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BIO-DATA

SEX: Male
DATE OF BIRTH: 29 September, 1970
PLACE OF BIRTH: Opi, Nsukka Local Government Area
STATE OF ORIGIN: Enugu
NATIONALITY: Nigerian
RELIGION: Christianity
MARITAL STATUS: Married with four children
PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: Obu Umugwu, Amadim Idi Opi, Nsukka L.G.A.

SCHOOLS ATTENDED WITH DATES

Ekulu Primary School G. R. A., Enugu.	1977-1983
Federal Government College, Enugu	1983-1989
University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1991-1998
University of Nigeria, Nsukka	2000-2004
University of Nigeria, Nsukka	2006-2011

QUALIFICATIONS

PhD (Animal Health and Production)
M. Sc. (Animal Health and Production)
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)
Senior School Certificate (SSCE)
First School Leaving Certificate (FLSC)

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Veterinary Officer, Niger State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources Minna, Niger State: 1999-2000 (NYSC).

Director, Libra Veterinary Services, 10 Odenigbo Road, Nsukka, Enugu state, Nigeria: 2001-2005

Academic Staff at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka: 2005 to Date

Current cadre: Senior Lecturer (2012)

Consultant to University of Nigeria Veterinary Teaching Hospital (UNVTH)

Ag. Head, Department of Animal Health and Production, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 2015 to date

Faculty Rep, Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), 2008 to 2014.

Faculty Seminar Coordinator, 2014 to 2015.

Departmental Examination Officer, 2012 to date.

Departmental Seminar Coordinator, 2012 to 2015

Departmental PG Rep, 2015 to date

Departmental Rep, Faculty Ceremonials Committee, 2008 to 2014.

Services to the outside bodies

Facilitator for the National Population Commission during the 2005 National Census Excise at Ikem, Isi-Uzo Local Government Area, Enugu State

Supervisor, Independent National Electoral Commission at Idi/Ogbozalla Ward, Nsukka Local Government Area (2007 general election)

Supervisor, Independent National Electoral Commission at Umuozzi Ward 8, Igbo-Eze North Local Government Area, Enugu State, (2011 general election)

Ward Collation Officer, Independent National Electoral Commission at Akpugo Ward 3, Nkanu West Local Government Area of Enugu State, (2015 general election)

Member, Agric. Committee, Anglican Diocese of Nsukka (2009 to date)

Member Local Organizing Committee (LOC), 6th/53rd Annual National Congress of the African Veterinary Association/Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (Coal City 2016), 31st October to 4th November, 2016.

Articles

Behnke, J.M., Chiejina, S.N., Musongong, G.A., Nnadi, P.A., Ngonge, L.A., **Abonyi F.O.** and Fakae, B.B. (2010). Resistance and resilience of traditionally managed West African Dwarf goats from the Savanna Zone of Northern Nigeria to naturally acquired trypanosome and gastrointestinal nematode infections. *Journal of Helminthology*, 85(1):80-91.

Machebe, N.S., **Abonyi, F.O.** and Onyeonagu, A.C. (2011). Effects of hemiorechidectomy on the growth performance, linear body and testis measurement of boars in the humid tropics, *Bulletin of Animal Health and Production in Africa* 59:71-80

Abonyi F.O., Iyi E.O. and Machebe, N.S. (2012). Effects of feeding sweet potato (*Ipomoea batatas*) leaves on growth performance and nutrient digestibility of rabbits, *African Journal of Biotechnology*, 11 (15): 3709-3712

Abonyi F.O., Omeh, C.V.O. and Machebe N.S. (2012). Neonatal Mortality of Pigs in Nsukka, Southeast Nigeria, *African Journal of Biotechnology*, 11(66):13228-13234.

Abonyi F. O., Machebe N. S., Ezea M. S., Eze J. I., Omeke B. C. O. and Marire B. N. (2012). Effects of substituting soya bean meal (SBM) with blood meal (BM) on biochemical profile of pregnant pigs. *Tropical Animal Health Production*, 45(4): 957-963, DOI 10.1007/s11250-012-0316-9.

Machebe NS, Iweh P, Onyimonyi AE, Ekere OS, **Abonyi F** (2013) Zinc Oxide as an Effective Mineral for Induced Moulting: Effects on Post Moulting Performance of Laying Hens in the Humid Tropics, *Journal of Veterinary Science and Technology*, S11: 003. doi:[10.4172/2157-7579.S11-003](https://doi.org/10.4172/2157-7579.S11-003)

Abonyi, F. O., Omeke, B. C. O. and Marire, B. N. (2013). Studies on the effects of substituting soya bean meal (SBM) with blood meal (BM) on external oestrus signs and hormonal profile of gilts. *Journal of Veterinary Science and Technology*, 4: 133. doi:[10.4172/2157-7579.1000133](https://doi.org/10.4172/2157-7579.1000133).

Abonyi, F. O. and Omeke, B.C.O. (2013). Effects of feeding locally processed blood meal diets on reproductive performance of pigs. *Indian Journal of Animal Research*, 47 (4): 367-370.

- Eze, J.I., Okeke, M. C., Ngene, A. A., Omeje, J. N. and **Abonyi, F. O.** (2013). Effects of dietary selenium supplementation on parasitaemia, anemia and serum proteins of *Trypanosoma brucei brucei* infected rats. *Experimental Parasitology* 135 (2013): 331-336.
- Abonyi, F. O.**, Ikejiofor, O. E. and Idika, K. I. (2014). Foetal wastage in food animals slaughtered at Nsukka Municipal Abattoir, Nigeria. *Nigerian Journal of Animal Production*, 41 (1): 205 – 212.
- Abonyi, F. O.**, Echezona E. Ogoenyi, James I. Eze and Ndubuisi S. Machebe (2015). Growth performance, haematology and insulin profile of weanling pigs fed graded levels zinc oxide supplemented diet. *Indian Journal of Animal Research*, DOI:10.5958/0976-0555.2015.00087.4
- Eze, James I. Ayogu, L. C., **Abonyi, F. O.** and Eze, U. U. (2015). The beneficial effect on dietary Zinc Supplementation on anaemia and immunosuppression in *Trypanosoma brucei* infected rats. *Experimental Parasitology* 04/2015. Doi: 10.1016/j.expara. 2015.
- Unigwe, C. R., Marire, B. N. Omeke, B. C. O., **Abonyi, F.O.** Oladipo, T. A. and Adebayo, D. M. (2016). Effects of maize-replaced fermented cassava peels and enzymes supplemented diet on haematology and serum biochemistry of cross-bred female pigs. *International Journal of Advanced Research in Biological Sciences*, 3(6): 198-208
- Unigwe, C. R., Balogun, F. A., Okorafor, U.P., Odah, I. S., **Abonyi, F. O.** and Olona, J. F. (2016). Effect of neem leaf (*Azadirachta indica*) meal on growth performance and haematology of rabbits. *World Scientific News*, 55 (2016) 51-62.
- Abonyi, F. O.**, Omeke, B. C. O. and Marire, B. N. (2016). Evaluation and utilization of blood meal diets by weaner pigs reared under tropical environment, *Nigerian Veterinary Journal*, 37 (2): 72- 81.
- Unigwe, C. R., Ononogbu, C. E., Adejuyigbe, A.D. and **Abonyi, F. O.** (2016). Growth performance and haematology of broiler chickens fed diets with graded sweet potato (*Ipomoea batatas*) leaf meals. *World Scientific News*, 56 (2016) 45-55.
- Abonyi, F. O.**, Arinzechukwu, U.C. Eze, D.C. Okwor, E.C. Eze, J.I. and Agbo, A.I. (2017). Comparative evaluation of haematological profile of the Nigerian indigenous and Large White x Landrace crossbred pigs vaccinated with sheep RBC. *Nigerian Journal of Animal Production*, 2016 43 (2): 192-201.
- Conference papers (book of proceedings)**
- Abonyi F.O.** and Uchendu C.N. (2005). Effects of graded levels of palm kernel cake finisher diets on broilers performance. *Proceedings of the 30th Annual conference of the Nigerian Society for Animal Production*, Nsukka Nigeria 30: 204-206.
- Abonyi F.O.** and Uchendu C.N. (2005). Carcass quality of broilers fed graded levels of palm kernel cake finisher diets. *Proceedings of 30th Annual Conference of the Nigeria Society of Animal Production*, Nsukka, Nigeria 30: 210-212.
- Abonyi F.O.**, Ekechukwu N.V and Omeke B.C.O (2007). Growth and Carcass traits of cockerels finished with graded levels of maize replaced ammoniated PKC diets. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Congress of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association*, Delta, Nigeria, 142-145.
- Book publication**
- Abonyi, F. O.** (2015). *Health Management in Swine and Rabbit Production*, Ugochukwu, E. I. and Oguejiofor, F. C., editors (in press)

Contributions to books

Ezema, C and **Abonyi, F.O.** (2012). Basic concepts of animal health and disease control. In: Hand book of practical agriculture. A publication of the Faculty of Agriculture: Eze, S. C., Onyeonagu, C. C., Ezeaku, P. I. and Machebe, N.S. (editors): Chenglo Limited, No. 6 Plot 1123 ECA Moneke Crescent, Corridor Layout, Enugu, pp 55-58

Conferences attended and papers presented

1. 30th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Society for Animal Production held at the University of Nigeria in 2005.

Papers presented

- a. Effects of graded levels of palm kernel cake finisher diets on broiler performance.
 - b. Carcass quality of broilers fed graded levels of palm kernel cake finisher diets.
2. 44th Annual Congress of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association held in Efurun, Delta State Nigeria in 2007.

Paper presented

- a. Growth and carcass traits of cockerels finished with graded levels of maize replaced ammoniated PKC diets.
3. Programme et Resumes Xive Conference Anuelle de Biosciences 6 – 8 Decembre, 2007. Antenne Bambili de l' Universite de Dschange et IRAD Bambui, Cameroum.

Paper presented

- a. Naturally concurrent Trypanosoma species and gastrointestinal nematode infections in the Nigerian Savanna West Africa
4. 45th Annual Congress of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association held in Owerri, Imo State Nigeria in 2008.

Paper presented

- a. A survey of neonatal mortality among pig farms in Nsukka urban and environs
5. 34th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Society for Animal Production held at Uyo, Akwa Ibom State Nigeria in 2009.

Paper presented

- a. Effects of feeding sweet potato (*Ipomoea batatas*) leaves on growth performance and nutrient digestibility of rabbits in Nsukka South Eastern Nigeria
6. 48th Annual National Congress of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association held in Ilorin Kwara State Nigeria in 2011.

Paper presented

- a. Serum biochemical profile of in-gilts blood meal diets.
7. 50th Annual National Congress of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association held in Abuja, Nigeria, 11th to 15th November, 2013.

Paper presented

- a. Effects of graded levels of zinc oxide on growth, haematology and insulin profile of weanling pigs
8. 52nd Annual National Congress of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association held in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria, 16th to 20th November, 2015.

Paper presented

- a. Evaluation and utilization of blood meal diets by weaner pigs reared under tropical environment

9. 6th/53rd Annual National Congress of the African Veterinary Association/Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association held in Enugu, Nigeria, 31st October to 4th November, 2016.

Papers presented

- a. Comparative study of lipid profiles of pigs, goats and cattle slaughtered at Nsukka Municipal Abattoir, Enugu State, Nigeria.
- b. Evaluation of vaccination as a disease control option during Newcastle disease outbreak.
- c. A cross sectional survey of gastro-intestinal helminthes of swine in Nsukka zone of Enugu State.

Hobbies

Gardening, listening to good music and watching soccer (a fan of FC Barcelona).

Referees

PROF. B.C.O OMEKE

Department of Animal Health and Production

University of Nigeria Nsukka

Rt. Rev Aloysius E. Agbo

Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Nsukka,

Enugu State, Nigeria.

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