

**FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RABIES IN WEST AFRICA (RIWA) AND  
RELATED CURRICULUM REVIEW WORKSHOP TO IMPROVE POSTGRADUATE  
PROGRAMMES FOR SURVEILLANCE OF HUMAN-ANIMAL DISEASES  
IN WEST AFRICA, 4-7 DECEMBER, 2012**



Group Photograph on Day 1 after the Opening Session of the 1st International Congress on Rabies in West Africa (RIWA) and Related Curriculum Review Workshop to Improve Postgraduate Programmes for Surveillance of Human-Animal Diseases in West Africa, held at University of Ibadan, 4-7 December, 2012

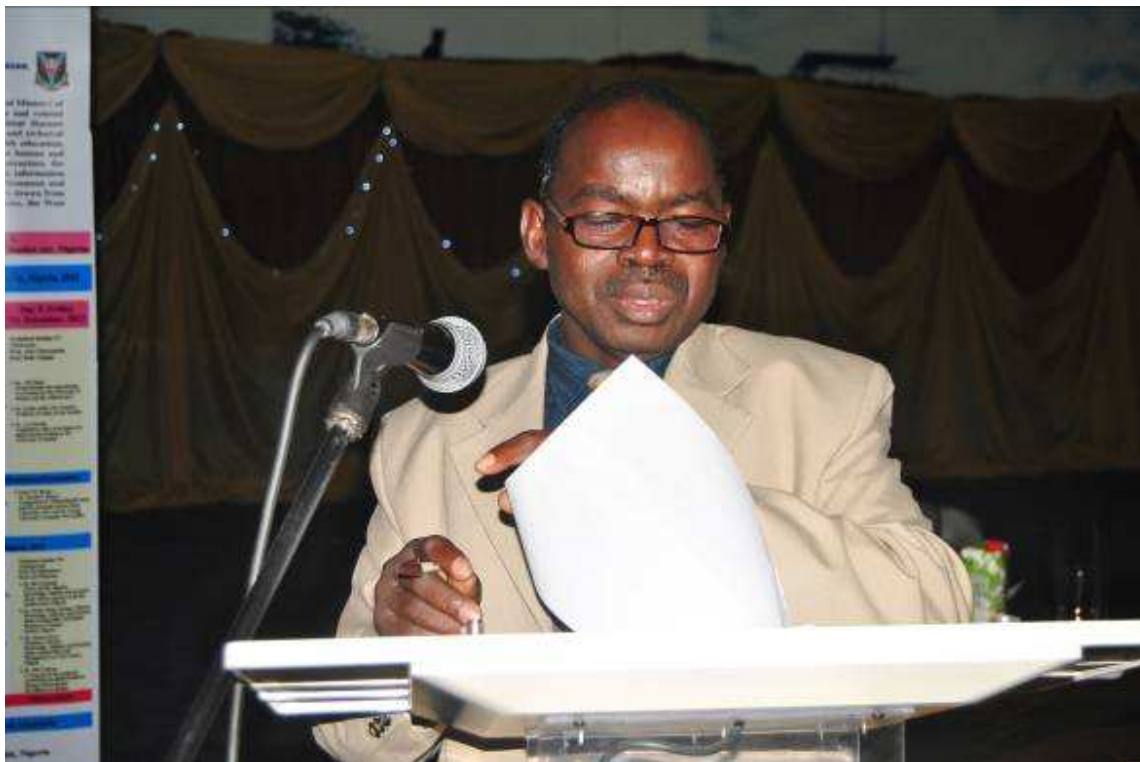


On the high table during the Opening Ceremony of RIWA Conference are the following individuals: (L-R) Mrs. OA Sanni-Adeniyi, Deputy Director (Epidemiology) Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja, Nigeria; Prof. AB Ogunkoya, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria; Prof. VO Taiwo, Dean of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria; Prof. Idowu Olayinka, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), University of Ibadan, Nigeria;

Prof. Temitope Alonge, Chief Medical Director of University College Hospital, Ibadan and Representative of the Hon. Minister of Health, Nigeria; standing is the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Oyo State, Nigeria (representing the Governor of Oyo State, Nigeria), Prof. GO Esuruoso, former President, Veterinary Council of Nigeria and first African Dean of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.



Professor Temitope Alonge, Chief Medical Director of the University College Hospital, Ibadan delivering the Keynote Address of the Honourable Minister of Health at the Conference during the Opening Session.



Dr. Richard Suu-Ire, presenting his lecture on surveillance of rabies-related viruses in Ghana at the conference on 5 December, 2012. Dr. Suu-Ire (Ghanian) is the immediate past President of Commonwealth Veterinary Association.



Prof. Bukola Nottidge, presenting his lecture on implications of rabies-related viruses in the epidemiology and control of rabies in Nigeria at the conference on 5 December, 2012. Prof. Nottidge (Nigerian) is national authority on rabies in Nigeria and Professor at the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta and at the University of Ibadan.



Mr. Roland Suluku, presenting his lecture on the impact of Animal Health Club on rabies awareness promotion in Sierra Leone at the conference on Day 2; 5 December, 2012. Mr. Suluku (Sierra Leonean) is a Lecturer in Animal Science at Njala University, Sierra Leone and National Coordinator of World Rabies Day in Sierra Leone.



Dr. George Nipah, making a contribution to curriculum review on human-animal disease surveillance on Day 3; 6 December, 2012 the Conference and Workshop at Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.



Prof. Russel Harold, from St. George University, Granada, West Indies delivering his second presentation at the conference on Rabies in West Africa and related curriculum review to improve postgraduate programmes for surveillance of human-animal disease in West Africa on Day 3; 6 December, 2012 the Conference. Prof. Russel is of the Medical College at St. Georges University, Granada, West Indies.



Dr. Bolanle Wahab, delivering his presentation at the conference on importance of Indigenous Knowledge and Practices on Rabies Control in the Southwestern part of Nigeria and implications for curriculum review towards improving postgraduate programmes for surveillance of human-animal disease in West Africa on Day 3. Dr. Wahab is Reader in Sustainable Development at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.



Professor GO Esuruoso making some contributions at the Workshop Session on Day 3 of Conference.



Prof. Russel Harold, Prof. AB Ogunkoya, Dr. Bolanle Wahab and Dr. Babasola Olugasa discussing issues raised at the workshop on increasing role and importance of indigenous knowledge and practices on improving graduate programmes and outreach for human-animal disease surveillance in West Africa.



Group Photograph at the Closing Session of the 1st International Congress on Rabies in West Africa (RIWA) and Related Curriculum Review Workshop to Improve Postgraduate Programmes for Surveillance of Human-Animal Diseases in West Africa, 4-7 December, 2012



Resource Persons for the Conference were drawn from the College of Medicine, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Office of International Programmes, Federal Ministry of Health, Global Alliance for Rabies Control, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria, the Centre for Control and Prevention of Zoonoses, the Faculty of the Social Sciences, National Veterinary Research Institute, Nigeria, West Africa and beyond.



The Representative of the Honourable Minister of Health in Nigeria, Professor Temitope Alonge (Chief Medical Director, University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria) was welcomed at the conference by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics) and the Deputy Director (Epidemiology), Federal Ministry of Health.