

## **FITC'S TOP NEWS**

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### **FITC, FBN PLC. AND SCHOLARSHIP IN NIGERIA**

FITC is currently conducting the fifth edition of the First Bank of Nigeria Plc Annual Essay Competition for undergraduates in Nigerian Universities and Polytechnics, and also, the fourth edition of the bank's Annual Quiz Competition for Secondary Schools in the federation. While the Essay Competition is designed to enhance the intellectual development of undergraduate students, by promoting research and independent scholarship amongst them, the Quiz Competition for Secondary Schools in Nigeria is aimed at promoting scholarship among students and determining the best Secondary School Student in Nigeria with multidisciplinary proficiency in a varied number of subjects.

### **FSS 2020**

The international conference on Financial System Strategy 2020 (FSS 2020) was held from the 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> of June, 2007. FITC played a prominent role in the work of the study group on Human Capital, which preceded the international conference. Dr. Oladimeji Alo, the Managing Director of FITC, was one of the discussants at the conference.

### **RECENTLY HELD PROGRAMMES**

- The FITC recently completed the last stream of a comprehensive training programme on **Risk Management**, sponsored by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The training sessions were held at Protea Hotel, Oakwood Park, Lekki-Epe Express Way, Lagos from 12th of

March to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2007. The programme, which was run in ten streams, drew participants from the 25 banks, the Central Bank of Nigeria, Discount Houses, the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Commission (NDIC) and the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit.

- **Customer Care and Retention Strategies**, one of the newly introduced training programmes in FITC, was held from 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of June, 2007. Participants in attendance were drawn from Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria, LeadWay Assurance, William and Partners Estate Surveyors and Valuers, Union Homes Savings & Loans, First Bank of Nigeria Plc. and Security Swaps Ltd.
- To equip participants with the skills needed to provide efficient, seamless and error-free services, FITC held a course on **Managing Banking Operations** from 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2007. It was led by Mrs. Cathy Echeozo, Executive Director, Corporate Banking of Guaranty Trust Bank Plc. In attendance were participants from IBTC Chartered Bank Plc., Sterling Bank Plc., Oasis Savings & Loans Ltd, and Unity Bank Plc.
- Designed to assist participants write good audit reports, FITC ran a course on **Effective Audit Reporting** from 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2007. It was led by Mr. E. O. Olabisi, a Partner with BDO Oyediran Faleye Oke & Company. Participants were drawn from ESL Securities Ltd, Associated Discount House, First Bank of Nigeria Plc., NDIC, Aso Savings and Loans Plc., Diamond Bank Plc., Spring Bank Plc., Tawada Limited, and First City Monument Bank Plc.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIA**

A course on **Effective Business Writing Skills** would be led by Dr. Reuben Abati, the Chairman, Editorial Board, Guardian Newspapers Ltd. from the 31<sup>st</sup> of July to 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2007. It is designed to enable participants improve their proficiency in business writing and communication.

Other upcoming programmes are:

- **Effective Project Finance** at FITC's Head Office, Lagos, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of August, 2007. It would be led by Mr. I. K. Mbagwu, an Executive Director in Fidelity Bank Plc.
- **Building Strategies for Breakthrough Performance**, 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of August, 2007. Holding at FITC's Head Office Lagos, it would be led by Mr. Demola Odeyemi, a General Manager and Chief Strategist with Guaranty Trust Bank Plc.

## **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES**

- FITC, in partnership with Optionsprofessor Incorporated, USA, is organizing a seminar on **Mastering Bonds Trading** from the 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of August, 2007, at Bolger Centre, Maryland, USA. Aimed at introducing participants to the latest developments in the Bond Markets and Interest Rate Derivatives, the seminar would be led by Dr. Izzy H. Nelken, a world renowned expert in Trading and Risk Management in the United States of America. He would be assisted by Mr. Bola Onadele (Koko), President of Financial Datanet House Limited (FDHL).

- FITC, in collaboration with Downton Hill of the United Kingdom (formerly known as IFex Training) and West Africa Bankers' Association, is also organizing a workshop on **AML & CFT, Financial Crime Awareness and Prevention Training** from 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2007, at Transcorp Hilton, Abuja. The workshop will enhance the skills of participants in financial crime prevention. Experienced resource persons to lead discussions include Wayne Blackburn of Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG), Danny Sanhye of Financial Intelligence Unit of Mauritius, and A.B. Okauru of Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU).