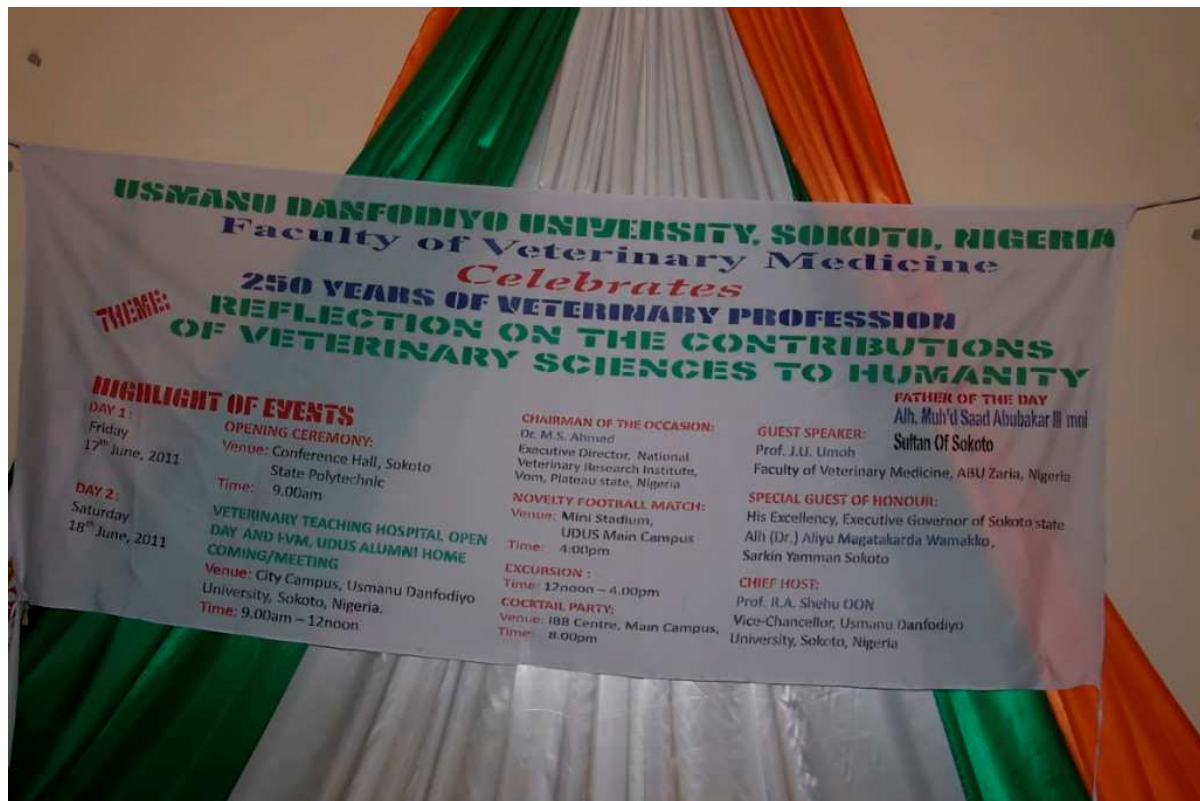


**Report of the celebration of 250 years of veterinary profession by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto Nigeria held on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011**



**Public Awareness:**

The following activities were carried out to sensitize the public about the celebrations.

- Health hints for 15mins in English and Hausa on RIMA Radio, Sokoto on Rabies.
- *Gariyawaye*, a 1hr program in Hausa on RIMA Radio, Sokoto on Veterinary Medicine.
- Announcement on RIMA radio and RIMA television, Sokoto.
- Spot light on Veterinary Profession for 30 mins on Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)
- Sokoto.
- Documentary on Veterinary Profession and Animal welfare for 5 mins on NTA AM express
- (International and Network i.e. National news).
- News report on the celebration by NTA Sokoto.
- News report on the celebration by NTA (Network).

- News report on the celebration by Federal Radio Co-operation of Nigeria.
- News report on RIMA television, Sokoto.
- News report on the celebration by print media.

**Opening Ceremony:**

The opening ceremony took place at the Auditorium of Sokoto State Polytechnic and was chaired by Dr. M. S. Ahmed, Executive Director, National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI) Vom while Professor J. U. Umoh of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria gave a Guest lecture on the theme “250 Years of Modern Veterinary Medicine: Reflections on the contributions of Veterinary Sciences to human life”. He outlined the contributions the profession has made in the area of public health, security, Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and surgery.

He concluded by tracing the origin of one health concept and the need to sustain it by all professionals. The chairman in his opening

remarks commended the Faculty for being the only one accredited by the international steering committee in Nigeria. The Dean in his welcome address traced the history of Veterinary practice to 1800 BC based on fragmentary archeological evidence. He also highlighted the achievements of the Faculty from inception to date. In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor Usmanu Danfodiyo University (UDUS), Sokoto, represented by Prof. A. G. Yahaya (Dean Postgraduate School UDUS), said the Faculty Staff are the most expensive members of staff in the University but pledged to continue contributing to further development of the Faculty and to the Veterinary profession within the limit of its resources.

The Faculty gave long service award each to one (1) academic staff (Professor A. I. Daneji) and one non-academic staff (Mal. Ibrahim Ngaski) for their contribution to the growth of the Faculty. Professor Mahdi Adamu, the Vice Chancellor who pioneered the establishment of the Faculty 27 years ago and Dr. Olatunde Agbato, highest employer of the Faculty graduates in the Nigerian private sector received merit awards. Representative of Dr Olatunde Agbato announced a donation of N100,000 (\$645) for the ceremony and N250,000 (\$1613) to the Faculty. The Nigerian Police band lighted the ceremony with music.



**Awardees during the opening ceremony, behind them are members of the high table**

Other dignitaries present were: Prof G. A. T. Ogundipe (President, Veterinary Council of Nigeria); Dr. Daniel Maddo, (Registrar Veterinary Council of Nigeria); Dr. Charle Ibe; (President, Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association); Dr. Gani Enahoro (President of Nigerian Private Veterinarians Association of

Nigeria); Dr Suleiman Saidu, (Chairman Medical Advisory Committee Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital Sokoto); Dr M. K. Mohammed (Represented Director NAPRI); Rep. of Nigerian Police, Immigration, Custom, Prisons and Road Safety. Staff and Students of the Faculty as well as the Press were also there to grace the occasion.

#### **Novelty Football Match:**

Dr. Ibrahim Magawata, Dean of Students Affairs UDUS represented Professor A. I. Daneji, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) to take the kick off. The match was played at the University Mini Stadium between staff and students of the Faculty. It ended 1-1.



**Staff Team**



**Student Team**

#### **Veterinary Teaching Hospital Open Day:**

The programme began with a lecture at the Congregation Hall City Campus on "Rabies: What We Should All Know" delivered by Dr. A. A. Magaji of the Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine, UDUS and chaired by Professor H. S. Garba of the Department of Veterinary Medicine UDUS.



**High table during the Veterinary Teaching Hospital Open day**

The Host Professor J. B. Adeyanju (Director, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, UDUS) in his welcome address charged Clinicians to be committed to service. Also present at the lecture was Dr. Gani Enahoro (President of Private Veterinarians Association of Nigeria). Highlight of the event was the Free Vaccination Campaign at which free vaccination of dogs were offered free to all clients of the VTH at the Small Animal Clinic unit of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.



**A dog presented for vaccination during the free vaccination campaign**

**UDUS Alumni Meeting:**

The meeting held at the Congregation Hall of the City Campus with the appointment of liaison officers to carry the vision to their various locations/zones.



**Alumni Members**

**Excursion:**

Guests were taken on a visit to the new Faculty building under construction at the main campus of the University. They express delight at the progress of work going on there.

**Cocktail party:**

The party took place at the IBB centre of the University and was chaired by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) Professor S. M. Dangoggo. He was supported by the Dean and former Deans of the Faculty as well as other dignitaries on the high table. Guests were treated to a wonderful night with so much to eat and drink with fun in the air.



**Cross section of guest during the Cocktail Party**

### **Appreciation**

We appreciate the International Committee for the support and encouragement we received before and during the celebration.



**Steering Committee Members**



**Steering committee, subcommittee and ushers of the celebration**

Dr. B.M Agaie, (Chairman Steering Committee)

Dr. A. A. Adeyeye, (Secretary, Steering Committee)