing the academic status of these fields. The ISCEST also seeks to deepening our understanding of educational, scientific and technological issues, trends and policies through comparative, national and international perspectives.

To this end, ISCEST aims to:

- promote teaching and cross-disciplinary research in education, science and technology,
- facilitate research publications,
- network with other professionals and professional organisations,
- support research students, organise conferences, workshops and meetings and
- being a resource to national policy makers.

A major goal of the ISCEST is to strengthen the theoretical basis of comparative studies in education, science and technology and applied those understandings to policy and implementation issues in Nigeria, Africa and other comparable settings.

Membership

The ISCEST is now calling for membership for this new multidisciplinary comparative society, the first of its kind in sub Saharan Africa and third on the African continent after South Africa and Egypt. An immediate goal of the ISCEST is to become a member of the World Council of Comparative Education Societies and make ISCEST presence felt at the next WCCES conference in Beijing, China in 2016.

How to join ISCEST

Individuals and students who registered for the ISCEST inaugural conference in December 2014 are automatically enrolled as members of the International Society of Comparative Education, Science and Technology Nigeria. There will be an inaugural general meeting of the society on 11 December where the constitution will be presented and membership formally confirmed and members of the executive committee will be elected for a fixed-year term.

Membership benefits

- Include a free copy of the ISCEST conference journal—current studies in education, science and technology—and the ISCEST Newsletter, which will be published three times a year, and a discount on registration fee at ISCEST annual conferences.
- It is anticipated that ISCEST will facilitate opportunity for exchange and cooperation of scholars in Africa and beyond.

Annual membership subscriptions

- Academics—retired and active: N5000 per calendar year (or US $30.00 for non-Nigerian residents).
- Students—strictly research or doctoral scholars: N3000 per calendar year (or US$20.00 for non-Nigerian student residents).

To sign up, please register for the ISCEST conference and return the registration form to the email address given on the form—see www.iscest.org.

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The Institute of Science and Technology Yenagoa (IST Yenagoa) is a constituent institute of the Azaiki Foundation. It is a new interdisciplinary research-led institute dedicated to applied research and education in science and technology, located in Yenagoa, Bayelsa.

The Institute’s objective is to empower our generation and make a contribution to the nation to help uplift the progress in business, science, technology and to undertake cutting-edge research that will inform policy and development in Nigeria.

Additionally, the Institute seeks to:

- develop leaders in society or industry who hold credible expertise in the frontier science and technology, broad perspectives, high level of autonomy and communication ability, through its systematic advanced continuing professional development courses,
- contribute to Nigerian societies with research outcomes, creates a centre of excellence for advancement of empirical work for solving problems of our country and society and develops new fields through a variety of applied empirical research studies.

Mission Statement
The Institute shall conduct internationally outstanding education and research in science and technology, and thus contribute to the sustainable development of Bayelsa, and promote and sustain the advancement of science and technology in Nigeria.

Academic structure & leadership
The Institute’s President and Vice-Chancellor is Prof Steve Azaiki and will be assisted by members of the Vice Chancellor Group (VCG) made up of a Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic & Quality Assurance, Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, Innovation & Enterprise, Deputy Vice Chancellor Finance, Resources & Administration and Institute Secretary & Registrar.

Schools
The Institute will have five schools, each headed by a Dean—Delta Business School, School of Applied Sciences, School of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, School of Innovative Technologies, and School of Professional Studies & Development.

Other academic units

**Academic departments include:**

- Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Department of Human Resources, Strategy & Marketing
- Department of Business Finance & Accounting
- Department of Forensic Science
- Department of Applied Technologies
- Department of Oil & Gas Engineering Assets Management
- Department of Food Security & Sustainability
- Department of Rural Skills & Innovation
- Department of Environment & Climate Studies
- Department of Education & Lifelong Learning
- Department of Languages & Community Cohesion
- Department of Foundation Studies

**Specialist professional development and research centres include:**

- Centre for Executive Skills, Competence & Development
- Centre for Intelligence, Security Studies & Public Safety
- Centre for Academic Leadership, Teaching & Learning Competence
- Centre for Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- Centre for School Leadership & Administrators
- Centre for Entrepreneurial Innovation and Research
- Centre for Business Analytics
- Centre for Youth Employment & Job Creation
- Centre for Co-ordinated Response to Critical Situations
- Centre for Communication Skills for Hospital Nurses and Doctors
- Centre for the Delivery & Maintenance of Public Infrastructural Projects

Operational strategy
The Institute will provide facilities and internationally recognised scientific experts to host and lead teaching, research and scientific exploration to address specific selected educational, development, business, scientific, technological and National Security challenges of national importance. Through teams and collaborative efforts, with government, universities and industry, leading scientists, engineers and National Security specialists with a particular focus on providing solutions to critical national challenges.

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