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Dear Colleagues,

## STATE OF OUR SOCIETY

We ended the first quarter of the year on resounding success for our dear profession.

I am most thankful to God for answering our prayers and chasing away the angel of death which troubled us at the beginning of this quarter. I trust He will see us through the second quarter by His grace. Remember this is a recap to bring us to the same page in the activities of our dear Society in March.

The first Council meeting for 2021 was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March with very improved attendance. I encourage us to maintain the tempo for the good of our profession. There were a few decisions reached by Council:

### A. On the Conference

- i. The PSN Conference, Garden City 2021 is scheduled for November 1 to 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. The conference is hybrid, but remote participation will be at a fee.
- iii. The registration portal opens in May and closes at the end of July. For members of PSN, who have paid capitation of Ten Thousand Naira (N10,000), there will be no additional fee to register for the conference.
- iv. Late Registration starts from August 1<sup>st</sup> and will attract additional cost. Please try and register on time. CPC will publish the rest of the conditions
- v. Diaspora Participants registration fee is \$100.
- vi. The election will be in person. No online or electronic voting.

### B. On the Debenture

Council approved that it be opened for another period of 2 months to accommodate more Pharmacists willing to invest. This second window will start at the end of June. I encourage those who have not invested to do so.

### C. Council also approved the following hosts for subsequent Conferences, after Garden City 2021

- i. Plateau State 2022
- ii. Gombe State 2023
- iii. Akwa Ibom State 2024

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I am glad to have participated as a guest of honour at the PCN South West, Pharmaceutical Inspectors Workshop held in Lagos State. The theme “Remedies For The Ever-Growing issues in Pharmaceutical Inspection”, spoke directly to the needs of the time, especially with the challenge of the COVID-19 Pandemic and expanding levels of insecurity. I am convinced that Technology, sincerity and love of country are basic tools for an effective and efficient inspectorate.

I also was at the PSN Ondo State, Pharmacy House Recommissioning/Award Night and subsequently paid a courtesy visit to the Governor, His Excellency, Rotimi Akeredolu. We salute his courage for recognizing the importance of encouraging professional equity and justice. We commend him particularly for the appointment of Pharm F.B. Aladenola, as the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health.

The PSN continued to sustain her views in the torrents of public hearings at the National Assembly. We made submissions to about eight public hearings. We will continue to ring-fence the boundaries of our profession against all interlopers.

We also participated in the program for the development of a Guideline for the Health Sector organized by the Federal Ministry of Labour.

Your President and some members NEC were at the Presidential Retreat of the Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria (APBN) held in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. I cannot thank the PSN Rivers State enough for the warm reception we were given. While in the State I visit Mentor Health Services Limited, the operators of Mentor Pharmacy. I am proud of the standard of practice established and pray the government to create enabling environment for community Pharmacy practice in Nigeria for commensurate return on investment.

Finally, I commend all State Branches who have transitioned smoothly to a new executive. It takes civility and maturity to realize when your time in an office is up. I welcome all newly elected Chairmen and Secretaries to the noble service of our great Society.

Colleagues, continue to shine the light of our profession within your circle of influence.

Yours in the Service of Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria,



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