

INFORMATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FLYER AND POSTGRADUATE WEBSITE ENRICHMENT

1. **Name of the Department:**

Department of Animal Health and Production

2. **Philosophy:**

To train and equip livestock professionals, and producers, farm veterinarians, livestock economics, potential livestock entrepreneurs and researchers in livestock health and production related areas. It is further to engage students in innovative research and development strategies with a view to improving the quantity and/or the quality of livestock and livestock products as well as other animals.

3. **No Logo or Motto**

4. **A Brief History of the Department with Information on the Headship**

The Department of Animal Health and Production is one out of the nine component Academic Departments in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Before 2004, it existed as Animal Health and Production Unit in the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology. However in the year 2004, it attained the status of an independent academic department named the Department of Animal Health and Production. The Department offers courses in General Animal Production, Animal Nutrition in Health, Ruminant and Micro-livestock Production and Health, Swine and Poultry Health and Production as part of the core courses needed to produce graduates of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM). She also offers a course titled Animal Production in Health and Diseases to the students of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nigeria. The Department offers Master of Science (M.Sc.) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes in Animal Health and Production, as further training for Veterinarians who may want to specialize in the area of Animal Health and Production. As good health and management are vital for profitable animal production, the Department therefore plays a key role in the upbringing of veterinarians, and in the further training of veterinarians wishing to specialize in the area of animal health and production.

Headship from inception to date

- (i) Dr. T.N. Kamalu (2004 to 2005)
- (ii) Prof. B.C.O Omeke (2005 to 2007)
- (iii) Prof. P. A. Nnadi (2007 to 2008)
- (iv) Dr. G. C. Okpe (2008 to 2010)
- (v) Dr. C. Ezema (2010 to 2012)
- (vi) Prof. P. A. Nnadi (2012 to 2015)
- (vii) Dr. F. O. Abonyi (2015 to date)

5. **Approved PG Programmes/Date of Approval**

M.Sc. and PhD Degree Programmes in Animal Health and Production (see attachment)

6. Academic Staff of the Department with their Qualifications and Affiliations, including fellowship of academic and professional bodies, and awarding institutions.

a. Dr. Abonyi Festus Otaka

Academic Qualifications:

DVM (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 1998

M.Sc. (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 2004

PhD (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 2012

Professional Membership

Member, Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA)

b. Professor Omeke, B. C. O.

Academic Qualifications:

FSLC, 1960; WASC, 1965; BVM, (University of Nairobi, Kenya), 1978; M.Sc. (Canada)

Professional Membership

Member, Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA)

c. Professor P. A. Nnadi

Academic Qualifications:

DVM, M.Sc. and PhD (University of Nigeria, Nsukka)

Professional Membership

Member, Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA)

d. Dr. Chuka Ezema

Academic Qualifications:

DVM (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 1987

M.Sc. (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 2007

PhD (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 2012

Fellow, College of Veterinary Surgeons of Nigeria (FCVSN), 2014;

Professional Membership

Member, Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA)

e. Dr. Nwaigwe, Chukwuemeka Onyekachi

Academic Qualifications:

DVM (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 1999

M.Sc. (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 2004

Professional Membership

Member, Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA)

f. Dr. Aronu, Chinwe Justina

Academic Qualifications:

DVM (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 1994
 Technical Teachers Certificate (TTC, FCE (T), Gombe – 2003;
 M.Sc. (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 2007
 Fellow, College of Veterinary Surgeons of Nigeria (FCVSN), 2012;
 PhD (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 2015
Professional Membership
 Member, Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA)

g. Dr. Uju, Chinelo Nnenna

Academic Qualifications:

DVM (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 2010

M.Sc. (University of Nigeria, Nsukka), 2016

Professional Membership

Member, Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA)

7. Postgraduate Experience

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NO. OF PGDS, M.SC, PH.D GRADUATED SINCE INCEPTION OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES		
PGDs	MSc.	PhD
Nil	8	6

7b List of Approved Supervisors

- i. B. C. O. Omeke (Professor)
- ii. P. A. Nnadi (Professor)
- iii. C. Ezema (Senior Lecturer)
- iv. F. O. Abonyi (Senior Lecturer)

8. Statement of Competence/Skills Acquirable at the End of Postgraduate Studies in the Department

Areas of Specialization

- i. Large Ruminant Health and Production.
- ii. Small Ruminant Health and Management.
- iii. Dairy Animal Health and Production.

- iv. Nutrition in Health and Disease.
- v. Swine Health and Production.
- vi. Poultry Health and Management.
- vii. Animal Genetics and Breeding.
- viii. Animal Health Management and Economics.