

Chairman's address @ Akure 2015.

With a heart full of gratitude to God Almighty, I welcome you all to the Sunshine state for the Annual National Conference of our great Association tagged AKURE 2015. We are converging yet again to celebrate our profession, pharmacy and deliberate on how to transform community pharmacy practice, placing it on a high pedestal among other healthcare professions.

My appreciation goes to Pharm. Babayemi Oyekunle, the CPC Chairman and his team for putting together a conference of this magnitude. The chosen theme for this conference Exploring New Frontiers in Community Pharmacy Practice is apt at this time, I have no doubt in my mind that the speaker chosen, a seasoned and highly distinguished community pharmacist, a past National Chairman of ACPN and a past President of our great society, PSN, Pharm (Sir) Anthony Akhimen is eminently qualified to open paths to new frontiers in our practice.

Over the years pharmacists have been rated as the most trusted professional, often times better than the so called learned jurists, the egoistic medics and even the supposedly meek clergy. It is high time we start leveraging on this well-deserved trust and honour bestowed on us by the public by using it to our advantage to acquire more leadership roles in the health team, politics and community in general.

As community pharmacist time has come for us to display our skills on medicines, market them accordingly and create business models that are profitable and sustainable. Adding value to our image professionally will remain a mirage unless community pharmacists are adequately remunerated for the cognitive services of drug therapy management being rendered in the community pharmacy.

Be rest assured that programmes and leisure activities have been lined up for you to fully experience the full dose of the Sunshine state's hospitality.

In conclusion, leadership determine the success of an organization and according to Stephen Covey, A leader is the one who climbs the tallest tree, surveys the entire situation and yells, wrong jungle. As baton of leadership is changing at this crucial time, let us elect men of high credibility and integrity as leaders to take us to the next level.

I will be an ingrate if I fail to appreciate the immense support of the President of PSN Pharm Olumide Akintayo who has contributed in no small measure to the success of my team in ACPN. The support of the Pharmaceutical companies has been overwhelming in the last 3 years and to my teeming members, thank you for a lifetime opportunity to serve you.

Lastly, on behalf of the National Executive Committee, National Executive Council & the entire membership of Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria, I wish to express my profound gratitude to Mr Governor and First Lady of Ondo State for giving us perfect hosting we have never had before.

Long live ACPN,

Long live Ondo State.

Long live Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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