

**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT DR ANTHONY A. OMOLOLA, DMP AT NEC MEETING HOLDING AT ALOE VERA HOTEL, MINNA, NIGERIA ON 3<sup>RD</sup> OF DECEMBER 2011.**

My dear respected colleagues, on behalf of myself and National Officers, I welcome you all to this NEC meeting holding at in Niger State- the power state.

Our Association continues to wax stronger as the day goes by. NEC recently has become an avenue to build capacity and earn CPD units for renewal of our practicing licenses as directed by MDCN.

A lot of events have taken place between the last NEC and now.

**1. NHIS**

The stakeholders meeting of NHIS was attended by me on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2011 at Abuja International Conference Centre.

A lot of issues that are germane to operations of NHIS were raised by stakeholders including me.

- a. That NHIS management has no power as provided by the NHIS guidelines to send an enrollee to a particular hospital or clinic, instead it's the choice of enrollee to choose his or her provider.
- b. Many registered providers don't still have enrollees because it's only the Federal Government staff that have really keyed to NHIS program.
- c. The community health insurance scheme will only be guided by NHIS and will not directly run the program, instead interested HMOs will be encouraged to be actively involved including the enlightenment program.
- d. Health is under concurrent list, and states cannot be forced to join the NHIS but can only be encouraged.

**2. POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE**

The Postgraduate Diploma in family medicine program has come to stay in our health systems structure and has been going on well in the three designated centers namely; Lagos, Awka and Abuja. Two quarters have been completed and the program is left with four quarters. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter starting from the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, 2011.

I will implore our members to enroll for this program in the next batch, because it will improve capacity building.

**3. FUNCTIONS**

- i. I represented the Association in the 6<sup>th</sup> West Africa Health International Medical Exhibition and Conference at Eko Hotel and Suites, Victoria Island on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2011. Attached is my goodwill message.
- ii. I was at 17<sup>th</sup> bi-annual conference of Medical Woman Association of Nigeria MWAN on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011 at Lagoon Restaurant Victoria Island Lagos with a goodwill message from our Association also.

**4. AGPMPN/RCGP**

AGPMPN has started building a healthy relationship with RCGP.

I was invited as guest this year Annual Primary Care Conference in Liverpool from 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011 and led a delegation of 18 members of AGPMPN.

The concurrent sessions, poster presentations and other activities were quite intriguing and very relevant to us, as front line medical practitioners in the health systems.

We held an informal meeting on the second day of the conference to evaluate, have overview of the conference and share our experiences.

I sincerely appreciate our colleagues that went for this conference and the display of high sense of responsibility, leadership and decorum throughout the conference.

This is a pride to AGPMPN and Nigeria. Some of the gains from Liverpool will reflect in our Conference/AGM in March 2012. The RCGP Annual Conference 2012 will hold in Glasgow from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Let's Endeavour to start planning now.

Permit me to use this opportunity to thank Dr. Tope Oyelade for the support given to me in ensuring a huge success of the whole program. All our members that applied for the Visa through AGPMPN were granted and I am happy, we all went and came back safely.

**5. WEBSITE**

Our website has started functioning and is now being loaded with information, I am happy to inform you that our journal is now online.

**6. DIARY/CALENDAR**

Our maiden diary and calendar editions will be out this year.

**7. CPD**

A lot needs to be done in properly harmonizing our CPD, through the state secretariats. So far we have been doing fairly well. Let me commend Dr. Olotu for his efforts and his close collaboration with me to ensure the success of CPD for our members and beyond.

My distinguished colleagues, I am very proud of you, for faithfully coming with strict integrity and commitment to move our great Association forward.

We need to continue to protect our corporate existence, core values, and continue to build on the gains of our past leaders.

I wish all of us Merry Xmas and prosperous New Year ahead.

God bless you all.

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