

**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AGPMPN, DR ANTHONY A. OMOLOLA  
DMP AT NEC MEETING HOLDING AT ARITALIN HOTEL, YENAGOA, BAYELSA  
STATE ON 30<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, 2011.**

Respected colleagues, on behalf of myself and National Officers, I welcome you all to this NEC meeting holding in the oil rich state of Bayelsa.

I am delighted to inform you that our Association is swiftly accelerating forward, gathering momentum for the foundation laid by my predecessors.

A lot of activities have taken place since last NEC in Ibadan, Oyo State.

1. **OLUYOLE 2011:** Our Annual Scientific Conference and AGM were very successful. It created an avenue for capacity building through workshops and lectures. It was a big forum for social networking, a big opportunity for many families to relax and it extended the frontiers of our Association. I must at this juncture, sincerely thank and appreciate the leadership of AGPMPN in Oyo State, LOC and the entire members of Oyo State AGPMPN for the huge success of Oluyole 2011.

I pray that the energy and resources deployed to this ASC/AGM will be rewarded by GOD Almighty (Amen).

2. **POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE:**

The Postgraduate Diploma in family medicine launched on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010, by AGPMPN and the Faculty of Family Medicine of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, finally commenced on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 in three centres- Lagos, Awka and Abuja as pilot study.

This program I believe will start to build capacity among members, as we now start building critical mass of family physicians that will impact on health care in the country. Efforts are being made to ensure more centres and more people are involved in this program.

3. **WORLD FAMILY DOCTOR DAY**

At the last world council meeting of WONCA In Cancun, Mexico, in May 2010, council unanimously approved the creation of "WORLD Family Doctor Day" and was officially launched on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 as directed by Wonca World.

The event took place in Lagos, Rivers, Abuja and Ogun States. In Lagos, an address was presented by me on the "Role of General Practitioner/Family Physician in Healthcare Systems" during a World Press Conference.

There was free Diabetes and Hypertension screening at LTV ground. There was also a health awareness walk from MITV to LTV in Ikeja.

**4. MDCN Stakeholders Forum on "Conflicts and Conflicts Resolution in the Medical and Dental Professions" at Transcorps Hilton Hotel on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2011.**

This meeting was attended by me and the Secretary General.

It was quite revealing at the zeal with which MDCN is pursuing the improvement of the image of medical profession, which has been down for sometime now.

The issue of frequent strikes by Doctors was extensively discussed, the consequences of strike on life and our image as doctors was also on the front burner.

The poor attitude of government to doctors' needs in the public sector was also discussed. At this juncture, I 'heavily' solicited that private sector's needs have to be in the front burner of government program, since we deliver about 60-70% of healthcare in Nigeria and this was well taken by the forum.

A communiqué was issued by MDCN and published in the Guardian of July, 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

**5. Congratulatory letter was sent to the President of Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr Jonathan E. Goodluck GCFR, before his inauguration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term.**

His reply dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 was sent to the Association. Efforts are now being made to ensure we pay an official visit to Mr. President, as to start a healthy relationship that will improve healthcare in Nigeria and alleviate the pains our members are going through.

**6. AGPMPN/USAID-SHOPS PARTNERSHIP:**

Our relationship with USAID-SHOPS is growing stronger. USAID-SHOPS has started training our members on how to "manage a healthy business". It's a management and financial course, well structured for the needs of our

members as to improve, the outcomes of their different practices and business.

Two successful training sessions have taken place at centre for management studies CMD, in Lagos.

It gladdens my mind to note that our colleagues from Ogun, Oyo and Osun States came to attend these training sessions in Lagos. Other training sessions in Lagos and other States which have been approved by USAID-SHOPS will commence as soon as preparations are completed.

## **7. WEBSITE**

A total overhaul of our website is in progress to conform with international standards and make it resourceful to the Association and members. Our membership categories will be reviewed as following.

- a. Full membership
- b. Associate membership
- c. Student membership
- d. Corporate membership

Our journal will now be on-line through our website with also e-learning sessions, e-trading will be encouraged etc.

The website is our image and we have resolved it will successfully play the role. When in full operation, this will be the second "home" for members after consultations in their different clinics.

## **8. DIAMOND BANK/FIDELITY BANK.**

Diamond Bank has started giving some members loan with 16-23% interest rate. I have complained about this unfriendly rate.

Fidelity bank has a rate of 14-16%.

Our colleagues should take this advantage and start their facilities gradually.

## **9. Obafemi Awolowo University Final year medical students on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

I was invited as a Distinguished Guest of Honor to the Final year Annual dinner and Award ceremony where I was given the "man in the mirror award for improving general and private medical practice in Nigeria".

It was a great opportunity to address the final year medical students on the future and prospects of general practice/family medicine. May I use this opportunity to dedicate this award to AGPMPN and all her members for their support since we came on board.

#### **10.MEMBERS NOMINAL ROLL REGISTER**

It's now pertinent that our Association has a comprehensive upgraded Nominal Roll Register that will indicate members and their facilities, within the next three months. This will help in our relationship with National and International bodies. Most of the time these bodies need information of our members as to properly place them, when we are collaborating for assistance.

This will be properly place in our website and be renewed recently.

#### **11. EDO STATE AGPMPN, AGM/ELECTIONS ON SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2011.**

AGPMPN in Edo State recently had their 1<sup>st</sup> AGM/Elections.

I was invited in my capacity as the President to grace the occasion. It was a huge success.

Let me congratulate the past Exco led by Dr. Edena for transiting smoothly and leading the Association to a great height. I also congratulate the new Exco led by Dr. Oyelade and charge them to consolidate on the gains of their predecessors.

#### **12.FINANCE.**

The Association has a lot of programmes to embark on, including advocacy, capacity building etc and we need money to successfully execute them.

In view of this, I implore and appeal to our states to pay up their dues. Also our "privileged" colleagues to donate to the Association and sponsor our programmes.

This is our Association; nobody will develop her, if we don't actively start ourselves.

#### **13.CPD**

Our Association is the first medical Association to be credited by MDCN as a provider of CPD. In order to maintain minimum standards required by MDCN, our state Chairmen should join hands with the National body, by complying with these minimum standards.

The President and the CPD chairman will sign all the MDCN CPD forms. The CPD chairman will give more report on the activities we embarked on recently in his report.

**14. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL (NHB)**

Appropriate observations, comments and suggestion have been made on the NBH which was published in Guardian of July 1, 2011.

**15.1<sup>st</sup> AFRICA HEALTH CONGRESS 9<sup>th</sup> MAY- 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 IN JOHANNESBURG**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Africa health congress attracted health practitioners all over Africa, and many Exhibitors within the continent and outside the continent.

The academic sessions were properly structured; taking place in sessions and giving room for someone take up topic(s) you might have missed in the first day, the following day or the third day. It was a good experience especially in organizing a scientific conference and exhibition.

My Dear colleagues, we have a lot to do as an Association to make things better for ourselves and our country.

I need your support in all ramifications as to make the perceived impossibilities a total reality.

Thank you.

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT.**