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RRIN hosts one-day training workshop on 'Agroforestry Techniques/Gum Arabic based Farming Systems for Gum Arabic Farmers in North Eastern Nigeria'.

The Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria, Gum Arabic Sub-Station Gashua, hosted a one-day training workshop on 'Agroforestry Techniques/Gum Arabic based Farming Systems for Gum Arabic Farmers in North Eastern Nigeria' at RRIN Gashua, Yobe State on 3rd April, 2025. The workshop was organized by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Abuja.

In attendance were Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Dr. Marcus O. Ogunbiyi represented by Yobe State Coordinator Federal Department of Agriculture Damaturu Mr. Suleiman Musa; Director, Federal Department of Agriculture Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Abuja Dr. Amin Babandi represented by Mr. Orvini Andrew Gum Arabic Value Chain Desk Officer; Executive Director Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria (RRIN) Iyanomo, Edo State Dr. L. N. Dongo represented by Dr. Ojiekpon, I. F. Director/Officer-in-Charge RRIN Gum Arabic Sub Station Gashua, Yobe State; Mr Bello Galoju Chairman Bauchi State Chapter of National Association of Gum Arabic Producer, Processors and Exporters of Nigeria (NAGAPPEN); Mr. Jafaar Ayuba Chairman, Yobe State Chapter of NAGAPPEN, Alh. Isa Bakari Yerima Secretary, Association of Gum Arabic Farmers of Northern Nigeria (AGOFNN) and representatives of gum arabic farmers from six North Eastern Gum

Arabic Producing States of Nigeria. The workshop brought together a total of 61 participants.

In the keynote address by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, he emphasized that the gum arabic agroforestry-based farming system training was intended to diversify farmers revenue from their gum arabic plantation by planting compatible arable crops within the tree avenues before the maturity of the trees. This practice will help farmers earn additional income, improve their livelihood as well as reduce the payback period of their investment. Also, the Director, Federal Department of Agriculture encouraged the farmers to take full advantage of the training as the knowledge gained will help them put their limited land resources to optimum use and hence increased income.

The Executive Director, Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria, welcomed the participants at the workshop and emphasized that the principles and practices of agroforestry/gum arabic based farming system is to optimize land use, income generation, nutritional health and improvement of livelihood of gum arabic farmers in the North Eastern Nigeria.

The position paper promoting agroforestry techniques/gum arabic based farming systems for gum arabic farmers in North Eastern Nigeria was presented by Dr. Fakuta, N. M on behalf of RRIN while Dr. Abubakar Mohammed translated the paper in local 'Hausa' dialect.

The participants remarked that the workshop has enhanced their capacity on agroforestry practices/ gum arabic based farming system. They promised to put the knowledge to use in their farms in order to enhance income and improve livelihoods from their gum arabic farming enterprises. They thanked the Federal Government and the Institute for the opportunity given to their association members to learn more about gum arabic agroforestry farming systems.



Participants of the Agroforestry Training Workshop.

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RRIN holds her Monthly Prayer Session for the Year 2025

The fourth in the series of the RRIN monthly prayer session took place on Monday, 7th of April, 2025 in RRIN Conference hall. It commenced with praise worship, led by Mrs. P. Ifahi, followed by the prayers which was led by Mrs. W.E. Afamefune. Taking her text from Isaiah 40: 1-5, she led the Staff present in prayers for God's comfort for His people. She said our warfare has ended and asked for God's mercy on us all. She prayed that all crooked ways in our lives and in the Institute be made straight and every valley be filled up. She also asked for God's divine intervention, protection and guidance for all members of Staff of the Institute. In continuation, she asked God to level all mountains in our way of progress as individuals and as an Institute, especially with regards to reclaiming the encroached RRIN land. Quoting Daniel 5: 14, she prayed for excellent wisdom, God's continued protection, guidance on the Director/CEO, Dr. L.N. Dongo and the Management Staff in all their endeavours to move the Institute forward. She rounded up the prayers by calling on God to intervene in our healing, progress, protection and guidance.

Dr. A.M.D. Uwumarongie closed the prayer session with the affirmation from Ephesians 3: 20 and shared the Grace thereafter.



Cross section of some members of Staff, during the prayer session.

To promote inclusiveness and unity, the Director/CEO, Dr. L.N. Dongo initiated the birthday celebrations for her Staff. This new initiative commenced with the Month of March celebrants and a well decorated cake was presented to fifty-seven (57) celebrants (Annexure 1). The Director (Administration) Mr. V. Ilumah prayed for good health, progress and long life for the celebrants.



March celebrants cutting their cake

Thereafter, Mrs. A.N. Anusike, Mrs. W.E. Afamefune, Ms N.A. Brodericks and Mr. E. Obasuyi representatives of the March birthday celebrants cut their cake.



March celebrants with some of the Staff present

Research Operations Department sends off her retired Staff

The Research Operations Department on Monday 7th April organized a send-off party for two of her Staff (Mr. D. Omorogbe – a Chief Lab Technologist and Mr. F. Akharamen – a Principal Agricultural Superintendent), that recently proceeded on their retirements. In her opening remarks, the Director and Head of the Department, Dr. (Mrs) O.A. Emuedo welcomed the retirees and their family members as well as the Staff of the Department, for taking out time to be present at the occasion, to felicitate with our now elder statesmen. She prayed that almighty God in His infinite mercy will guide all present to a fruitful retirement and wished the retirees a healthy, retired retirement. Thereafter, some of the Staff present including the immediate past Head of Department, Dr. K.O. Omokhafa, gave testimonies of the diligence and commitment with which the two retirees carried out their duties, during their time as members of Staff in the Institute and wished that the up coming Agric Superintendents and Lab Technologists will emulate them.

Dr. K.O. Omokhafa on behalf of the Department presented the retirees with their parting gifts.



Mr. D. Omorogbe receiving his gift from Dr. K.O. Omokhafa

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Mr. F. Akharemen receiving his gift from Dr. K.O. Omokhafa

The event culminated with a toast to the retirees, refreshments and group photographs.



Members of Staff with the retirees

Own Your Institute

The first edition of the 'Own your Institute' for the year 2025 took place on Friday 11th of April, 2025. It featured the communal planting of *Curcubita melo* (Egusi melon) on the sides of the RRIN access road. There was an impressive turnout of Staff for the planting of this leguminous food crop, including the Director/CEO, Dr. L.N. Dongo for this exercise. The crop was widely chosen by Staff for its economic and environmental benefits.

The Own Your Institute, instituted by the Director/CEO, Dr. L.N. Dongo after she assumed office in RRIN, serves as a point of interaction of all members of Staff outside of the formal office conditions.



Some members of Staff planting their egusi

RRIN Monthly Seminar Series (MSS) for the year 2025

The fourth MSS for the year 2025 took place on Wednesday 23rd April, 2025 featuring two presentations. The first presentation by Mrs. R.L. Momoh, her Ph.D. pre-data project titled '**Sustainable Valorisation of Rubber Effluent for Biofertilizer and Potential Biogas Production: A Circular Economy Approach to Agricultural and Energy Sustainability**'. In her discuss, she proposed that given its rich composition of organic matter, nutrients and microbial life, treated and untreated rubber effluent may offer environmentally friendly alternatives to chemical fertilizers, while enhancing soil health and may also be used in the manufacture of biogas. According to the presenter, the overall goal is to develop an integrated, sustainable framework for converting rubber effluent into valuable agricultural and energy resource.



Mrs. R.L. Momoh, during her presentation

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The second presentation titled '**Special Library, Objectives, Functions, Users and Challenges**' by Mrs. M. Igbinosa brought to the fore, that besides the general public library which we all know, there are the Special Libraries. The presenter enlightened her audience that these Special Libraries caters for particular needs, as they are established to support the vision, objective and mission of special Institutions and function as special information centre. These Special Libraries are usually under a body - Institution or Government, such as a University, or a Government Agency e.t.c. The major difference between the general/public libraries and the special libraries is that while general/public libraries provide literature on all subjects, special libraries provide literature on particular issues and can only cater for the needs of those with interest in those



Mrs. M. Igbinosa during her presentation

Thereafter, questions, answers and comments session followed by announcements by the chairperson, BPRC.



Cross section of Staff during the presentation

RRIN Observes 2025 World Day for Safety and Health at Work

The Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria (RRIN), in collaboration with the World Safety Organisation (WSO), National Office for Nigeria, commemorated the 2025 World Day for Safety and Health at Work on the 28th of April, 2025. The event, held at the RRIN Conference Hall, featured a series of enlightening lectures and practical demonstrations focused on **fire safety, basic first aid, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)**.

In her welcome address, the Director/CEO, RRIN, Dr. L.N. Dongo, represented by the Director/Head of Research Support Services, Dr. F.A. Akpobome, emphasized the importance of cultivating a safety-conscious workplace culture. She urged staff to take action beyond awareness, to strengthen safety policies and renew their commitment to health and safety standards. Declaring the event open, she encouraged continued collaboration between RRIN and WSO for a safer and healthier future.



Dr. F.A. Akpobome giving the opening remarks

The programme began with a *Safety Moment*, facilitated by Ms. Blessing Ohinoreimen (RRIN staff), highlighting the hall's emergency exits and muster point, an essential procedure for safety in large gatherings.



Ms. Blessing Ohinoreimen presenting the Safety Moments

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Dr. Soji Olalokun, who represented the **Country Director of the WSO, National Office for Nigeria**, applauded RRIN's commitment and called for collective efforts to eliminate workplace hazards and close safety infrastructure gaps. He affirmed WSO's motto: *"Making Safety a Way of Life Worldwide"* and championed a *"SafERR Nigeria."*



Dr. Soji Olalokun giving his opening remarks

Highlights of the day included lectures and practical sessions on:

- **Fire Safety** presented by Mr. Kelly Ogiesoba, covering fire types, causes, and the appropriate extinguishers for each class, and the PASS technique.
- **Basic First Aid** delivered by Mr. Ufuoma Sorogheye, focusing on fainting, heart attack, and bleeding care.
- **CPR** by Dr. Olalokun, outlining when and how to administer CPR in emergencies.

Following the lectures, participants engaged in an interactive question and answer session, and hands-on group demonstrations.



Practical demonstration of CPR

To mark the occasion, a plaque of appreciation was presented to the Director/CEO, and received on her behalf by Dr. Akpobome.



.Dr. F.A. Akpobome receiving the plaque on behalf of Dr. L.N. Dongo from Dr. Soji Olalokun

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. K.O. Omokhafa.

Representatives from the WSO National Office for Nigeria present at the event included: Dr. Soji Olalokun, Mr. Kelly Ogiesoba, Mr. Ufuoma J. Sorogheye, Ms. Efe-Iyamu Elizabeth, Ms. Peculiar Olotu and Mr. Okukuoni Felix

RRIN's observance of the 2025 World Day for Safety and Health at Work reaffirmed its commitment to a safe and healthy workplace



Staff of both the WSO and RRIN after the programme

Health Corner Lobar Pneumonia

Pneumonia is an acute inflammation of the lung parenchyma caused by an infecting organism. When it involves a lobe of the lung, it is known as Lobar Pneumonia. The most common cause of Lobar Pneumonia in the adult is the *Pneumococcus* (70-80%), others are *Klebsiella*, *Haemophilus influenzae* and *Staphylococcus* which are also associated with bronchopneumonia.

Clinical Presentations

- (1) Acute fever
- (2) Pain on affected side of the chest
- (3) Difficulty in breathing
- (4) Reduced movement of affected side of the chest.

Laboratory Investigation

- (1) Chest X Ray
- (2) E.S.R
- (3) Sputum Gram stain.

Treatment

- (1) Admit patient
- (2) Rehydration
- (3) Antibiotics
- (4) Analgesic/Antipyretic
- (5) Give Oxygen

Dr. D. Ayegba is the Medical Doctor in the RRIN Clinic

Know your PSR

ABSENCE FROM DUTY ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

070301 - If an officer is ill and unable to report for duty, he/she shall notify his/her Ministry/Agency in writing or by any other means of communication. Any prolonged absence from duty on ground of illness should be supported with any of the following documents:

- (a) Excuse Duty Certificate;
- (b) Light Duty Certificate;
- (c) Medical Certificate of treatment duly authorized by the Health care provider

An officer who is receiving medical treatment within his/her duty post shall report to his/her employer, his/her absence within 24 hours. An officer who is receiving medical treatment outside his/her duty post shall report to his/her employer, his/her absence within 48 hours.

070302 - When an officer presents himself/herself to duly authorized Healthcare Provider for medical examination, the latter shall examine and treat him/her and if necessary, give him/her either of the certificates listed in Rule 070301 and if he/she is admitted as an in-patient, the Healthcare Provider shall inform his/her Ministry/Extra-Ministerial Office.

070303 -When a Ministry/Extra-Ministerial Office reports to a Healthcare Provider that an officer of the Ministry/Extra-Ministerial Office is so ill that he/she is physically unable to present himself/herself for medical examination, the Healthcare Provider shall, as appropriate, either arrange for the officer to be brought to hospital for examination and treatment or visit the officer to examine and treat him/her. If the examination results in the officer being admitted to a Hospital as an inpatient, the Healthcare Provider will so inform the officer's Ministry/Extra Ministerial Office, otherwise he/she shall give the officer whichever of the Certificates listed in Rule 070301 as appropriate.

070304 -When an officer forwards to a Healthcare Provider a report on his/her sickness by the private practitioner attending to him/her, the Healthcare Provider will, after due consultation with the private practitioner, issue whichever of the certificates listed in Rule as appropriate. The period of excuse or light duty entered on the first certificate issued shall not exceed three days unless the Healthcare Provider has examined the patient, in which case the period may be for up to seven days. Each period of extension, thereto, shall not exceed seven days and not more than a total of forty-two calendar days sick leave may be allowed on such extension. If the officer is still not fit for duty after forty-three calendar days sick leave, he/she shall be examined by a Medical Board. This shall also apply to an officer admitted to a Specialist Hospital on the recommendation of a Healthcare Provider.

070305 - On any of the occasions listed in this Rule, the Healthcare Provider shall report the circumstances to the officer's Ministry/ExtraMinisterial Office:

- (a) When an officer is admitted to and when he is discharged from a Hospital.
- (b) When an officer refuses to carry out or in the opinion of the HealthCare Provider is neglecting to carry out, the medical advice he has been given.
- (c) When in the opinion of the Healthcare Provider an officer is feigning illhealth.

070306 - If for any valid reason it is decided that an officer should be examined by a Medical Board, he must present himself for examination; the place and time instructed, and must afterwards comply with recommendation of the Board which will supersede any medical advice already given to him/her by a Healthcare Provider. An officer who fails comply with this rule shall render himself/herself liable to be treated as having been absent without leave.

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Staff of the Month

Our staff of the month for April, 2025 is Mrs. Akhere Emumekpor. She joined the service of RRIN as a temporary Staff in 2005 on HATISS 01 and had her appointment regularised as a Field Attendant III in the same year, 2005. On submission of her SSCE result, she was converted to the Agricultural Field Overseer Cadre on CONTISS 3 in 2009. She is presently a Chief Agricultural Field Overseer on CONRAISS 6, a position she attained in 2016. Mrs. Akhere Emumekpor is a hardworking, dedicated and punctual Staff.



Mrs. A. Emumekpor

Birthday wishes

The Director/CEO, Dr. L.N. Dongo and her management team say congratulations to our birthday celebrants for the month of April

APRIL	Date
<u>Ojiekpon Frederick I.</u>	16
<u>Ogbebor O. Joseph</u>	4
<u>Otene Fumnilayo G.</u>	4
<u>Evueh Grace A.</u>	27
<u>Korieocha Josephine N.</u>	11

<u>Ohiocheoya Benjamin</u>	21
<u>Aghedo Samson O.</u>	15
<u>Omoruyi Jimoh</u>	28
<u>Nadoma Grace U.</u>	15
<u>Egbeverie Ovie B.</u>	16
<u>Owie I. Esther</u>	16
<u>Ekhaton Maureen</u>	4
<u>Odafenye Eghe</u>	27
<u>Iduh Emmanuel E. B.</u>	30
<u>Ehinomen Progress E.</u>	4
<u>Ogwuche Florence</u>	5
<u>Ezra Nendir G.</u>	24
<u>Mafiana Kate U.</u>	30
<u>Are Esther L.</u>	16
<u>Irorere Esohe G.</u>	6
<u>Eguah Angela E. O.</u>	6
<u>Akhile Tony</u>	21
<u>Orhoro Daniel E.</u>	15
<u>Tawus Marah</u>	5
<u>Imuka Micheal O.</u>	7
<u>Eboi Olu</u>	19
<u>Ehika Dickson U.</u>	16
<u>Idokogi Esther I.</u>	19
<u>Ojiemwhen Joseph I.</u>	4
<u>Idoko-Umi-Salam A.</u>	11
<u>Ozioko Anthony C.</u>	15
<u>Oyakhilomen Sarah O.</u>	18
<u>Obiazi Boniface</u>	2
<u>Otasowie Monday</u>	14
<u>Iyamu Festus</u>	24
<u>Omoigberale A. Jude</u>	17
<u>Balogun Victor O.</u>	4
<u>Udueze Miran Ogoma</u>	4
<u>Benjamin Ohiowere</u>	16

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<u>Ogbeide Isaac</u>	12
<u>Osigwe Ojo</u>	4
<u>Adamu Kaltume</u>	4
<u>Idogen Friday</u>	20
<u>Tawus Diana</u>	16
<u>Iyekpegha F. Efe</u>	6
<u>Uchendi O. John</u>	13
<u>Adeniran Abiodun S.</u>	4
<u>Bayowa Akinlose</u>	3
<u>Ugiagbe Esosa T.</u>	24
<u>Asonkpolor Esther</u>	1
<u>Morka Lucky E.</u>	4
<u>Ogbebor Edwin E.</u>	10
<u>Ogiemwonyi Robinson O.</u>	15
<u>Orowvode Smart</u>	15
<u>Musa Haruna Adamu</u>	21

Photo Gallery



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