

**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP OF THE  
MYCOTOXICOLOGY SOCIETY OF NIGERIA HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL,  
NASARAWA STAE UNIVERSITY KEFFI, 6<sup>TH</sup>- 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2014**

1. The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Workshop of the Mycotoxicology Society of Nigeria was held at the Nasarawa state University Keffi, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014 with the theme “The impact of Mycotoxins on Nutrition, Health and Food security”.
2. The conference again highlighted the dangers posed by mycotoxins to safe and adequate nutrition, food security, human and animal health, including cancers and other debilitations.
3. The conference also called on Governments, Scientists, Agriculture and Health professionals to raise awareness levels on mycotoxins and take measures to control or mitigate the impact of Mycotoxins.
4. The Conference reiterated its call to the World Health Organisation through the Federal Ministry of Health to set aside a “World Mycotoxin day” to highlight the threat of mycotoxins to humanity.
5. The Society adopted a new acronym- MSN in place of the former acronym MYCOTOXSON which was considered too long and complicated. The Society also approved the use of the acronym- MMSN by members after their names and FMSN for fellows of the society.
6. The Society conferred honorary membership of the Society on the acting Vice- Chancellor of Nasarawa State University Keffi, Professor Mohammed Akaro Mainoma for his meritorious services to the Society. It also commended the University for being the first institution in the North to host our Annual Conference.
7. A new executive was put in place under the leadership of Dr Anthony Negedu, a Deputy Director with the Raw Materials Research and Development Council, Abuja. Prof Hussaini Makun of the Federal University of Technology, Minna and Dr Shamsideen Aroyeun of Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria were also elected Vice presidents- North and South respectively, while Dr Chibundu N. Ezekiel of Babcock University, Ilishan- Remo was elected General Secretary .
8. The society commended its founding and immediate past Presidents, Professor Stephen Fapohunda and Professor Olusegun Atanda respectively for their roles in moving the Society to its present enviable status.