



ABU ZAZZAU 2024

The 42nd Annual Conference of the Horticultural Society of Nigeria (HORTSON)

Theme of the Conference

Strategic Roles of Research, Innovation and Extension in Strengthening National Horticultural Technology for Sustainable Food Production.

Sub Themes

- i. Horticultural Crop Improvement, Seed Technology, Breeding and Biotechnology for Enhanced Nutrition and Food Production.
- ii. Pest and Disease Management Strategies in Horticulture
- iii. Soil, Water, and Land Management for Sustainable Horticultural Crop Production
- iv. Climate-smart Urban and Forestry Horticultural Practices
- v. Horticultural Economics, Sociology and Extension.
- vi. Gender, Youth Engagement and Social Equity Issues in Horticultural Production.
- vii. Landscape Design, School Gardening, and Public Horticulture
- viii. Nutrition, Health, and Post-harvest Management in Horticulture.

Convener: The Provost, Samaru College of Agriculture

Host: The Director, Division of Agricultural Colleges, Ahmadu Bello University.

Chief Host: The Vice-Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria

Keynote Paper: Prof. Aiyelaagbe, Isaac Ore-Oluwa Olatokunbo, *FHSN*, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria.

Topic: *Strengthening Research, Innovation, and Extension for Enhanced Public and Private Sector Participation in Horticulture.*

Lead Paper 1: Dr. Muhammed Lawal Attanda FNIAE, FNSE. Executive Director, National Horticultural Research Institute (NIHORT), Ibadan, Nigeria.

Topic: *Role of National Agricultural Technology and Innovation Policy (NATIP) in Enhancement of Horticultural Research for Improved Livelihood.*

Lead Paper 2: Prof Shehu Garki Ado (Wazirin Garki) *FHSN*, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.

Topic: *Strategies to Mobilize Horticultural Stakeholders in the Implementation of the National Agricultural Technology and Innovation Policy (NATIP).*

Date: 10th to 15th November, 2024

Venue: Samaru College of Agriculture, Division of Agricultural Colleges, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State, Nigeria.

Introduction

The Horticultural Society of Nigeria (HORTSON), a member of the International Society of Horticultural Science was founded in October 1977 to promote the advancement and development of all branches of Horticulture in

Nigeria. The Society promotes and supports interdisciplinary research teams and intra/inter-sector collaborations and their linkages with food systems and actors. Thus, brings together all stakeholders (Scientists, Industrialists, and Farmers) working on fruits, vegetables, ornamentals, medicinal, aromatic, and spices, through conferences, seminars, symposiums lectures, and publications, which include annual Conference Proceedings, Nigerian Journal of Horticultural Science, Newsletters, and the Hort-Magazine. This year's conference tagged **ABU ZAZZAU 2024** will give members and stakeholders in the field of horticulture to meet, share ideas, and present research findings in all areas of horticulture.

Invitation to the Conference

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) on behalf of the Executive Council of the Horticultural Society of Nigeria cordially invites you to the 42nd Annual conference of the society scheduled to take place from 10th - 15th November 2024 at Samaru College of Agriculture, Division of Agricultural Colleges, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Nigeria.

Samaru College of Agriculture established in 1921, is the first College of Agriculture in northern Nigeria and the second in Nigeria. It is one of the Colleges under the Division of Agricultural Colleges offering courses in many aspects of Agriculture.

Call for Paper and Guidelines for Submission of Manuscript

Article to be submitted for publication in the Book of Proceeding should not be more than 6 pages including tables and figures. Spacing should be

1.5, font size 12 in Times New Roman. The full article should contain an Abstract, Keyword, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Result and Discussion, Conclusion, and References. The abstract should not exceed 250 words and a maximum of 5 keywords. The deadline for submission of the full paper is September 10th, 2024. All papers for the conference should be submitted to: hortonabuzazzau2024@gmail.com with evidence of payment of N7000 as processing fee attached with the submission. **Payment for publication in the Book of Proceeding should be paid to the LOC account given below.**

Bank: First Bank
Account name: HORTSON Local Organizing Committee ABU ZAZZAU 2024
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Conference Programme/Schedule of activities

Day 1: Sunday 10th of November 2024: Arrival of delegates and participants

Day 2: Monday 11th November 2024

- Morning Session: Opening Ceremony, Presentation of Fellowship Award, and Keynote Paper Presentation
- Afternoon Session: Lead Papers Presentation and Technical Session
- Cocktail

Day 3: Tuesday 12th November 2024: Parallel Technical Sessions and Poster Presentations.

Day 4: Wednesday 13th November 2024:

- Morning Session: Excursion and field visits
- Afternoon Session: Presentation of the conference communique.

c. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Day 5: Thursday, 14th November 2024: Parallel Technical Sessions and Poster Presentations.

Day 6: Friday 15th November 2024: Departure.

Conference Registration Fee

Registration deadline: 10th October 2024

✓ Old members	N25,000
✓ New members	N27,500
✓ Undergraduate Students with an ID card or letter from HOD	N10,000
Corporate bodies	N50,000
Fellows	N10,000

Payments for Conference Registration, Membership, and Annual fees should be made to the Society's account below:

Account Name: Horticultural Society of Nigeria
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Hotel Accommodation

Name of Hotel	Location	Price	Phone Contact
NAERLS Suites and Conference Center	ABU Samaru Zaria	N12,000 - 23,000	0816122 5214
Royal Choice Inn Ltd	ABU Samaru Zaria	N5,000 - 10,000	0806959 2889
National Institute of Transport Technology Suits	Basawa Road Zaria	N5,000 - 20,000	08030582989

Fabs Hotel and Suits	No 1 Rock Road, GRA, Zaria	N15,000 -62,000	08026361000
Organo Hotel and Suites	19B Hanwa Road, GRA, Zaria	N8,000 and above.	0701322 2755
Joclarif Hotels & Suites	Graceland Hanwa Zaria	N8,000 and above.	0809030 8822

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