

# **King's College, ESUT to collaborate on research, knowledge transfer**

King's College, London, and the Enugu State University of Science and Technology, ESUT, have agreed to partner on areas of research and knowledge transfer involving the staff and students of the two Institutions.

This was made known by Prof. Paul Long, a microbiologist who led a strong delegation from King's College, London, to ESUT on Tuesday to establish and build lasting relationship between the two Institutions in terms of students and staff knowledge exchanges at undergraduate, postgraduate and professorial levels.

During the team's interface with ESUT Management, Prof Long explained that King's College, as a global University, had a legacy of working with students all over the world so that they could go back and transfer the knowledge to their parent universities.

"King's College, London, is a global University. If we truly want to be global, we have to be really seen to be giving back. Again, because of the history of colonialism, we see it as a legacy that we have to truly give back. It is a strong focus for our global engagement programme, we are totally committed to welcoming students from all over the world, and most importantly, so that the students would go back and build their communities as well.

"It has to do with knowledge transfer, that is our focus on international collaboration," he explained.

Prof. Long noted that the delegation came to ESUT to also support a staff of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, ESUT, Theodora Mbah, who has already gained admission to study at the King's College, adding that the team of Supervisors who came with him, including a Consultant in Gastroenterology-Hepatology, Dr. Jude Oben, and a Lecturer in Pharmaceutics at the King's College, London, Dr. Bahija Raimi-Abraham, would help Mbah, in identifying some of the local materials she would work with at London.

In his reaction, the Vice Chancellor of ESUT, Prof Aloysius -Michaels Okolie, while welcoming the delegation, assured that the relationship between the Institutions would be mutually-beneficial.

He stressed that ESUT as a science-driven University is open to research collaborations with global institutions in order to promote scholarship amongst the staff and students of the University.

"...We would consolidate on what you are bringing so that we can equally give back to your Institution. I assure you that any research you would collaborate with us in carrying out would give you a breakthrough because we have a lot of things that are unexplored here."

The Vice Chancellor told the delegation that ESUT, being the first University of technology in Nigeria was open to innovation and invention from reputable global universities.

In his vote of thanks, ESUT Registrar, Ambrose Ugwu, expressed delight over the collaboration and enjoined Mrs. Mba to be a good Ambassador of ESUT during her Ph.d studies at King's College London.

Present at the occasion were all the Principal Officers of the University, Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof Anthony Attamah, and some of the faculty staff.