

COMMUNIQUE

OF

The 8th Annual Conference and Workshop of the Mycotoxicology Society of Nigeria

(MYCOTOXSON) held at The Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti. 24th -26th July, 2013.

1. Preamble

1. The 8th Annual Conference and Workshop of the Mycotoxicological Society of Nigeria was held from 24th -26th July, 2013 at The Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti tagged "Fed Poly, Ado-Ekiti" 2013 with the theme: **Mycotoxin Hazard, Management and its regulation in Nigeria.**
2. The event was graced by the presence of the Rector, Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti, Mrs Taiwo Theresa Akande, the management team of Fed Poly, Ado-Ekiti, representative of the commissioner for Agriculture, Ekiti State, Engineer Abegunde, Permanent Secretary, Ekiti-State Ministry of Agriculture and the Guest Lecturer- Prof. S. A. Bankole, Dean, Faculty of Science, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State, Nigeria.
3. Dr Olusegun Atanda, President, Mycotoxicology Society of Nigeria highlighted the dangers inherent in the consumption of mycotoxin-contaminated meals to include kidney/liver disorders and immune suppression
4. Prof. Ray Coker, Chief Executive Officer, Toximet Ltd, Kent, U.K. and the Rector of Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti, Mrs T. T. Akande were inducted as members of the Society.
5. Mycotoxin Society expresses her gratitude to Prof. Ray Coker and the Rector, Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti, Mrs Taiwo Theresa Akande for their financial support in holding conference.

1. Interaction with Farmers/Commodity Traders

Resource persons from the Society interacted with farmers in local diets in order to create awareness and educate them on the dangers inherent with the consumption of mouldy foods and use of mouldy feeds. They were also educated on the need for proper handling of agricultural produce.

2. Training

Participants were trained on the use of modern equipment and techniques in mycotoxin analysis by Toximet, Kent, U.K. and Chromogene, representatives of R. biopharm, Germany. The IITA/MYCOTOXSON team also ran a practical session on Cultural Methods for the Identification of Aflatoxigenic Fungi

3. Resolutions

1. The conference noted that as high as 25% of total world produce are contaminated by mycotoxins
2. The deleterious effects of mycotoxins on human and animal health include liver and kidney disorders
3. Mycotoxins have economic impact on local and international trade
4. The conference called on the Nigerian government to provide more equipment and facilities for mycotoxin research and also guarantee the supply of electricity to appropriate institutions undertaking mycotoxin research

5. The Society is grateful to the Ekiti State government for helping to create awareness towards mitigating the effect of mycotoxins in Nigeria
6. The Society further calls on the federal government and other state governments to partner with Society
7. The Society commended the effort of the President, Dr Olusegun Atanda in his crusade for the declaration of a World Mycotoxin Day by the United Nations