

**NIGERIAN MINING AND GEOSCIENCES SOCIETY  
(NMGS)**

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**Call for Nominations for**



**NMGS Awards and Prizes 2010**

**NMGS AWARDS  
AND PRIZES, 2010**

Many Awards and Prizes have been established by the NMGS, which are funded by the corporate and main institutional members to reward and encourage excellence and distinction in academic and professional practices, inventions and services.

The Awards Committee of the NMGS is responsible for administering these Awards and Prizes. Consequently, the Committee hereby calls for nominations for the year 2010 which will be made at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference in Calabar, Cross River State, in March, 2010 in the various categories described below.

**All nominations must be sent, under confidential cover, to:**

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**Chairman, NMGS Awards Committee**  
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*to reach him not later than 31 October 2009.*

## CAREGORY A: NMGS PRIZES

### 1. NMGS/Exxon Mobil Prize

The NMGS/Exxon Mobil Prize is open to all final year students of Nigerian Universities and is given to the best three B.Sc. Honours Theses or Dissertations in the earth sciences each academic year. The prizes are First position prize N190,000.00, the second prize N140,000.00 and Third position prizied N90,000.00. These prizes are paid to the individual students. In addition, there are consolation prizes of N60,000.00 each paid to seven participating Departments of Earth Sciences. Each Department of Earth Sciences or Geosciences should submit only one entry per degree option.

### 2. NMG/Total Prize

The NMGS Total Prize is open to all of oral and poster presenters at the technical sessions of each annual Conference and is given to the best three presentations. The first prize usually attracts a one-week, all expenses paid trip to mining and/or geoscientific laboratories or sites in France plus a cash prize of N120,000.00. The second and third positions attract cash awards of N320,000.00 and N270,000.00, respectively.

### 3. NMGS/Agip Energy Prize

The NMGS/Agip Energy Prize is open to all M.Sc. candidates and is awarded to the best Thesis or Dissertation in the area of Mineral Exploration annually. The prize is worth N5,000.00.

### 4. NMGS/NIOMCO Prize

The NMGS/NIOMCO Prize is open to candidates having the best M.Sc. or HND dissertation in Mining or Economic Geology from tertiary institutions in the country. The prize is worth N20,000.00.

### 5. NMGS/NGSA/Okezie Prize

The NMGS/NGSA/Okezie Prize, endowed by the Nigerian Geological Survey Agency (NGSA), is in honour of the first Nigerian Director of the NGSA. The Prize is instituted for a published or unpublished original work in the Earth Sciences which is adjudged to be a landmark contribution to the development of the profession of mining and geosciences in Nigeria. The prize is open to all Geoscientists/Mining Engineers. The prize is worth N20,000.00.

### 6. NMGS/CHEVRON RESEARCH AWARDS

The NMGS/CHEVRON RESEARCH AWARDS are aimed to encourage scholarship and professional excellence in the geosciences. It is sponsored by Chevron Nigeria Limited. The Awards are for two of the "Best Published Doctorate/Post-Doctorate Research work in the field of Petroleum Geosciences with significant impact on the oil and gas industry in Nigeria." It carries a cash reward of fifty thousand naira (N50,000) for each prize.

### 7. NMGS/PROF DEBORAH ENILO AJAKAIYE PRIZE

The NMGS/ PROF DEBORAH ENILO AJAKAIYE PRIZE was endowed by Prof Deborah Enilo Ajakaiye, a foremost geophysicist and past President of the NMGS. The Prize is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students and it is for oral and poster presenters at the technical sessions of each annual Conference. The prize is aimed at encouraging and mentoring undergraduate and postgraduate students of mining and geosciences, as emerging scholars, to have opportunity to present and showcase their research findings. The first prize is worth Twenty Thousand Naira (N20,000), the second prize fifteen thousand naira (N15,000) and the Third Prize Ten Thousand Naira (N10,000).

**8. Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society: President's Awards**

This Award, sponsored by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC), is given by the President of NMGS in recognition of significant contributions to the development of the profession and advancement of the society (NMGS). **The Awards cover the following areas:**

**i. Young Geoscientists/Miner Award**

The winner should not be older than 35 years at the time of the Award. He/She must demonstrate outstanding ability and promise in any area of Mining and Pure Geosciences and/or in the application of Geosciences. **The Award carries a cash prize of Fifteen Thousand Naira (N15,000.00) and a Certificate of Merit.**

**ii. Entrepreneurship Award**

This award is for the best organization offering services to the Petroleum and Geological Industries. **The Award is a Plaque of Merit.**

**iii. Training Award**

This Award is to the Department of Mining/Geosciences adjudged most dynamic in furthering the training of geoscientists and mining in Nigeria. **The Award carries a cash prize of Twenty Thousand Naira (N20,000.00) and a Certificate of Merit.**

**iv. The Best Chapter Award**

The best Chapter Award is in recognition of the most dynamic chapter of the society which has been very active in promoting the ideals of the NMGS. The award comprises a certificate of merit.

**v. The Most Active Member of Council Award**

The most active member of Council Award is in recognition of the most dynamic and pro-active member of Council who has been able to promote the ideals of the NMGS in the last Council year. The Award comprises a Certificate of Merit.

**CATEGORY B: NMGS AWARDS**  
**NMGS AWARDS 2010: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are hereby invited from members of the NMGS for candidates in respect of the NMGS Awards each nomination should be accompanied with a brief write-up on why the nominee is deserving of the Award, along with an abridged Curriculum Vitae, discreetly obtained.

Nominations should be submitted under confidential cover to reach the Chairman, Awards Committee not later than Monday, 31 August, 2009.

The following criteria, as approved by Council at its 192nd meeting of Saturday 18th October 2008, held at the NMGS National Secretariat, Zawan, Jos, which will govern the final selection, should be noted:

- (i) That no currently serving member of the Council of NMGS should be considered for an Award.
- (ii) That no member of the Award Committee should nominate candidates for an Award.
- (iii) That Awards should be given only for outstanding achievements which should be so outstanding as to be non-controversial.
- (iv) That Awards should not be given in absentia except for very grave reasons of an emergency nature.
- (v) That the recipient's work and achievements should have had direct or indirect connection with the welfare of Nigeria, or Africa, or that the recipient should have made significant contributions to the development of NMGS or to the Mining and Geosciences profession generally.
- (vi) That great weight should be placed on the contribution of the recipient to research, scholarship, training and services and that the actual award made should be one that is professionally appropriate to the achievements of the recipients.
- (vii) That on each occasion that Awards are made, the list of Awards should, as far as possible, represent a balanced cross-section of spheres of National and/or International achievements.
- (viii) That nominators should not approach their nominees under any circumstances whatever until the nominations have been approved by Council for the Award.
- (ix) That normally nominees who have been considered on three occasions should not be considered again by the Committee for the same Award until the lapse of three years after the last occasion.
- (x) That in exceptional circumstances, Awards may be given post-humously to deserving candidates.
- (xi) That only paid-up financial members would be considered for Awards.

(xii) That late nominations will not be considered at the screening exercise.

## **LIST OF NMGS AWARDS**

### **1. NMGS/Rt. HON. DR. NNAMDI AZIKIWE AWARD**

This prize, which is in honour of the Late Rt. Hon. Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, FNMGS, the 1st Patron of the NMGS, is to be awarded to any Nigerian who has consistently promoted and/or supported the study of Earth Science subjects for at least 10 years. This Prize is sponsored by the Council of the NMGS. The Prize includes a gold medal and a Plaque.

### **2. NMGS/DPR/CHIEF M. O. FEYIDE AWARD**

The prize is in honour of the Late Chief M.O. Feyide, FNMGS, the first Nigerian Secretary-General of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and founding father of the Department of Petroleum Resources. It is to be awarded to any Nigerian who has made excellent and consistent contribution in the general area of Petroleum Engineering/Geology. The prize includes a gold medal and a plaque.

### **3. NMGS/PTDF/RILWAN LUKMAN AWARD**

The NMGS/PTDF/RILWAN LUKMAN AWARD is sponsored by the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) in honour of Alhaji Dr. Rilwan Lukman, a foremost Mining Engineer and Past Secretary-General and President of OPEC. The award is open to any Mining Engineer/Earth Scientist of any nationality who has made significant contributions to Mining and Geosciences Education and the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS). The Prize is a gold medal and a plaque.

### **4. NMGS/AMNI PETROLEUM/PROF. MO OYAWOYE AWARD**

The NMGS/AMNI/Oyawoye Award is sponsored by AMNI International Petroleum Development Company Ltd. (AMNI) in honour of Prof. M.O. Oyawoye, FNMGS, the first African Professor of Geology and a renowned petrologist. The Award is open to any hard rock geologist of any nationality who has made significant contributions to hard rock geology of the African continent. the prize is a gold medal and a plaque.

### **5. NMGS/MOSUNMOLU/Dr. E.A. IFATUROTU AWARD**

The NMGS/Mosunmolu/Dr. E.A. IFATUROTU Award is sponsored by Mosunmolu Ltd. The award is for any Mining Engineer/Earth Scientist of any nationality who has made consistent and excellent contribution in the general area of Mining and Mineral Resources Development in Africa. The Award is a plaque and gold medal.

### **6. NMGS/VERSA-TECH/PO NWASIKE AWARD**

The NMGS/VERSA-TECH/PO NWASIKE Award is sponsored by Versa Tech Nigeria Limited and is open to any leading Mining Engineer or Geoscientist who is an active member of the NMGS and has contributed to promoting the career of young mining engineers and geoscientists and has also distinguished himself in the profession. The Award is a plaque and gold medal.

### **7. NMGS/NAPIMS/PROF. R.A. REYMENT AWARD**

The NMGS/NAPIMS/PROF. R.A. REYMENT Award is named after Prof. R.A. Reyment who studied virtually all the sedimentary basins of Nigeria and produced the first coherent synthesis of their biostratigraphy. The Award is for consistent excellent work in the general area of soft rock geology of Nigeria and comprises a plaque and gold medal.

#### **8. NMGS/SHELL AWARD**

The NMGS/Shell Award is the highest NMGS award. It is sponsored by the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC). The award is for earth scientist of any nationality who have made significant contributions to the field of earth sciences by persistent and consistent, excellent research in either or both of the pure and applied aspects of the earth sciences of the African continent. The Prize is a Plaque cast in polished rock.

The Award Committee appeals to all members of the NMGS to take cognizance of these Prizes and Awards and ensure they participate fully.

*Prof Anthony Azubuike Elueze, FNMGS, FGS*  
**President, NMGS**

*Dr Olugbenga A. Okunlola,*  
**General Secretary, NMGS**

*Prof. A. Idowu Olayinka,*  
**Chairman, NMGS Awards Committee**