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**You are addressed as you are dressed!!!. Indecent dressers and persons of unacceptable conduct, Beware!!! UNIZIK Dress Code Committee is watching you!!!**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS has received members of the House of Representatives Committee on Tertiary Education and Services. The Committee members led by the Chairman, Hon. Aminu Suleiman were received by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Charles Esimome, FAS in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, recently.

Hon. Suleiman disclosed that the Committee was on oversight mission to the Federal tertiary institutions in the South Eastern States.

Prof. Esimone commended the Honourable members for the visit, expressing hopes that the visit will yield positive results for the University.

Some members of the committee include Hon. Dolapo Badru, Hon. Aminu Malle, Hon. Stella Ngwu, Hon. Mu'azu Lawal and Hon. Ben Nwankwo. Others on the delegation include, Dr. Ibitoye Bamisaiye, Millicent Laz -Eke, Martha  Mbalisi and Umar Mohammed.

Present at the meeting from the University include: the Registrar, Dr. Hyacinth Isidienu, the Bursar, Mrs. Joy Ojukwu, the Director of Infrastructure and Development, Prof. Godson Okafor and the Dean of Students Affairs, Prof. Stan Udedi.

The Entomological Society of Nigeria paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS in his Office recently to kick start its conference.

Welcoming the delegates, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Esimone who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS thanked and appreciated them for choosing Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka for their conference. He said that such exercises like conference/seminar is one of the things unversities are known for, because it is through it that solutions are profered for the good of the country.

Prof. Esimone noted that Entomology is fundamental for science and their researchers are sought out widely due to their economic value in the world. He urged them to be innovative and introduce new routines that would depict people who are at the top as great teachers that they are.

Eariler, the National President, Entomological Society of Nigeria, Prof. Sylvster S. Ogbogu thanked the VC for the warm reception and appreciated UNIZIK, stating that Anambra State is endowed with great number of intellectuals. He prayed God to grant the VC the capacity and wisdom to drive the affairs of this great citadel of learning to greater heights.

present also for the visit were, Prof. S. C. Ewuim, Prof. Dan A. Enobakhare, Prof. R. S. Adamu, Dr. H. A. Bandiya, Prof. F. A. Ajayi and Dr. A. A. Oyerinde.

The Entomological Society of Nigeria has held her 48th annual conference with the theme "***Synergizing Collaborative Research in Entomology for Progress: Impact on Agriculture, Food Security and Health Care in Nigeria***."

The conference which was organized from 10th to 12th October, held at the University Auditorium. Addressing participants, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS reiterated the commitment of the University administration in breaking beyond the narrow confines of teaching, to which many Nigerian universities appear to be fixated, into the higher pedestal of research, particularly research that could impact positively on society.

Prof. Ahaneku who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Charles Esimone, FAS explained that the current administration encourages various faculties and departments to hold academic discourses such as seminars, conferences and workshops as avenues for disseminating research findings and stimulating further research.

He expressed confidence that the conference would generate actionable ideas for application in the field of entomology.

The National President of the Society, Prof. Sylvester Ogbogu commended all who had been resolute and committed towards the advancement of the society. Prof. Ogbogu stressed that much still needs to be done to make the society relevant in the scheme of activities in the country. He commended the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee, Prof. S. C Ewuim for his dedication towards the fruition of the conference.  The conference featured various paper presentations by seasoned researchers and scholars from various parts of the country.

An international organization established with the responsibility of contributing to Africa sustainable development and the development of the youths for responsible leadership in Africa impact. Africa International has invited the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS to the 2017 edition of its international debate championship and continental public speaking contest.

**Date:** - 18th of December, 2017

**Venue:** - University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana

**Theme:** - Responsible Leadership and Sustainable Development

In furtherance of MTN Nigeria’s commitment to enhance learning, and to add value to education sector in Nigeria, by providing annual scholarships. Below are the names of students’ beneficiaries and blind students’ beneficiaries of the scholarship:

**MTN Foundation Science & Technology Scholarship (Existing Beneficiaries) Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **S/N** | **Name** | **Gender** | **Matric Number** | **Course of study** |
| 1. | Nnamani Ezinne Martina | Female | 2012874039 | Agricultural Science |
| 2. | Eze Francis Nzubechukwu | Male | 2013474292 | Biochemistry |
| 3. | Ukwuigwe Chizobam Onyinyechi | Female | 2012214123 | Chemical Engr. |
| 4. | Ozoibekwe Ukamaka Joy | Female | 2012214164 | Chemical Engr. |
| 5. | Oranyelu Chizoba Glory | Female | 2012214139 | Chemical Engr. |
| 6. | Obiekwe Olisa Wisdom | Male | 2013214225 | Chemical Engr. |
| 7. | Obi Chinazamekpere Valerie | Female | 2013214213 | Chemical Engr. |
| 8. | Nwobi Obianudo Jennifer | Female | 2013214201 | Chemical Engr. |
| 9. | Njingwu Onuoha Ugochukwu | Male | 2013214248 | Chemical Engr. |
| 10. | Ike Chinecherem Juliana | Male | 2012214153 | Chemical Engr. |
| 11. | Ezeakacha Samuel Ikechukwu | Male | 2013214229 | Chemical Engr. |
| 12. | Ajuluchi Innocent Ifenna | Male | 2012214116 | Chemical Engr. |
| 13. | Ajah Jamael Chima | Male | 2012214142 | Chemical Engr. |
| 14. | Udoh Emmanuel Ekenedilichukwu | Male | 2013224163 | Civil Engr. |
| 15. | Onyedika Innocent Oli | Male | 2013224172 | Civil Engr. |
| 16. | Anthony Jedidiah Jahemeene | Male | 2013364255 | Computer Engr. |
| 17. | Umeaduma Livinus Ifunanya | Male | 2013514363 | Computer Technology |
| 18. | Okorie Chukwudi Joseph | Male | 2012364135 | Electrical Engr. |
| 19. | Nwaohiri Damian Ekene | Male | 2012364132 | Electrical Engr. |
| 20. | Nnaji ThankGod Chinweze | Male | 2013234237 | Electrical Engr. |
| 21. | Iyiegbu Ndubuisi Ignatius | Male | 2012234149 | Electrical Engr. |
| 22. | Emmanuel Joseph Ifesinachi | Male | 2013234208 | Electrical Engr. |
| 23. | Alaoma Ebubechukwu Caleb | Male | 2012364116 | Electrical Engr. |
| 24. | Ahachie Kingsley Chibueze | Male | 2012234117 | Electrical Engr. |
| 25. | Uzoma Winner Chukwubikem | Male | 2013524113 | Mathematics |
| 26. | Dibie Chukwuka Precious | Male | 2013254112 | Metallurgical Engr. |

**MTN Foundation Scholarship Scheme for Blind Students (Existing Beneficiaries) Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka**

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| **S/N** | **Name** | **Gender** | **Matric Number** | **Course of study** |
| 1. | Ujunwa Blessing Chinonso | Female | 2013394621 | Law |
| 2. | Enuma Success Ngozi | Female | 2013684211 | Education |
| 3. | Obierika Chibuzor Bright | Male | 2013044222 | History and International Studies |
| 4. | Uka Kenechukwu Daniel | Male | 2013044223 | History and International Studies |
| 5. | Okwelogu Anazogini Vitalis | Male | 2013174355 | Igbo Language |
| 6. | Ohaeri ThankGod Onyekwere | Male | 2013394622 | Law |
| 7. | Chukwu Miracle Adaeze | Female | 2013684212 | Education Management & Policy |
| 8. | Esoge Uzochukwu God’s Time | Male | 2012394436 | Law |

The UNESCO-UNEVOC Centre for Technical Vocational Education, Training and Research, University of Nigeria Nsukka, in collaboration with innovation in TVET Research Group and other international organisations is organising a 5-day Executive Training Workshop for Managers, Directors, Programme Coordinators, Researchers and Supervisors of skill training/Entrepreneurship Centres in tertiary educational institutions in Nigeria.

**Date:** - 27th November, 2017

**Venue:** - Nnamdi Azikiwe Library UNN

**Theme:** – Effectiveness in the Management of Skills Training /entrepreneurship centre

***Registration and cost*** – N50, 000 for each participant to cover training protocols and package, certification, tea break and lunch for 5days participants’ names and contact details (phone number and email) and evidence of payments should be sent to [cetvetar.cetvetar@unn.edu.ng](mailto:cetvetar.cetvetar@unn.edu.ng). or [emma.osinem@unn.edu.ng](mailto:emma.osinem@unn.edu.ng) on or before October 27, 2017.

**Account Details:** - CTR for TECH VOC. EDU. TRAINING & RESEARCH

**Account Number:** - 1014212371

**Bank Name:**  - Zenith

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| **S/N** | **Name** | **Programme of Training** | **Institution where Training is Tenable** | **Commencement date of Training** | **Duration of studies** | **Remark** |
| 1. | Obiora Oluchukwu Loveth | Ph.D Nursing Science | University of Witwatersrand Johnesburg, South Africa | June 2017 | 3 years | Approved |
| 2. | Onyi Charles Emeka | Ph.D Mathematics | Freie University Berlin, Germany | June 2017 | 3 year | Approved |
| 3 | Akwar Victor O. | MS. c Computer Science | Ama University, Philippines | 2017 | 2 year | Not Approved: Non academic staff |
| 4. | Ojukwu Henry Sonna | Ph.D Business Administration | University of Benin | Sep. 2016 | 3 years | Approved |
| 5. | Ugochukwu Godwin Chidozie | Ph.D Biochemistry | University of Nigeria, Nsukka | June 2917 | 3 years | Approved |

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| **S/N** | **Name** | **Conference title and location & country where the conference is tenable** | **Conference date** | **Remark** |
| 1. | Dr. Nweke Charles | ISAPS The International Society for African Society and Studies at University of Vienna (Ausina ) | 10 – 11 July, 2017 | Not approved belated conference |
| 2. | Godwin Adaobi Ozioma | Association of Chartered system Accountant USA | 9 – 13 October, 2017 | Approved |
| 3. | Ogbu Kingsley Nnaemeka | 51st International Conference on Water Management Modeling in Toronto Canada | 28th February – 1st March, 2018 | Approved |
| 4. | Okafor Tochuchukwu Gloria | Academy of International Business Southeast-USA Chapter in Washington DC,USA | October 26 -29, 2017 | Approved |
| 5. | Ekwealor Chito Clare | 4th ASM Conference on Viral Manipulation of Nuclear Processes at Charleston, S.C. USA | 3rd – 6th December, 2017 | Not approved No evidence of paper accepted for presentation |
| 6. | Ekwealor Ikechukwu A. | 4th ASM Conference on Viral Manipulation of Nuclear Processes at Charleston, S.C. USA | 3rd – 6th December,2017 | Not approved No evidence of paper accepted for presentation |
| 7. | Okigbo Raphael .N | 6th International Conference on Integration of Science and Technology for Sustainable Development 2017 (6th ICIST 2017), Beguia, Philipines | 24th – 26th November,2017 | Not approved No evidence of paper accepted for presentation |
| 8. | Ibeama Comfort Nkolika | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | October 15 – 19, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 9. | Prof. Ezeh Peter | XXVIII International population conference (IPC 2017) in Cape town South, Africa | 29th October – 4th November, 2017 | Approved |
| 10. | Ezeugwunne, Ifeoma P | 23rd International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine Durban International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa | 22nd – 25th October, 2017 | Approved |
| 11. | Prof. Meludu Samuel .C | 23rd International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine Durban International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa | 22nd – 25th October, 2017 | Approved |
| 12. | Anakwenze Vivian Nonyelum | 4th ASM Conference on Viral Manipulation of Nuclear Processes at Charleston, S.C. USA | 3rd – 6th December, 2017 | Not approved No evidence of paper accepted for presentation |
| 13. | Anaukwu Chikodili Glays | 4th ASM Conference on Viral Manipulation of Nuclear Processes at Charleston, S.C. USA | 3rd – 6th December, 2017 | Not approved No evidence of paper accepted for presentation |
| 14. | Okonkwo Ugochukwu | 19th International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Management (ICIEM) 2017 | 18th – 19th December, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 15. | Ilozue Perpetua Ngozi | 44th Annual Administrative Professional Conference Orlando Florida, USA | 6th – 9th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 16. | Okafoanyali James O | Nigeria Institute of Science Laboratory Technology Conference NISLT, Samonda, Ibadan | 10th – 16th September, 2017 | Approved |
| 17. | Ezeuko Oluchukwu Chinyelu | Administrative Management Institute, Ithaea, New York | 7th – 10th August, 2017 | Not approved belated conference |
| 18. | Ezeh Patience Chekwube | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 19. | Okeke Azuka Chika | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 20. | Buchi Chinonso G. | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 21. | Okeke Ukamaka P. | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 22. | Olu Helen Ijeoma | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 23. | Anachuna Obiorah Chinyere N. | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 24. | Anachuna Chinedu Benjamin | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 25. | Amatta Okechukwu M | 2017 Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) Programme Akure, Ondo State | 4th – 7th December, 2017 | Approved |
| 26. | Adetomokun Sunday Emman | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 27. | Mkpo Caroline Uzoamaka | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 28. | Okeke Chinonye Lilian | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 29. | Okeke Ebere Eunice | 2017 Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) Programme Akure, Ondo State | 4th – 7th December, 2017 | Approved |
| 30. | Nduka Ogochukwu C. | 2017 Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) Programme Akure, Ondo State | 4th – 7th December, 2017 | Approved |
| 31. | Igu Nwabueze I. | Geospatial Intelligence Training Workshops at Abuja | 12th – 16th June , 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 32. | Odogwu Njideka | 2017 Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) Programme Akure, Ondo State | 4th – 7th December, 2017 | Approved |
| 33. | Ohazulume Joan N. | 2017 Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) Programme Akure, Ondo State | 4th – 7th December, 2017 | Approved |
| 34. | Nnatuanya Deborah Chinonye | 2nd World Congress & Expo on Dementia and Neuroscience, Miami, USA | 11th – 13th September, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 35. | Onyema Chukwuebuka ThankGod | 3rd International Conference on Natural Products Utilisation: from plants to pharmacy shelf, Bandko Bulgaria | 18th – 21st October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 36. | Nwobi Ebele G. | 2017 Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) Programme Gombe, Gombe State | 25th – 28th September, 2017 | Approved |
| 37. | Ojukwu Ebele Veronica | 4th Academic International Conference on Multi-Disciplinary Studies and Education USA | 25th – 28th September, 2017 | Not approved Multidisciplinary organizer |
| 38. | Okonkwo Ogochukwu Lorita | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 39. | Pius Ogechukwu Cordelia | 4th Annual Admin Officers and Secretaries Conference at Lagos | 16th – 19th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 40. | Analike Rosemary Adamma | 23rd International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine Durban International Convention Center, Durban, South Afria | 22nd – 25th October, 2017 | Approved |
| 41. | Iwuagwu Christian | 10th International Conference on Agriculture and Horticulture London, UK | 2nd – 4th October, 2017 | Not approved third party organizer |
| 42. | Umobi Charity Ifeoma | International Conference on Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology at Marmaris, Turkey | 28th April – 1st May, 2018 | Not approved No evidence of paper accepted for presentation |

The sale of the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) forms for programmes in the 2017/2018 session has been extended.

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) Programme for 2017/2018 session.

The programme leads to the award of JUPEB Certificate which enables candidates gain Direct Entry Admissions into Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka and other JUPEB-affiliated Universities in Nigeria and Abroad.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligible candidates must possess minimum of Credit Level Pass at maximum of two (2) sittings in at least 5 subjects (inclusive of English Language) relevant to the candidate’s desired course of study in the University.

***DURATION:*** The duration of the programme is one academic session of two semesters.

***AVAILABLE SUBJECT COMBINATIONS***

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| **Option/Fields** | **Subject Combinations** |
| **Arts** | History/Literature/Christian Religious Studies (HLCRS) |
| Economics/History/Literature (EHL) |
| History/Igbo/CRS (HICRS) |
| Igbo/Literature/CRS (ILCRS) |
| French/Literature/CRS (FLCRS) |
| Government/Literature/Christian Religious Studies (GLCRS) |
| History/Igbo/French (HIF) |
| **Social Sciences** | Government/Economics/Mathematics (GEM) |
| Literature/Economics /Government (LEG) |
| Biology/Economics/ Government (BEG) |
| Government/Literature/Christian Religious Studies (GLCRS) |
| Biology/Government/CRS (BGCRS) |
| **Management Sciences** | Business Studies/Accounting/Mathematics (BAM) |
| Mathematics/Accounting/Geography (MAG) |
| Mathematics/Economics/Government (MEG) |
| Mathematics/Economics/Business Studies (MEB) |
| **Sciences** | Agricultural Science/Biology/Chemistry (ABC) |
| Physics/Chemistry/Mathematics (PCM) |
| Physics/Chemistry/Biology (PCB) |

Candidates are to note that the above listed subject combinations meet the requirements (as applicable) for admission into Degree Programmes in the Sciences, Social Sciences, Management Sciences and Arts courses in all JUPEB-affiliated Universities in Nigeria including Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka

***METHOD OF APPLICATION***

1. Visit: portal.unizik.edu.ng/jupeb
2. Click on create profile. Enter your Surname, First Name, Middle Name, Email, Phone number etc. and click on SUBMIT. A Registration number and password will be generated for you. Print or copy out both the Registration number and password for login and click on Finish to be redirected to the login page.
3. Enter the Registration Number as your username and the password as your password, and click on LOGIN.
4. Click on STEP ONE, click on Generate RRR. Your registration number name, email, phone number and application form fee of 15,000 naira will be displayed. Click on GENERATE.
5. Print out your invoice and proceed to bank to make the required payment of 15,000 naira. The account number is the RRR number on your invoice
6. Visit the portal 2 hours after your bank payment, login with your Registration number and your password.
7. Click on STEP TWO, click on Confirm Payment. Your registration number, name, e-mail and phone number will be displayed. Enter the RRR number and click on VERIFY PAYMENT. You will see a notification: “payment verification successful” or “Transaction pending”. If your payment verification is successful proceed to (Viii), else retry (Vii) until the payment verification is successful.
8. Click on STEP THREE, click fill application form, fill out the application form and click on SUBMIT
9. Print out your acknowledgment slip:

***GENERAL INFORMATION***

1. Applicants into 2017/2018 Preliminary Programme are advised to be checking our website from time to time for their admission status and other relevant information.
2. All candidates are required to register for 2018 JAMB Direct Entry during the programme.
3. All Candidates are required to use valid e-mail addresses and **PERSONAL** Telephone Numbers.
4. The forms must be filled and submitted online either immediately or within two weeks of accessing the website. **No downloaded or printed copies of forms will be accepted.**
5. Candidates are advised to follow the Application Instructions **very carefully** and ensure they select the **Correct SUBJECT COMBINATIONS**. Failure to do so may adversely affect the Candidate

***FURTHER ENQUIRIES***

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The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) will pay a sensitization visit to the University to appraise staff with the workings of TETFUND and on how to access the various interventions.

**Date:** Monday 23rd October, 2017

**Time:** 9am

**Venue:** University Auditorium

To this end, Deans of Faculties, Directors as well as HODs are expected to be at the workshop.

The School of Postgraduate Studies, Nnamdi Azikiwe University has schedule to hold its 2017 PG Screening Test.

The following is the schedule of fees payable by each candidate for the screening test.

**PhD Candidates:** N7, 000 (Seven thousand Naira Only)

**PGD & Masters Candidates:** N5, 000 (Five thousand Naira Only)

Payment must be completed before Monday, 23rd of October, 2017.

Generate remita I.D (RRR) and proceed to any bank for payment. Bring the print out to the screening venue.

**Note:** *Date of Screening Test:* Monday 30th of October, 2017, 3rd of November, 2017.

Only candidates, whose payments have been received on/before Monday, 23rd of October, 2017 shall receive the final invitation for the Screening Test.

Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka Branch invite University Community to launching of N150M Ultra Modern SSANU Office/Secretariat Complex.

**Date:** -Friday, 20th of october, 2017

**Venue:** - University Auditorium, UNIZIK, Awka

**Time:** - 12noon

**Chief Host**

Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS

Vice-Chancellor, UNIZIK

**Chairman**

Mr. Donatus Ebubeogu

Chairman, Onitsha Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines & Agriculture

**Patrons**

Dr. I. H. Isidienu (Registrar UNIZIK)

Ven. Prof, A. D. Nkamnebe

**Patroness**

Prof. Stella Chinyere Okunna

**Royal Father of the Day**

HRM Obi Gibsom Nwosu

Ezeuzu II of Awka

**Host**

Com. Nwangwu Njideka M.

Chairperson,SSANU

Monkeypox is a relatively rare disease that was first detected in monkeys in Africa in 1958 and resembles smallpox in terms of the skin lesions (pox) seen in humans as part of the physical findings and also because the cause is a virus that is closely related to the smallpox (variola) virus. Monkeypox, smallpox, cowpox, and vaccinia [viruses](https://www.medicinenet.com/viral_infections_pictures_slideshow/article.htm) all belong to the same family of viruses. The disease is different from smallpox. Monkeypox may be transferred from animals to people (or person to person) and has far less mortality ([death rate](https://www.medicinenet.com/grief_bereavement_mourning_quiz/quiz.htm)) than smallpox had.

Monkeypox has a relatively recent history. It was first discovered in monkeys in 1958, although a "vesicular disease in monkeys" was described in the1860s. The disease, and eventually the causative virus, was named monkeypox because the lesions (pox) seen in monkeys developed like other known pox-forming diseases (pustules that eventually break open, ulcerate, crust over, and some pox form [scars](https://www.medicinenet.com/scars/article.htm) in the skin). Later studies showed the "monkeypox" virus was actually sustained endemically in African rodents.

**What causes monkeypox, and how it is transmitted**

Monkeypox is caused by an *Orthopoxvirus* named monkeypox. The viruses are oval brick-shaped viruses that have a lipoprotein layer with tubules or filaments that cover the viral DNA. There are many members of this viral genus, including such species as variola (smallpox), cowpox, buffalopox, camelpox, rabbitpox, and others. Most species infect a particular animal species but occasionally may infect other mammals. Transmission of monkeypox is usually by direct contact with infected animals or possibly by eating poorly cooked meat from an infected rodent or monkey. Cutaneous or mucosal lesions on the infected animals are a likely source of transmission to humans, especially when the human skin is broken due to bites, scratches, or other [trauma](https://www.medicinenet.com/trauma_and_first_aid_quiz/quiz.htm) -- are a likely source for virus infection. Person-to-person transfer, probably by infected respiratory droplets, is possible but is not often documented. One study suggested that only about 8%-15% of infections were transmitted person to person among close family members.

**Symptoms and Signs**

The first symptoms that occur are nonspecific -- [fever](https://www.medicinenet.com/fever/symptoms.htm), [sweating](https://www.medicinenet.com/hyperhidrosis_sweating_pictures_slideshow/article.htm), malaise, and some patients may develop a [cough](https://www.medicinenet.com/chronic_cough/article.htm), [nausea](https://www.medicinenet.com/nausea/symptoms.htm), and [shortness of breath](https://www.medicinenet.com/shortness_of_breath/symptoms.htm). About two to four days after fever develops, a [rash](https://www.medicinenet.com/rash/article.htm) with papules and pustules develops most often on the face and chest, but other body areas may eventually be affected, including mucus membranes inside the nose and mouth. These skin and mucus membrane pox lesions can ulcerate, crust over, and then begin to heal in about 14-21 days. In addition, lymph nodes usually swell during this time.

**How is monkeypox diagnosed**

Most laboratories do not have the reagents to do this testing, so state labs or the CDC will need to process the samples to establish a definitive diagnosis. These tests are based on detecting antigenic structures (usually from skin or pox samples or occasionally serum) specific to either monkeypox virus or immunoglobulin that reacts with the virus. PCR ([polymerase chain reaction](https://www.medicinenet.com/pcr_polymerase_chain_reaction/article.htm)), ELISA techniques (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay), or Western blotting tests (immunoblotting) are the main tests used.

**Treatment**

The CDC recommends the following:

* A smallpox vaccination should be administered within two weeks of exposure to monkeypox.
* Cidofovir ([Vistide](https://www.medicinenet.com/cidofovir_injection/article.htm)), an antiviral drug, is suggested for patients with severe, life-threatening symptoms.
* Vaccinia immune globulin may be used, but efficacy of use has not been documented.

For severe symptoms, supportive measures such as mechanical ventilation may rarely be needed. Consultation with an infectious-diseases expert and the CDC is recommended.

**Prevention**

Monkeypox can be prevented by avoiding eating or touching animals known to acquire the virus in the wild (mainly African rodents and monkeys). Person-to-person transfer has been documented. Patients who have the disease should physically isolate themselves until all of the pox lesions have healed (lost their crusts), and people who are caring for these patients should use barriers (gloves and face masks) to avoid any direct or droplet contact. Caregivers should obtain a smallpox vaccination. ***Curl’d from google)***

**🎔Wedding Bells🎔**

* Paradise J. Obada of MIS Unit, Bursary Department, UNIZIK will wed her heartthrob, Mr. Lucky O. Aloba on Saturday 28th of October, 2017 at Living Faith Church Winners Chapel Int’L End of Ikwegwu Street, Agbarho, Delta State, by 10a.m. Reception follows immediately @ Emete-Igho Hotel & Suites, Okan-Agbarho, Delta State.
* Mr. Kelechi Benjamin Nkemkolam of Security Department is set to tie knot with his heartthrob, Miss Chinyere Vigina Okigbo on 4th of November, 2017 at Chapel of Redemption UNIZIK Temp. Site Awka at 10am. Reception follows immediately after the service at University Co-operative Society Arena beside Engineering Bus stand UNIZIK.

**Bereavement**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Ahaneku, FAS regrets to announce the demise of:

* Mr. Ibekwe Anthony Ikemefuna who died on 16th of August, 2017 after a brief illness. Until his death, he was the husband of Mrs. Ogechukwu Augustina Ibekwe of the Department of Environmental Management. He has since been buried on the 29th of August, 2017 at Nteje his home town.

* Mrs. Patricia Ozoemena Osondu (Nee Ojukwu) at the age of 70. Until her death she was the mother of Mr. Nnamdi Osondu of the Dean’s Office, Faculty of Management Sciences, Mrs. Chinyere Okwuchukwu of the Dean’s Office, Faculty of Environment Sciences, a sister to G. I. Ojukwu, former acting Registrar of the University and mother-in-law to Mrs. Ugochi Osondu of the Continuing Education Programme (CEP) Unit. ***Burial Arrangements***: Thursday, 19th of October, 2017 at 10am prompt at Late Edwin Osondu’s Compound, Umuru-Ide village, Alor, Idemili South, L.G.A Anambra State.

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