



# Covenant University Newsflash

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## Collaborations with Like-Minded Varsities Will Enhance Covenant's Vision – Italian Scholar



International Visiting Scholar,  
Professor Raffaele Marchetti,

An International Visiting Scholar to Covenant, Professor Raffaele Marchetti, has stated that the unique vision of the University could be enhanced by cooperation and

collaborations with other like-minded universities.

“Covenant has made very remarkable improvement over the years in such a short time. I admire the vision of the University to be in the top 10 and this can be enhanced by collaborations with Universities like ours,” he said.

Professor Marchetti, who is the Deputy Rector of Internationalisation and Associate Professor at LUISS Guido Carli of Rome, Italy, where he teaches International Relations in the Political Science Department, expressed his delight at being invited to Covenant.

While in Covenant, the scholar taught two classes- one for undergraduate and one for graduate students-in the Department of Political Science and International Relations.

“The interaction was very positive and my impression was that the students enjoyed the classes,” he stated.

He further explained that that the classes he gave covered the areas of Globalization, Global Economic Government, Foreign Policy Analysis and Transformation at International Level.

Professor Marchetti had also met

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## Moderation in Eating Habit, Others Helps to Guard Against Cancer

Being very moderate in our day-to-day lives, especially in eating and other things, offers the best opportunity to guard against the scourge of cancer.

This was the view of the Executive Director, St. Cyril Cancer Treatment Centre, Mrs. Moji Animashaun, the Guest Speaker at the Free Breast and Cervical Screening programme, recently held at the Covenant University Health Centre to commemorate the 2019 International Women's Day.

She said that Nigeria was lagging behind other countries like the US in dealing with diseases such as cancer because, owing to those countries' efficiency, about 98% of the cancer scourge was being tackled headlong due to early detection and treatment campaigns. This, according to her, was in contrast to Nigeria's, where a lot of people were dying due to the inability of the government and the people to take advantage of the benefits of early examination so as to know how to tackle the problem.

She posited that it was good for people, especially ladies, to know everything or as much as possible about their bodies as this would go a long way

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## Professor Isiorho Thumbs up Covenant's Research and Learning Environ

Covenant's burgeoning status as a research University has received acknowledgment from another of her International Visiting Scholars, Professor Solomon Isiorho, who asserted that the atmosphere at the University and her facilities were very conducive to research and learning.

According to the Professor of Geo-Sciences from the University of Purdue, Indiana, USA, on each of the occasions that he had been to Covenant, he was always amazed because the University always had something new. “I have often told folks that this environment is so inviting, tranquil and conducive to research and learning,” he stated.

Covenant and Purdue University currently have a Memorandum of Understanding, which enables exchange of Professors, ideas and collaborations in terms of research projects. Professor Isiorho said that both institutions had a proposed project and

were looking at the continuation of an ongoing project with the hope of getting more students involved.

“We believe that education is very important and I think the best way to educate the public is through our students; and once we can educate the students, they will then go out and help carry out the mission of providing or procuring good portable water for folks. It is something that affects everyone,” he stated.



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with the Head and faculty in the Political Science and International Relations Department, during which there were discussions about avenues for cooperation between the two institutions in terms of student and faculty exchange, common research projects and integration of curricula. He described the meeting as a good gesture of Covenant's inclination and willingness to develop cooperation with him.

Also, he was excited about his meeting with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, with whom there were discussions on how to develop collaborations between LUISS Guido Carli and Covenant not only in the Political Science Department, but in larger areas.

According to him, he was overwhelmed by the opportunity given to him by the Vice-Chancellor to speak at

the University Chapel Service, an experience he described as extraordinary. "The Vice-Chancellor invited me to give a speech at the Chapel Service; it was an extraordinary experience; the ceremony was so nice. I was welcomed by both the students and faculty and I've never addressed such a large audience, it was a very remarkable moment. I had a feeling that we were building both an intellectual and emotional bridge," he said.

The appointment of International Visiting Scholars at Covenant is renewable each academic session. Each stay is an opportunity for scholars to engage in teaching, scholarly scientific life of the University community, and possible research collaborations with members of the faculty in the receiving Department. ■

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Professor Isiorho, whose research project is focused mainly on the availability of water, said that his research was looking at the relationship between surface water and ground water. "We want to know where water can be found. I know in Southern Nigeria, we don't have issues about the availability of water, however, the quality of water can also be a problem because of our living conditions in the South and all the things we do around water that tend to pollute our ground water resources as well as surface water," he explained.

One of Isiorho's scheduled activities on the visit to Covenant was to give lectures at the Civil Engineering and Physics Departments of the University. His lectures were to cover both the undergraduate and graduate students of each of the Departments. He had also been the Guest Speaker at the the Town and Gown Seminar of the Civil Engineering Department, where he examined the effects of Social-Economic Status and the Procurement of Portable Water using Lake Chad Region as an Example.

While stating that he was highly

impressed with students at Covenant because "they have foresight, they are very inquisitive and they are eager to learn and also apply what they have learned in their research projects as well as in their classes", he noted that having worked with some of them, it was a pleasure for him to see the progression of the students and how they had used what they learned.

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in helping to detect any unhealthy growth that may arise at any time and the faster this was discovered, the better the impetus to treat them.

While noting that awareness programmes like the Free Breast and Cervical Screening programme were very important because so many people abused drugs, including doctors, Mrs. Animashaun advised patients to visit doctors who were circumspect about their field and not quacks that would always be indecisive

as this portended a grave danger to the patients.

She also used the occasion to speak to the male folks about the need to undergo prostate cancer test for early detection, in order to forestall the incidence of full-blown prostate cancer.

Declaring the cancer screening exercise open, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Covenant, Professor Akan Williams, who appreciated the Guest Speaker, reiterated that people needed to know their state of health in order to know how well they were. According to him, "If we don't impact our environment, we are not doing ourselves any good."

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor implored members of the community to maximise the attendant benefits of the programme so as to justify the Management's huge investment in it.

Earlier, Mrs. Ronke Asaolu, the Chairman of Covenant University Community Development Impact Initiative (CU-CDII), the convener of the programme, eulogised the Covenant Management for sponsoring the programme. While acknowledging contributions by Management to the success of the event, she stressed that such support would always help in improving the welfare of the whole Covenant community.

Mrs. Asaolu used the occasion to highlight various outreaches of the CU-CDII in the communities around Covenant University and how grateful those communities had been to the University.

Also present at the programme were the Registrar, Dr. Lanre Amodu; Chaplain, Pastor Kayode Martins; and Director, Financial Services, Mr. Paul Uwaje amongst others.

Some wives of faculty and staff underwent screening for cervical and breast cancer during the programme. ■



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