

Nigeria Mycotoxin Awareness and Study Network (NMASN)



Hereby announces the
4th Annual Conference/ Workshop
“QUARANTINE 2009”

THEME: Mycotoxin Control in International Trade

DATE: April 27 - 29, 2009

VENUE: Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Services, Ibadan, Nigeria

INTRODUCTION: The Nigeria Mycotoxin Awareness and Study Network (NMASN) is a body of scientists in the academia, industry, government regulatory agencies, farmers and other stakeholders in the food and feed sectors united by the need to create awareness on mycotoxins. A Non-Governmental, Non-Political and Non-Profit-making scientific organization founded in 2006 by a group of Scientists, NMASN seeks to improve the living conditions of humanity, through increased support and promotion of studies on mycotoxins.

The network currently operates from National Agency for Foods Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) office in Lagos, Nigeria with members across the country in tertiary and research institutions, pharmaceutical companies, regulatory agencies, manufacturing and other related industries.

The network has organized and held three conferences since inauguration with support from regulatory agencies like SON and NAFDAC and service providers like Biomin, Katchey, Neogen and Vicam.

This year, the 4th annual conference will be centred on mycotoxin control and international trade with presentations expected in the following sub-themes:

Detection and quantification of mycotoxins

Risk assessment of mycotoxins

Mycotoxins and human health

Mycotoxins and Agriculture

Economic impact of mycotoxins

A workshop on Current Analytical Methods for Mycotoxins will also take place during the Conference.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: Abstracts of papers for oral presentations on the sub-themes should not be more than 250 words, prepared in MS Word format. All abstracts should be submitted online to moedemao@yahoo.com and oystak@yahoo.co.uk. Multimedia facilities will be available for paper presentation.

Conference Registration fee: \$200 or N15, 000
Undergraduates with ID – N10, 000

ACCOMMODATION: Affordable accommodations abound in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital South Western, Nigeria. Rates are in the range of N3, 000 to N8, 000 depending on individual taste and preferences.

ADVERTS & EXHIBITIONS: Advert rates for placement in the book of abstracts are as follows:
Full page – inside N80, 000
Back cover page (inner or outer) N100, 000

Exhibition of products from research institutes, agricultural companies, industrialists, chemical and agro-allied companies, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders are welcome at the conference.

Exhibition rate: N50, 000

BRIEF ON CONFERENCE VENUE: Ibadan is the capital city of Oyo state, Nigeria, located on seven hills (average elevation 700 feet (200 metres) 100 miles (160 km) from the Atlantic coast. It is the nation's second largest city, after Lagos.

Ibadan is an important commercial centre. Virtually every street and corner in the traditional core and the inner suburbs of the city is a market square or stall. Within the city there are two eight-day periodic markets—Ibuko (Bode) and Oje—and many daily markets. The largest daily market stretches in a belt from the railway station in the west to the centre of the city and is Ibadan's commercial core.

Some local crafts still flourish. These include weaving, spinning and dyeing, pottery making, and blacksmithing. The *adire* (“tie-dye”) cloth dyed locally in large pots of indigo is popular. The small businesses in the city engage in corn milling, leather working, wood and steel furniture making, printing, photography, hotel management, and motor and other repairing. There are, however, few modern manufacturing industries.

Ibadan is well served by roads. The city has a fleet of privately owned taxicabs and minibuses, and regular bus services are operated within the city and its suburbs.

The University of Ibadan and a technical institute are located in the city, and there are many specialized institutions. The university library maintains the largest collection of books in the country. There is also a branch of the National Archives on the university campus.

Of the city's six parks, the most important is Agodi Garden. There are also zoological and botanical gardens, two main stadiums, and a large number of athletic facilities open to the public.

Abstract submission deadline: 15th March, 2009

