

Summer Meeting, Killin, Aberfeldy, Stirling, Scotland, 28th/29th June 2014.
Organiser, Avril Simpson

Autumn Meeting, Cambridge, (in conjunction with the African Archaeology Group), 20th/21st September 2014. Organiser, Philip Allsworth – Jones

Programme for 2015:

Spring Meeting and AGM, Ulverston, Cumbria, 2nd/3rd May 2015. Organiser, Brian Hopkins

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Nigerian Field Society, Ile-Ife Branch

Annual Report, March, 2013

The highlight for the Ife Branch in 2012 was the successful hosting of the ABM and 40th Anniversary celebration of the Ife Branch held at the Staff Club of the University. This included lectures, quiz competition and an exhibition.

The quiz competition organized for High Schools around Ile-Ife took place on Thursday April 26, 2012. The questions bothered on issues about the



The late Professor E. Obot and the late Dr. Sheba standing side by side at the opening of a exhibition; photograph by Stephen Folaranmi, April 2012.

environment, conservation and other related interests to the Nigerian Filed Society. The winner of the completion was the OAU International School 2012. The art exhibition by two members, Stephen Foláránmí and Ségun Ajíbóyè of the Department of Fine and Applied Arts was declared opened by the Director of the Institute of Cultural Studies, Prof. GRA Adeoti, and was attended by NFS members, students and other members of the University and Ife community. The theme of the show was 'Man and Nature'.

Unfortunately, two major events seem to have dulled the rest of the activities for the year except for a few executive meetings that were held. First was the

death one of our members, Dr. Eben Sheba, on the 27th of May, 2012, a few weeks after the ABM. Then the Shocking news of the National Editor of the Society, Prof. Emmanuel Obot in the ill fated Dana air mishap in Lagos exactly a month after Dr. Sheba died. It was indeed a time of mourning for us. The Branch was unable to actualize most of the events that was slated for the year.

However, members attended the burial ceremony of Dr. Sheba which kicked off with a lecture at the Conference Centre of the University. We simply turned the mourning mood into celebration. There was also an Artist's Night organized for him by the Department of Fine and Applied Arts at the Pit Theatre of the African Studies Building. Representatives of the branch also attended parts of the ceremony for Prof. Obot in Lagos.

On October 31st 2012 the branch in conjunction with IFRA Ibadan hosted a lecture titled **Archeology of Ritual Context in Northern Ghana** by Timothy Insoll, a Professor from the School of Arts, Languages and Culture of the University of Manchester, U.K. The event which took place at the New Natural History Museum, Obafemi Awolowo University was well attended and generated a lot of interests from scholars on the university campus.

A series of programmes, lecture and events have already been slated for 2013, the branch is putting the negative events of 2012 behind and forging ahead for a

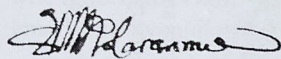
more endowed 2013. The first event for the year was a general meeting in February, 2012. The second event was a breathtaking hill climbing experience which took place on the 16th of March on the Hill 2 of the OAU Campus. For 2013, the branch has planned for an event, lecture or visit on a monthly basis. Members from outside Ile-Ife who may be interested in the events can contact the branch secretary for further details.



Professors S. Oke and Funsho Adeniyi and Stephen Folaranmi at the summit of hill 2. 16 March 2013.

Selected Events for 2013

February	Meeting/lecture/Event	Conserving insect Diversity: Perspectives from Biodiversity Dr. Temitope Kehinde Department of Zoology Hill Climbing on the University Hill 3	Wednesday 20 February
March	Meeting/lecture/Event	A visit to the Unesco Centre in Òsogbo and courtesy call on the Director	Saturday 16th March
April	Meeting/lecture/Event	A visit to the Pottery Museum of the National Museum in Ife	Wednesday 10th April
May	Meeting/lecture/Event		Wednesday 8th May



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Students and members of the Nigerian Field Society after the quiz competition at the ABM April 2012 (Ile-Ife) and the 40th anniversary of the Ife Branch. Photograph Stephen I'olaranmi.