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It is with great pleasure I write in this Edition of our Newsletter.

I welcome all members to the New Year and wish you and your families a prosperous, well fulfilled 2014.

I appreciate and thank you for the support enjoyed by this administration from the NOC, NEC and all members of our great Association.

This has been the impetus and the force supporting my passion for AGPMPN and my unshakeable sense of purpose, to ensure we are in the fore front of driving a comprehensive, coordinated, continuous, patient-centered healthcare delivery in the country, even at the face of challenges our Nation is undergoing.

It has been a "rough" journey and with many difficulties and challenges but has found opportunities for our Association in the midst of all these.

To transform our Association more, the leadership must be bold, courageous and allow our Association's vision to be the compelling force that will consume our personal thoughts and interest.

In this light, such vision demands sacrifices, unconventional choices and tradeoffs that won't always make sense to the leadership biggest fans: friends and families.

The need to engage government at all levels to provide all necessary enabling environment and support for the private health sector to thrive must be continuously pursued, as this is the only way to give a sustainable, qualitative healthcare services to our population, instead of the current "strangulation" the private health sector is receiving.

For example, the support given to Aviation Industry, Entertainment and Agriculture sectors should be extended to private health sector.

It is only a healthy person that can farm, fly Aero plane and act in films very well.

The wealth of a Country is also assessed by the health of the population of such Nation; so for Nigeria to truly be a wealthy Nation, it must be a healthy Nation.

I must commend our partners, like USAID/SHOPS, PATH 2, and others, for their support at all times.

May I also use this opportunity to appreciate the previous leaders of our Association for laying a sound foundation; we are all building on today.

I am very sure that the labour of all of you, alive or dead will not be in vain as we are greatly committed to the improvement of this great Association.

I commend the PRO for ensuring our Newsletter keeps living.

I look forward to see and receive members and their families during the 36th International Scientific Conference / AGM in the Garden City, between 31st March and 6ht April, 2014 by the grace of God Almighty.

Long live AGPMPN

Long live NIGERIA

Yours in Service,

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