



## NAPE Outstanding Earth Science Lecturer Award (NOELA)

### Call for Nominations:

The Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE) hereby solicits nominations for the **Outstanding Earth Science Lecturer Award** from qualified members.

### About the NAPE Outstanding Earth Science Lecturer Award (NOELA)

NAPE recognizes and celebrates excellence in the teaching of Earth Science, and Earth Science-related courses in Nigerian tertiary institutions. The **Outstanding Earth Science Lecturer Award** honors NAPE members who, through active leadership and scholarly endeavors over a significant period of time, have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of education in the earth sciences and helped to foster students' lifelong learning and success.

Commencing in 2012, the NOELA award will be sponsored annually by the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE) solely, or in partnership with interested corporate bodies or individuals.

### The goals of the award are:

- To provide an annual opportunity for academics to receive national recognition for exceptional contributions to the teaching profession in Nigerian tertiary institutions, especially in the earth sciences
- To promote and celebrate effective teaching practices by recognizing and rewarding outstanding earth science teachers in Nigerian universities
- To provide a strong collaborative platform for Earth Science departments and interested organizations to share and promote best practices in earth science education
- To stimulate higher levels of teaching performance and encourage a sense of professionalism among lecturers generally, and earth sciences lecturers in particular
- To empower NAPE Student Chapters to celebrate committed and outstanding student achievements as a result of strong faculty-student partnerships
- To establish NAPE as a strong support organization for tertiary earth science education

**Frequency:** The award shall be presented annually to one recipient, provided at least one qualified candidate is nominated. The winner will be selected by a committee determined by the NAPE Executive Committee and will be notified by NAPE in writing in good time to allow travel arrangements to be made if necessary, before the conference.

**Presentation:** The award shall be presented at an awards ceremony during the Annual International Conference and Exhibition of the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE), together with other awards.

**Award Items:** The award consists of a cash prize (of a value to be determined annually by NAPE) and a commemorative plaque and certificate of recognition for the winning lecturer. The winner will also receive sponsorship by NAPE to attend Annual NAPE ICE to accept the award and a free one-year membership of the association for the year succeeding the award. The free membership includes a complimentary subscription to the NAPE Bulletin and NAPE News for the succeeding year.

**Publicity:** A feature publication on the award will be published in the post-Conference edition of the NAPE Bulletin.

**Awards Committee:** The Awards Committee is responsible for receiving and reviewing nominations for this award, and making recommendations for the award winner to the NAPE Executive Committee.

### **Eligibility**

This award is open to all Earth Science lecturers in Nigerian tertiary institutions (Federal government/state government/private owned), who are active and paid-up NAPE members. In addition, the nominee must:

- Be committed to promoting NAPE ideals and best teaching practices
- At the time of nomination, be a qualified lecturer/trainer employed or contracted by a tertiary institution (faculty or department) in Nigeria for all or part of the period from January 1 to December 31 of the preceding year – whether full-time, part-time; fixed-term or permanent basis. Evidence of qualification must be submitted with the application.
- Spend a significant amount of time in direct contact with, and instructing students, for the period under consideration. Such course work must contribute towards the attainment of nationally recognized tertiary qualifications for such students (e.g. HND, OND, B. Sc, M. Sc, PhD)
- Be a positive role model who supports students' achievements. Nominee must facilitate, challenge, influence, motivate and inspire creativity and learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities.
- Have a broad understanding of research-based models for effective teaching and be aware of current trends and issues in Earth Science education
- Demonstrate a mastery of subject and noteworthy scholarly contributions by way of publications and, or technical paper presentations
- Show active involvement and leadership in professional development and community activities (intellectual, professional, religious, residential, etc.).

If at any time (before and after the award has been conferred), it comes to the knowledge of NAPE that the winner is ineligible for the award, NAPE reserves the right to withdraw the award and declare it null and void.

### **Award Criteria**

Candidates for this award must accept to be nominated. Candidates will be judged based upon the following criteria:

**Teaching:** considers curriculum development, excellence and teaching innovations, relationships with students, parents, colleagues, administrators, etc., engagements with students in educational activities (outside of classroom), student focus/achievements, honors, awards, or recognition and other demonstrations of quality teaching

**Service** (outside of classroom): considers community service, links with community, service to the school, professional organizations and other areas, service honors, awards, or recognition, etc.

**Professional Activities:** considers Research and Publications, membership/Participation in Professional Organizations, Links with industry, Professional Development and/or Continued Education, awards, honors and recognitions; and other Contributions to the Profession

### **Award Timeline**

- Approval by NAPE Exco to advertise award ---- June 26, 2012
- Call for Nominations --- July 1, 2012
- Deadline for Submission (by email only) --- July 30, 2012
- Evaluation of entries by judges/Award Committee --- September 15, 2012
- Recommendation submitted to NAPE Exco for consideration --- Oct 3, 2012
- NAPE Executive Committee names winner of the award --- Oct 10, 2012
- Notification of Winner (by email or registered mail) --- October 20, 2012
- Award presentation (during annual NAPE conference) --- November 15, 2012 (Award Night)

### **Application Guidelines**

Individuals may submit an application themselves or nominate a colleague for the award. Anyone previously nominated may re-enter.

Nominations must be sponsored by at least two people within the tertiary education system, and must be endorsed by the President of the NAPE Student Chapter of the nominee's university, if one exists. Endorsement of the application and a supporting statement by the Head of Department is an added advantage, but not compulsory.

To nominate a lecturer for this award, please complete the online nomination form, print and sign the document and attach supporting documentation such as letters of recommendation from colleagues, administrators, students and/or parents, demonstrating that the candidate meets the criteria for the award. Nomination forms must be completed, signed and submitted to the undersigned on or before July 15, 2012. Applications received after this date shall be deemed invalid. Upon receipt, applications become the property of NAPE and will not be returned to applicants.

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Nominations submitted by email will be acknowledged by email within three business days.

### **Application Checklist:**

- Completed and signed application form: (set up online form for download; pdf and word versions)
- Current curriculum vitae with complete contact information, professional development experience and awards.
- Letter of recommendations from Head of Department, Colleagues, Students, etc. Letters should not exceed three pages each and must accompany package. Letters sent separately will not be considered. When possible, use letterhead. Make sure letters are signed and dated accordingly.

