

REPORT OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE **NIGERIA MYCOTOXIN AWARENESS AND STUDY GROUP** HELD AT BABCOCK UNIVERSITY, ILISHAN-REMO ON JANUARY 19, 2006 AT 10.00AM

In attendance were:

S/N	NAME	AFFILIATION
1.	Funmi Abiodun	Brooderhouse Ltd
2.	S.O. Fapohunda	BU
3.	V.A. Adisa	BU
4.	L.N.Dongo	CRIN
5.	F. Oluwafemi	UNAAB
6.	M.E.Eshiett	SON.
7.	Ikhenebome David	SON
8.	Ranajit Bandyopadhyay	IITA
9.	Peter Ojiambo	IITA
10.	Funmi Onajobi	BU
11.	K.O.Ogunwenmo	BU
12.	G O Adegoke	U I
13.	E.B. Esan	BU
14.	G.O. Tayo	BU
15.	Atanda O	UNAAB
16.	O.A. Awoyinka	BU
17.	I. Esiaba	BU
18.	L Adebajo	OOU
19.	S.E. Ayeni	BU
20.	O.O. Adesanya	OOU
21.	O.O. Mabekoje	OOU
22.	Yinka Somorin	OOU
23.	Okufemi Olasunkanmi A	OOU
24.	O.O Olajuyigbe	BU
25.	Gbujie Amarachi	Winelight
26.	Oyinlola Bola	Winelight
27.	R.O.Omenka	BU
28.	O.D. Teniola	FIIRO
29.	S.A. Bankole	OOU
30.	G.O. Adejare	Plant Quarantine Serv
31.	Emmanuel Edukugbo	Vanguard newspapers
32.	M.O.Oni	OOU
33.	Ososanya Oluseyi	SON
34.	Osawe Toyin	Sun Newspapers
35.	Tobi Oduyale	Winelight

The Welcome address was given by Professor Adekunle A Alalade, the Vice Chancellor Babcock University, Ilishan Remo who emphasized the need for the education of

Nigerians on the dangers and preventive measures of mycotoxins. The keynote address titled "Mycotoxins; are we neglecting them?" was delivered by Prof G O Adegoke of the University of Ibadan. He traced the history of these metabolites of fungal origin, highlighted previous effort to bring together Nigerian experts and commended the present timely move, which, as he said, was in line with current global trend. Earlier, Dr Ranajit Bandyopadhyay of IITA had welcomed the determination to come together as interest groups and stakeholders to form a national mycotoxin body, and gave names of similar bodies in other parts of the world eg Latin American Society of Mycotoxicology and the European Mycotoxin Awareness Network. He announced the existence of the International Society for Mycotoxicology of which he is a founding member. Participants opted to start the Nigerian body rather than being an affiliate of the ISM now and encourage interactions with farmers, housewives and other educationally-challenged and vulnerable groups in her activities.

The name-NIGERIA MYCOTOXIN AWARENESS and STUDY GROUP- was then adopted and a 5-member committee raised to prepare a working document and to report to the next meeting slated for IITA on 27, April 2006. The members are S O Fapohunda, F Oluwafemi, M Eshiett, A Adejare and F Abiodun.

Papers presented were

Atanda, O --- (UNAAB): *The potential of some spice essential oils in the control of A. parasiticus CFR 223 and aflatoxin production*

Eshiett M Mrs --- (SON) : *Importance of mycotoxins in issues of food safety and standardization*

Abiodun Funmi (Brooderhouse Ltd): *What consumers need to know*

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