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### RRIN holds November edition of her Monthly Seminar Series (MSS)

The October Edition of the RRIN MSS took place on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> of October, 2023. As it is with other Seminars, there were two presenters. The first presentation by Dr. (Mrs) O.A. Emuedo, which was co-authored by several other Research Scientists was on "Basal Studies of Mortex as a latex yield stimulant of *Hevea brasiliensis*". In her presentation, she outlined the reason for the use of stimulants in rubber exploitation, comparing the efficacy of three different types of stimulants (Mortex 25 & 50, Ethephon and Vitex) on latex yield of the experimental trees. The study showed that the Mortex 50, stimulated trees produced the highest final volume of latex, but noted that the Control trees had the highest DRC. She concluded that more work needs to be done to ascertain the long-term effect of the stimulant on latex production.



Dr. (Mrs) O.A. Emuedo, during her presentation

The second presentation by Dr. E.O.O. Obaze, dwelled on "Preparation and characterization of biodiesel from crude and refined rubber seed oil via homogenous catalysts". The study which was also co-authored by several other Scientists, discussed different samples of biodiesel ((methyl ester)) preparation from crude and refined rubber seed oil (RSO), using different homogeneous catalysts (sodium hydroxide (I), sulfuric acid (II), hydrochloric acid (III) and phosphoric acid (IV)). The study showed that sodium hydroxide gave the highest and lowest yields (95% and 13%) overall from refined and crude RSO respectively, while sulfuric acid gave the highest yield from crude RSO.

The study concluded that all the obtained RSO methyl esters exhibited fuel properties within the recommended range according to ASTM standard.

There was a question and answer session after the presentation.



Dr. E.O.O. Obaze, during his presentation



Cross section of members of Staff, during the Seminar

### Dr. L.N. Dongo pays courtesy visit to Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority (BORBDA)

The Director/CEO RRIN in the company of some of the Directors in the Institute; Dr. K.O Omokhafa, Dr. T.U Esekade, Dr O. Egharevba and her Technical Assistant Dr. C. Okwu paid a courtesy visit to Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023. The meeting commenced by 2pm with the MD, Engr. Saliu Ahmed and 4 of his Directors, his Technical Assistant and Public Relation Officer in attendance.

After the exchange of pleasantries, The ED, RRIN in her opening remarks said one thing both institutes have in common is FOOD SECURITY and one of her focus is to empower youths through food security, she dwelled on the Rubber Agroforestry (RAF) model that have been developed by her institute which has impacted the lives of both young and old smallholders rubber farmers through capacity building and establishment of this model in several communities.

The agenda of the visit was to:

- Establish a formal relationship with the only federal agency within the same LGA sharing the same Dukedom



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- Seeking possible partnership in area of food security and Staff welfare
- Invitation to RRIN 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Financial assistance for the Medical outreach as a way of giving back to our host communities after 50 years in existence.

The MD, Benin-Owena RBDA expressed his gratitude for the initiative of the ED, RRIN to reach out to his institute as he has been on seat in the last seven (7) years without reaching out to a fellow federal agency within his domain, sharing same 'ancestry' and co-existing in the same dukedom. He also congratulated RRIN on their forthcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and pledged to support the initiative of giving back to the host community through the proposed medical outreach. The MD, went further to say that their main expertise is water abstraction and irrigation and they cover four States namely; Edo, Ondo, Ekiti and the northern district of Delta State with area offices in all States. Their focus is to have an organic network of producers, they pioneer integrated farms and are in partnership with Sunrise in training and related farming activities.

The MD also promised to kick start the initiative to promote community relationship, he informed his visitors that in the past, their institute in partnership with an international body had trained and equipped well over 60 youths on beekeeping with the aim that the youths will pay back through sales of honey and byproducts. The MD however regretted that the outcome was not impactful. Dr. L.N. Dongo responded that RRIN can come in, in the area of selection criteria and capacity building for the participants.



Dr. L.N. Dongo and her entourage with the MD, BORBDA and his team, during the visit

At the end of the fruitful meeting, the MD Benin Owena (RBDA) promised to take the Executive Director/CEO, RRIN on a guided tour to the integrated farms on her next visit, he also expressed his appreciation on this visit and the access given for his Staff bus to ply RRIN route during protests on the main Benin-Sapele road.

Dr. K.O. Omokhafa gave the vote of thanks and also reiterated that RRIN have developed a mechanism of selecting participants for such projects and this could be one of the ways both institutes can collaborate. He also went further to say, that the DAM situated at Otuo, Edo State can also serve/assist RRIN experimental station at Otuo.

### Meeting of Rubber Stakeholders with The Secretary General, International Rubber Study Group (IRSG), Abuja

The Executive Director/CEO and her Technical assistant attended the Rubber Stakeholders meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023 by 11 am at the conference room, Raw Materials Research and Development Council, Abuja. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss and deliberate the forthcoming World Rubber Congress/Submit that will be hosted by Nigeria from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of May, 2024. This congress is proposed to be promising

in the area of creating opportunity for big players in the Rubber industry to interact with Rubber Stakeholders, create business opportunities, exchange ideas and technology transfers.

In attendance where representatives from the following organizations; Raw Materials Research and Development Council, Ministries of Trade and Investment, Agriculture and Food Security, Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria, NARPPMAN, FRADRO, Royal farms, Essential Strides, Imoniyame Holdings and others.

This meeting was co-chaired by Prof. Joseph Adelegan, the Secretary General, IRSG and the NARPPMAN President, Otunba Prince Peter Igbinosun. The agenda for this meeting was to;

1. Deliberate on the Venue for the World Rubber Submit
2. Constitute the Local Organizing Community (LOC)
3. Key topics/lecture

The Sec. Gen., IRSG stated in his address to the stakeholders that the aim of Nigeria being Host for next World Rubber Submit is to attract investment to Nigeria, this is because one of the ways to drive the rubber sector in Nigeria is through public-private partnership. He proposed that the month of March, 2024 have been slated to raise funding for this Summit.

The floor was open to the stakeholders to discuss the location/venue for the World Rubber Submit. The deliberation was between Abuja where the decision players and the policy makers were located and Benin City, Edo State where the Institute with the mandate to conduct research into the production of natural Rubber is located. The Executive Director/CEO, RRIN gave valid points why the World Rubber Submit should take place in her domain as this course falls within her purview. The points raised were but not limited to availability of large hectareage of Rubber plantations, availability of the Rubber smallholder farmers, their model farms, industries and processors of Rubber and its by-products. This insight was greatly supported by FRADRO, NARPPMAN president and some other Rubber stakeholders.

In addition, the constitution of the LOC was decided and the following institutes (FRADRO, NARPPMAN, Ministries of Trade and Investment, Agriculture and Food Security, RRIN, BOI, Security, Foreign affairs, RMRDC, immigration, NIPC, DSS, Civil defense and Banks) were selected as members of the LOC for the forth coming program

Furthermore, the deliberation on the Key topic for the World Rubber Summit was the next item on the agenda, the stakeholders concluded that the theme for the submit will guide the topic/lecture to be delivered



Dr. L.N. Dongo with the IRSG Secretary General and other participants after the meeting



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The meeting came to an end with the temporary conclusion that the opening ceremony will take place in Abuja while the event will take place in Benin City, Edo State. The final decision on the location for the World Rubber Submit will be disclosed after the Sec, Gen., of IRSG meeting with the Minister.

### Medical Outreach/Surgical Eye Camp

As part of the activities lined up to mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria in collaboration with the Africa Cataract and Eye Foundation organized a free medical outreach as a way of giving back to its six host Communities (Uhie, Iyanomo, Obagie N'evbuosa, Obaretin, Obayantor and Evbuekpen). Health officers from both the Africa Cataract and Eye Foundation and RRIN were on ground from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023 to sensitize the members of the host Communities of the medical outreach program.

The medical outreach program commenced from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023. The medical team which comprised of health officers from RRIN and the Africa Cataract and Eye Foundation were at the six host Communities, during which, there was about 2500 free eye/medical consultation with medication, 300 free reading glasses; 500 free deworming of children; and over 130 persons penciled down for cataract surgery.

The Surgical eye camp commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December with an opening ceremony which was honorably graced by Dr. Ali, Edo State Commissioner of Health; Prof. Omoti, Officer in Charge of Rural Eye Health in Nigeria; Dr. Okorodudu, the founder, Africa Eye Foundation; Mrs. Okorodudu; Prince Eweka, MD, Airoe Construction Ltd; Enogie of Oghobaghase Dukedom, HRH Akenzua represented by Dr. O. Egharevba; Enogie of Obagie N' Evbuosa, HRH Imadonwiyi, represented by Robert Iserhienhien; Joseph Obasohan, representing the Odionwere of Obaretin; Mathew Omoregbe, representing the Odionwere of Uhie. Also present at the ceremony were the members of the IMC, Programme leaders, Staff and community members penciled down for the cataract surgery.

In her welcome address, Executive Director/CEO of RRIN, Dr. L.N. Dongo said this was a moment of joy and honour for her. She appreciated and welcomed everyone present especially the beneficiaries of the Surgical Eye Camp. She reiterated that the purpose of the surgical eye camp was to "Give back sight to the community people" who RRIN have peacefully co-existed with. "Health is wealth" she said, expressing her gratitude to all donors for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration admonishing all to take good care of their health and families.



Dr. L.N Dongo giving her welcome address

Dr. Okorodudu in his address said he had always wanted to work in rural communities because of the stark suffering in such places. He said he chose to work with Dr. L.N. Dongo because of her desire to give back to the community. The programme he said will perform 200 free cataract surgeries, give 300 free reading glasses, 100 prescription glasses for children (donated under the administration led by Dr. L.N. Dongo) and that while the surgery is going on, some members of his team will go to the schools in the community to check the eyes of the children. There is absolutely no need for anybody to be blind from cataract.



Dr. Okorodudu giving his welcome address

The Edo State Health Commissioner, Dr. Alli in his opening address said he was happy to be present for the Eye Camp. He reiterated the importance of the Eye Camp as over 24 million persons in Nigeria have eye issues and about 1.4 million are completely blind. Most of these defects he said are treatable. He also advised that we should watch what we put in our eyes, so as to avoid damage to the eyes and that we should apply/take all medications as directed by the doctor. In his concluding address, he promised to give priority in upgrading the Institute's clinic and declared the Eye Camp open.



Dr. Alli giving his opening address



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Prof. Omoti – the Officer in Charge of Rural Eye Health in Nigeria, welcomed all present to the Eye Camp, expressing his pleasure that school children in the host communities will be afforded the opportunity to have their eyes checked and prescription glasses given where necessary. He affirmed that cataract is the leading cause of blindness in the world and that beneficiaries of the surgery can also come from outside the RRIN host communities. He appealed to community leaders to encourage their people to come out for treatment, saying that most of the SDGs require good sight and that people do not die from cataract surgery.



*Prof. Omoti welcoming the beneficiaries to the Eye Camp*

There were also good will messages from the Community leaders present. The Enogie of Oghoghabase said the Executive Director/CEO is changing the narrative of the RRIN in the area of Host Community relationship. The Odionwere of Evbuokpen appreciated all that the Institute had done for them and like the proverbial Oliver Twist, asked for more. He affirmed that both himself and his wife benefitted from the reading glasses. Thereafter, Dr. Okorodudu demonstrated to all present, the proper way to apply eye drop to the eyes and advised that all members of Staff should make sure they check their eyes before the end of the Eye Camp.



*Dr. Okorodudu demonstrating the proper way to apply eye drop*

Dr. T.U Esekhide – Director and Head, Research Support Service Department, gave the vote of thanks, thanking the Executive Director/CEO for this laudable initiative and all members of Staff that took time out to grace the occasion.



*Cross section of some of the host Communities' beneficiaries of the Eye Camp*

### RRIN COMMEMORATES HER 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria (RRIN) which was established with the promulgation of the Agricultural Research Institute Decree of 1973, officially marked 50 years in existence with series of activities from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 with the theme 'Celebrating our Past, Inspiring our Future'. This remarkable milestone commenced its celebration on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, with 'Walk of life' by Management and some of her Staff.

### Walk of Life

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Institute commenced on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023 with the "Walk of Life" by the members of Staff of the Institute. It commenced at 7.45 am, with members of Staff who had congregated at the Kings Square (Ring Road), Benin city, led by the amiable Director/Chief Executive Officer Dr. L.N. Dongo, marching twice round the King Square, singing and dancing to the glory of God for keeping the Institute through the last 50 years.



*Walk of Life comencing at the Kings Square*

Thereafter, the train moved into the ever busy Sapele Road, singing and dancing to the music supplied by the mobile disc jockey. At the First East Circular Junction, all members of Staff joined the staff bus and other



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vehicles available in a convoy to the Institute located at Km 19, Benin Sapele Highway, Benin City.



*Walk of Life continues at Sapele Road*

At the Obaretin junction on the Benin Sapele Highway, all members of Staff alighted from their vehicles and again, led by the Director/CEO, together with those that could not make it to the Kings Square, embarked on the 7km journey to the Institute's office, singing and dancing.



*Walk of Life picks up at Obaretin*

At the office, there was more singing and dancing as well as group photographs, after which, Dr. L.N. Dongo expressed her appreciation to all who participated in the "Walk of Life".



*Dr. L.N. Dongo and the IMC members at the office after the Walk of Life*

### RRIN clocks 50

The celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria which started with the Medical outreach from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December and also the "Walk of Life" on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, continued on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, when the drums were rolled out for the final celebration. Members of Staff gaily attired in the Institutes' anniversary apparel turned out in their large numbers for the celebration.

The celebration kicked off with an opening prayer by Dr. E.O. Obaze Which was followed by the National Anthem and the RRIN anniversary song which was written and rendered by Mrs. P.N. Egbadon. Thereafter, the Director/CEO, Dr. L.N. Dongo gave her welcome address, during which, she said the celebration was also a reflection of tireless dedication, research innovation and contribution to the rubber industry. She said the collective efforts of members of Staff and RRIN partners, have shaped the Institute into what it is today. She also opined that the golden jubilee was not just the passage of time, but the continuous pursuit of excellence and progress in Research and Development in the rubber industry. Expressing her heartfelt gratitude to all dedicated Staff, she said their unwavering support has been the driving force behind our accomplishments. As we stand on the precipice of a new era she said, this day should be an attestation of our shared history, a celebration of our achievements and a pledge to continue the journey of excellence in the years to come. She thanked all for being part of this significant occasion and prayed for another 50 years of impactful research, sustainable development and prosperity for RRIN and the rubber industry as a whole.

"Welcome" she said, "and let the festivities commence"



*Dr. L.N. Dongo presenting her welcome address*

The Honourable Minister for Agriculture and Food Security (HMAFS), Senator Abubakar Kyari, who was ably represented by Mr. Iwara Bassey in his opening address, congratulated RRIN for its golden anniversary. He said the Institute has played a pivotal role in advancing research, innovation and sustainable practices in the rubber industry. He commended the Institutes' commitment to fostering collaboration between researchers, smallholder farmers and industry stakeholders, a synergy that has propelled the rubber industry forward and positively impacted the livelihoods of countless nigerians. Despite the evolving challenges, the Institute he said, has adapted and thrived, showcasing resilience and a spirit of continuous improvement. This is also a time, he



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said, for us to reflect on the achievements and acknowledge the hardwork of the dedicated professionals who have been the driving force behind RRIN's success and also chart a course for an even more prosperous future. He then urged all stakeholders to continue in their support for RRIN in its mission to enhance productivity, promote sustainability and contribute to the overall prosperity of our agricultural landscape



Mr. Iwara Bassey, presenting the HMAFS address

Here's to 50 years of excellence, innovation and growth he said, and may the Institute continue to flourish in its noble pursuit of advancing our nation's agricultural and food security goals.

There was also other goodwill messages from the Chairman, Academic Staff Union of Research Institutes (ASURI) – Dr. J.O. Ogbemor, Chairman, Non-Academic Staff Union – Mr. B. Nwojini, some RRIN retirees – Dr. O. Aghughu, Mr. O.E.D. Owie and Mr. B. Imade. They all congratulated the Management and Staff of the Institute on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, noting the improvement in the general environment of the institute and commended the Director/CEO, Dr. L.N. Dongo for her exemplary leadership.

Next there was an anniversary lecture by Otunba Prince Peter Idowu Igbinosun, the National President, National Association of Rubber Producers, Processors and Marketers Association of Nigeria (NARPPMAN) on "Rubber: Nature's Treasure, Renewable in Property, Unmatched in Sustainability, Indispensable to Humanity". In his lecture, he highlighted the importance and use of rubber and its products in our every day life and the gains obtainable in the rubber industry.



Otunba Prince Peter Idowu Igbinosun giving the anniversary lecture

One of the highlights of the D-Day celebration was the launching of RRIN anniversary compendium titled 'From Latex to Legacy: Celebrating 50 years of Innovative Research at RRIN'. The anniversary book which is a compendium of RRIN developed technologies had Mr. Roberts Kunle, MD, FRADRO as its chief launcher and several other dignitaries present as co-launchers



Dr. L.N. Dongo with some dignitaries present during the book launch

The celebration continued with the cutting of the anniversary cake, toasting to the next 50 years of greater innovations, entertainment of guests and staff present and presentation of letters of commendation and certificates of excellence to some outstanding Staff.



Cutting of the anniversary cake



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*Toasting to the next 50 years of greater innovation*



*Dr. L.N. Dongo and the IMC members*

RRIN Sub-Station and outstations were not left out in this remarkable milestone celebration.

The Akwete, Abia State Sub-station joined the headquarters, her sister sub-stations and outstations to celebrate the golden jubilee celebration of RRIN as envisioned by our amiable Executive Director, Dr (Mrs) L.N. Dongo. At the grand finale on 14th December, 2023, the staff in Akwete Sub-station turned up beautifully attired in the anniversary uniform to mark the celebration. The event was ably anchored by the Assistant Director (Admin.), Mr Chidiebere E. Ogbo. The event commenced by 12:30pm with an opening prayer by Dr (Mrs) Josephine N. Korieocha. Thereafter, there was presentation of Kola nut from the management to an Ndoki Son, Mr Henry Diorgu as tradition demanded. In line with the theme; papers/addresses and goodwill messages were presented by in-house resource persons and the Labour Union- NASU. The Officer In-charge, Dr. E.G.O. Ogidi outlined the roles of Rubber Research as a Research Institute while admonishing workers to take their duties serious as emphasized by the Director/CEO, Dr. L.N. Dongo.



*The OIC, Akwete, Dr. E.G.O. Ogidi, addressing Staff during the ceremony*

Mr. C.E. Ogbo made a presentation on the History of RRIN and also admonished staff to know that there was a payback time and to be grateful for being a RRIN staff, while the AD Engineering, Engr G.U. Aja dwelt on Work ethics and Career prospects/advancement. He further shared the importance of gratitude in one's life highlighting that it paves way for better opportunities.

The goodwill message from NASU was delivered by its secretary, Comrade G.O. Johnson. He implored the Director/CEO to graciously address areas of infrastructural decay, gaping staff shortfall and lack of utility vehicles. The Chairman Staff Welfare Association, Mr Uchenna Jite felicitated with the Director/CEO and thanked the Internal Management Committee for steering the affairs of Akwete Sub-station over the years. A representative of the retirees, Madam Caroline I. David made an impassioned plea on serving staff to improve their productivity and attendance to work. She concluded by thanking the Director/CEO for her relentless efforts in piloting the Institute.



*Some members of Staff at the Akwete Sub-Station*



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The 50th anniversary of RRIN celebration commenced at its Gashua Gum Arabic Sub-Station at about 10.0am. Guests present at the occasion were village Heads (Lawanis) of some of the Sub Station host communities and members of their entourage. Notable among them were: Alh Lawan Alwali (Lawani of Tajuwa); Alh Ibrahim Ali Agana (Lawani of Agana Land) and Alh ... Lawani of Girgir. as well as staff of the Sub Station. The ceremony started with words of prayers by Mr Kakshak Tanko and Mallam Yahaya, Isa Sanni in Christian and Muslim ways respectively.

The Director/Officer in Charge RRIN of the Gum Arabic Sub Station, Gashua, Dr I. F Ojiekpon, welcomed all the guest and specially thanked them for always honouring the Sub Stations invitations even at the short notice. He delivered keynote address on behalf of the Director/CEO RRIN, Dr Lelia, N. Dongo, dwelling extensively on the history and development of Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria, its Sub Stations and in particular the Gum Arabic Station, Gashua in addition to the Institutes' milestone in gum arabic research and development. The Lawanis and some Staff took turn to give their goodwill messages. The Chiefs expressed gratitude for the harmonious relationship between RRIN Gashua Sub-Station and the respective host communities. They advocated for enhanced collaboration for mutual benefits. Dr Mohammed Abubakar (Deputy Officer in Charge/Asst Director Research) officiated as Master of Ceremony.

Some members of Staff of the substation, expressed their appreciation for being part of the 50th-anniversary celebration, pledging increased dedication towards fulfilling the Institute's vision and mission. In conclusion, the Officer in Charge solicited continuous support and co-operation of all gum arabic stakeholders especially those in gum arabic producing states of Nigeria for RRIN to be able to deliver on gum arabic research and development mandate.



*Exhibition stand at RRIN 50th anniversary at RRIN Gum Arabic Sub Station Gashua.*

The celebration climaxed with lavish refreshments for staff and guests Dr Fakuta N. M. wrapped up the event by delivering the closing remark, expressing gratitude to all attendees for honouring the occasion and wished all a safe trip to their various destination.

At the RRIN Sub-Station, Manchok, Kaduna State, the celebration kicked off with their own version of "Walk of Life", as the few members of Staff took a brief walk around the town.



*Staff of the Manchok SubStation after their short 'Walk of Life'*

Thereafter, they had a nice get-together in the office. Dr. V. Wuranti, the Officer in Charge on behalf of his colleagues, expressed their joy and appreciation to the Director/CEO Dr. L.N. Dongo, for extending the celebration to them.

*RRIN Gashua Staff and Guests at RRIN 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

An exhibition on gum arabic resources and developed technologies were displayed. Some of the items were crude gum arabic, seeds and pods of gum arabic varieties, tapping and measuring tools, pesticides among others. Sub Station Scientists were on ground to explain the inventions to the guests.



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Members of Staff at the Liaison Office in Abuja also joined in the celebration, by following the Live Stream of the activities at the main station, dressed up in their anniversary attire, while having their refreshments provided by the RRIN Management. Mr. A. Nwabueze, the Officer in Charge of the Liaison Office on behalf of the other members of Staff, expressed their appreciation to the Management for including them in the celebration.



*Staff of the RRIN Liason Office, Abuja, gorgeously attired in the RRIN anniversary material*

Members of Staff at the Experimental Station at Igbotako, Ondo State were not left out in the celebration. Their celebration commenced with opening prayers by the O/C, Mr. A. Makinde. Thereafter, he formally welcomed all Staff present to the celebration, appreciating them for their hard work and dedication to their duties, admonishing them to continue in their good works. He also appreciated Management for extending the celebration to them.



*Some members of Staff at the RRIN Igbotako Outstation*

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration climaxed with a thanksgiving service at the Church of God Mission International, RRIN Branch on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. The service which started at about 9am, featured a praise and worship session, message by the resident pastor and a thanksgiving where all present, joined the Director/CEO, Dr. L.N. Dongo to dance to the altar.



*Dr. L.N. Dongo with some IMC members at the thanksgiving service*



*Dr. L.N. Dongo with some members of Staff after the thanksgiving service*

### Staff of the Month

The Staff of the month for December is Mr. Ibikunle Olatunde Olakunle from the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation. He joined the service of RRIN on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2014 as a Research Officer in Training with BSc degree (Computer with Electronics) from the Leads University, Ibadan, Oyo State. In 2016, he obtained a certificate from the Institute of Management (Chartered) and also a Master Degree in Technology (Computer Science) from the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State.

He is presently the Head of the Monitoring and Evaluation Division. He carries out his assignments with a sense of responsibility and is always available in the office, sometimes even during the weekends.



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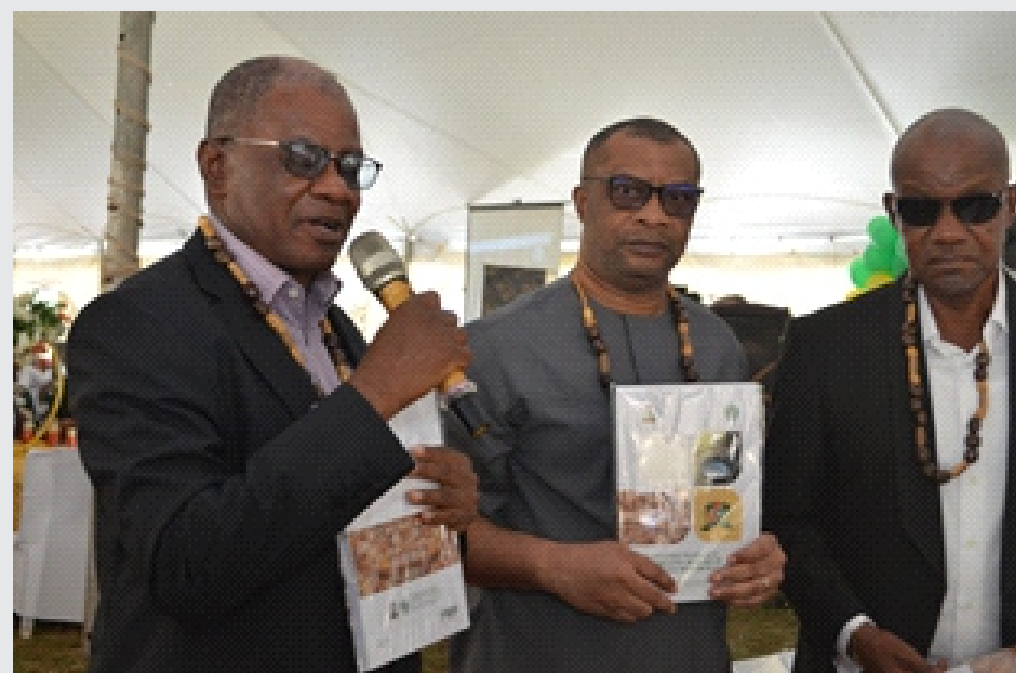
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*Mr. Ibikunle Olatunde Olakunle*

It is to his credit that in 2019, the Institute obtained a gazette showing its boundaries. He is a dedicated, obedient and hardworking officer and has consistently displayed efficiency in his line of duty.

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