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## EDITORIAL

There are nine articles in this issue of the Nigerian Library and Information Science Trends. The first article by Maurice Aniebo examined the challenges of knowledge management in academic libraries in Nigeria and proposed strategies for effective knowledge management in academic libraries in Nigeria. The second article was contributed by Kingsley Egbukole and it is on networking opportunities among academic libraries in Nigeria. The paper not only identified networking opportunities for academic libraries in Nigeria, it also highlighted the challenges and ways of overcoming them. 'Information literacy; A sinequo non for environmental scanning,' is contributed by Magnus Unegbu and others. The authors are of the view that information literacy skills are essential for effective and efficient environmental scanning.

In 'A survey of the growth and development of the National Library of Nigeria, Owerri branch from 2005 - 2011', Adaora Udo-Anyanwu and Chika Olugbuo-Ezulike carried out a quantitative study of the growth and development of the library. Their findings show that the growth of the library in all the parameters was marginal. The next paper is on 'Personnel Management in academic libraries in Imo State...' And was by Charles Obichere. The paper explored the involvement of heads of academic libraries in personnel management and the challenges they encountered. Ngozi Chima - James examined the benefits and challenges in the "Establishment of institutional repository in academic libraries in Nigeria. Library statistics was the focus of the next paper by Angelina Uche and Adaora Udo-Anyanwu. The authors examined the imperativeness of library statistics in library management in polytechnics in the South East of Nigeria.

'Undergraduate student's use of University libraries in Imo State; A comparative study of Imo State University, Owerri and Federal University of Technology, Owerri' by Emeka Ogueri and Michael Oparajiaku investigated the extent of students use of these libraries. The results show that students used textbooks mostly and visited the libraries mainly to read for their examinations. The last paper 'mutilation and theft of library resources in the Imo State University Library, Owerri by Ijeoma Ferd-Mbagwu and Ifeoma Iwuanyanwu investigated mutilation and theft of library materials. The results show among other things, that inadequate security in the library was responsible for successful mutilation and theft of library materials.

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