The Centre for Control and Prevention of Zoonoses, University of Ibadan and the Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria, jointly hosts an international conference on Rabies in West Africa and related curriculum review workshops to improve postgraduate programmes for human-animal disease surveillance. The event brings internationally renowned experts to present scientific and technical papers and to provide one-to-one advice and support for connectivity in global health education, practice and development. The conference covers regional and global perspectives on human and animal rabies control; current issues on harmonizing rabies surveillance; infrastructure for surveillance of rabies related viruses; the increasing role and importance of geographic information systems in focusing rabies control in West Africa; contextualising global health; environment and health; improving health outcomes; and surveillance capacity building. Participants are drawn from Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Senegal, Switzerland, United States, the West Indies and beyond, with support from MacArthur Foundation.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Professor Isaac F. Adeewole FWACS, warmly welcomes you to this event and wishes you a pleasant stay in the friendly environment of Ibadan city, Nigeria.

Opening Ceremony, the Scientific and Technical Sessions of RIWA Conference - University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 2012.

Time
Day 1: Monday 3rd December, 2012
Day 2: Tuesday 4th December, 2012
Day 3: Wednesday 5th December, 2012
Day 4: Thursday 6th December, 2012
Day 5: Friday 7th December, 2012

Morning
Arrival Opening Ceremony: Moderator: Prof. TG Salako and Prof. Olanrewaju
1. Welcome address by the Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Prof. V O Taiwo
2. Chairperson:
   - Dr. Robert Davies, UNI, USA
   - Dr. ES Kwaku, UNI, Ghana
3. Technical Session II: Chairperson:
   - Dr. IF Ijagbone, NISLT, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria
   - Dr. DO Oluwayelu, UNI, Nigeria
4. Technical Session III: Chairperson:
   - Prof. FO Egbokhare, Aim ABU, Nigeria
   - Prof. Iyamu Beba, AIM, Nigeria
5. Technical Session IV: Chairperson:
   - Dr. FO Oke, Babcock University, Nigeria
   - Prof. FO Egbokhare, AIM, Nigeria
6. Technical Session V: Chairperson:
   - Prof. AO Adekohun, Babcock University, Nigeria
   - Prof. FO Egbokhare, AIM, Nigeria

Afternoon
Arrival Opening Ceremony: Moderator: Prof. TG Salako and Prof. Olanrewaju
1. Welcome address by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Prof. Isaac F. Adeewole
2. Chairperson:
   - Dr. Address, Centre for Control and Prevention of Zoonoses in Nigeria, on introducing the concept of postgraduate programs for human-animal diseases surveillance in West Africa and beyond, with support from MacArthur Foundation.
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Evening
Welcome Cocktail

Poster Presentation: List of papers for presentation as posters are available in the Book of Abstracts.

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