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Celestine Onyemobi Onwuliri, educationist, administrator, professor of parasitology, and immediate past vice chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, FUTO, 60, February, 17

Birthdays Celestine Onyemobi Onwuliri, educationist, administrator, professor of parasitology, and immediate past vice chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, FUTO, 60, February, 17. Born in Umuokazi, Amuzi, Mbaise, Imo State, he was educated at St Jude’s Catholic School, Amuzi, and Community Secondar‘y School, Amuzi. He earned Bachelor of Science, BSc, in Zoology from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, in 1975; Doctorate in research fellowship of the Commonwealth University Interchange Scheme at the University of Leeds, England, 1979, and PhD Parasitology from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 1980. He was lecturer 11, University of Jos, 1980-1981; lecturer 1, 1981-1984; senior lecturer, 1984-1988; associate professor, 1988-1991; professor, 1991; head, Department of Zoology, 1995-1997; dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences, 2000-2004; deputy vice chancellor, Academics; acting vice chancellor, 2005-2006. He is a member, Nigerian Society for Parasitology; International AIDS Society. He is a fellow of the Academy of Science. He has 117 publications and is the supreme president, Knights of Saint John International. Abel Kprogidi Ubeku, administrator, lawyer and former managing director of Guinness Nigeria PLC, 76, February 24. Born in Isoko, Delta State, he was educated at the Nigeria College of Arts, Science and Technology, Ibadan; London School of Economics and Political Science and Leicester College of Technology, both in England, as well as North-Western University, Evanston, Illinois, USA. He was a member of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and also member of Council, Manufacturer Association of Nigeria, MAN. Anogwi Anyanwu, chartered accountant, banker, community leader and executive director in-charge of operations and information technology, Mainstreet Bank, 52, February 7. He was educated at Community Secondary School, Amuzi Ahiara, Mbaise, Imo State, 1980; University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 1984; Federal University of Technology, Owerri, 1990. He is a fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria. He was chief inspector, Ecobank Nigeria PLC; chief inspector, Citizens International Bank Limited; regional head, South-East, Spring Bank PLC; executive director, South-East and South-South, Spring Bank PLC; chairman, Sprout Books Limited. He is director, Sunstone BDC Limited; Teresann Limited, and national president, Mbaise People’s Congress, MPC. He is the traditional title holder of Ona aka Nguru Uboma Ahiase, Aboh Mbaise, Imo State. Oluwatobi Oyefo, lecturer, technocrat and administrator, 53, February 20. Born in Isara Remo in Remo North local government area, Ogun State, he was educated at Ogun State College of Education, Ijebu-Ode, 1980-1983; Polytechnic of North London, London, 1986-1989; Brunel University of West London, 1989-1990; University of Greenwich, London, 1999-2000; University of Aberdeen, Scotland, 200-2003, where he obtained a doctorate degree in Finance. At various times between 1990 and 1999, Oyefo worked as senior lecturer in Finance at the Bristol Business School of the University of London, before he was appointed in January 2008, as the first managing director of Nigeria Capital Market Institute, a subsidiary of the Securities & Exchange Commission. Died Lolo Eunice Amara Nwachukwu, 91, in Egbelu-Agbala in Owerri North local government area of Imo State. Until her demise, Nwachukwu was a devout Christian and leader of many socio-cultural groups in the community as well as various societies in the Catholic Church, including the Catholic Women Organisation and the choir. Her remains will be laid to rest on February 17, 2012 at Nwachukwu’s compound, Egbelu-Agbala, after a church service at St Mary’s Church, Agbala. She is survived by six sons and two daughters among whom is Ben Nwachukwu, sport editor, Nigerian Pilot Newspaper.