



11th Annual Scientific Conference & Annual General Meeting of the Nigeria Association of Dermatologists (NAD)

OPENING CEREMONY



The opening ceremony took place at the beautiful Transcorp Hilton Hotel Calabar (above). The Guest of Honour was Dr. Inyang Asibong, the Hon. Commissioner for Health, Cross River State. The Chairman was Prof. Owoidoho Udofia, the Registrar, National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria. The Guest speaker was Professor Adekunle George of the University of Ibadan, a dermatologist. His topic was “Expanding The frontiers of Dermatology in Nigeria”



The president of N.A.D welcomed all the invited guests to the venue and event.

NAD PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you all, great people, to this serene and historic city of Calabar, and to the Nigerian Association of Dermatologists Annual Scientific Conference and General Meeting, holding at Calabar Transcorp Hilton Hotel, 11th to 14th July 2017.

The theme of this year 2017 conference is "Expanding the Frontiers of Dermatology", with sub-themes of "Climate and Skin Diseases;" "Dermatopathology"; "The Concept of Skin Failure and Mortality in Dermatology"; and "Synergism in Health Care Delivery". The keynote lecture "Expanding the Frontiers of Dermatology in Nigeria: Challenges, Prospects and the Roadmap to Utopia", by Prof. Adekunle O. George, was carefully chosen to reflect the reality of the times. These topics are apt and very relevant to the practice of dermatology. Dermatology is a highly dynamic specialty, with new findings occurring frequently that require constant update for optimal clinical practice.

The incidence and clinical pattern of many dermatoses are affected by the climate change phenomenon, particularly in the very young and the aged populations. This is because the skin is the most exposed organ of the body, therefore the impact of variation in solar radiation received by the earth, global warming, deforestation and changes in precipitation, is remarkable. All these will be discussed at this meeting. We shall also be looking at useful collaborations, linkages and appropriate synergism with other health care specialties. This is the way the world is going; a holistic approach to patients' management.

Our stride so far has been modest but focused. The vision is to improve patients' care in the community and sensitize the public on preventable dermatoses. Some of the efforts in this regard are an interactive website (which is up and running), strong regional NAD that are involved in community sensitization, through campaigns and media talk shows.

I will like to use this medium to really thank the NAD

Regions that have celebrated their World Health Skin Day, and have used the occasion to highlight and sensitize their communities on prevalent skin conditions. The activities of these regions will be projected at some point during this meeting. Through this Regions, NAD has become more visible at the grassroots. We shall continue to improve on this trend.

The Nigerian Association of Dermatologists has also grown in number, with more residents currently being trained in the field of dermatology. In the last one year, seven of our members have become Fellows of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Physicians or the West African College of Physicians or both. Three of our members were elevated to the Professorial chair, while we have now amongst us an Assistant Controller of Prisons. I congratulate them all.

Finally, on behalf of the members of the executives of the NAD, I welcome you all and congratulate the Local Organizing Committee for such an outstanding effort to put up this scientific meeting.

I enjoy all participants to take advantage of both the academic and social package offered by this well-organized meeting.

MAY GOD BLESS US ALL!

Long Live Nigerian Association of Dermatologists!

Long live the Nigerian Medical Association!!

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!!!

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