

# ICAN@UK Newsletter

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## 2016 ICAN UK Annual Dinner & Dance at CROWNE PLAZA LONDON DOCKLANDS

The Annual Dinner Dance was held on the 26th November 2016 at the Crowne Plaza. In attendance were the ICAN President Deacon Soeton FCA and the ICAN Vice President and UK Coordinator Alhaji Zakari FCA. Other important dignitaries included the Immediate Past President Otunba Olufemi Deru, former Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment of Nigeria – Mr. Segun Aganga and a number of council members and Past Chairs and patrons.

It was indeed a glamorous occasion. Very well attended with approximately 130 guests both members and non-members. The evening kicked off with a cocktail reception and networking. There were delicious Nigerian and Chinese canapés with juice and wine to wash it down whilst people got to know each other before dinner. Also, adding spice to the networking was a musical entertainment by Ayan the First Talking Drummers band. It was an absolute delight and it really got people in the mood for the rest of the evening.

Once the President, his entourage and special guests arrived it was time to enter the grand dining hall for the dinner to begin. The room was very colourfully decorated and really looked prestigious.

We had a number of heartfelt speeches to start this segment of the dinner. The President spoke first to open the evening by encouraging us all to continue to be a team and an ICAN family. Then the Vice President gave a few words of encouragement and expressed his joy to be the UK coordinator. Following on from Alhaji Zakari was our special guest Mr Aganga who challenged us to take advantage of the opportunities that both the UK and Nigeria has to offer. He also talked about his leadership initiative program and encouraged everyone in attendance to be part of it. Of course, the Chair of the UK District Mr Funso Ajayi gave a very eloquent speech in response as usual.

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After the speeches, we had dinner which was absolutely delightful. There were variety of dishes in abundance from rice, pounded yam, chicken, fish, ewa agoyin and so many other dishes not to mention the desserts. The food was really a big hit with everyone.



Whilst dinner was going on the live band entertained the guests and played a variety of music from different genres.

The highlight of the evening was after dinner - 'Ayan the First Talking Drummers performance. There were acrobatics, dancing, music and it was so entertaining everyone was off their chair in excitement. They were very engaging with the audience using some of them in their acrobatics - a juggling performance. Nobody wanted it to end. In fact, they got a rapturous applause.





After the entertainment, there was a surprise awaiting the UK District Chair as it was his birthday. The social committee rolled out a birthday cake and the crowd sang happy birthday to him.



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This was an appropriate time to open the dance floor and the live band gave the guests a real treat as they danced the night away. It was only paused briefly for the tombola which raised £193.

We also had a speech from the ICAN Benevolent Fund which was truly inspiring and a reminder of why we were here in addition of course to enjoying ourselves we have a future purpose. They managed to raise £760.42 on the night in both cash and pledges.



It was a glamorous occasion, the night views from the window were amazing, and the entertainment and food were wonderful. In fact the atmosphere was so friendly and relaxing that people didn't want to leave and some were there till about 1.00AM just sitting down talking and catching up.



Some of the feedback received indicated that it was undoubtedly one of the best, if not the best Annual Dinners we have had.

A BIG THANK YOU to all members of the Socials and Events Committee.



## District's Calendar of Activities

	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17
23			<b>4th UK Zonal Conference</b> ----- ACA INDUCTION for New Member FCA CONFERMENT Contact: <a href="mailto:generalsecretary@ican-uk.org">generalsecretary@ican-uk.org</a>	
24		General Meeting		
25				
26				
27	General Meeting			AGM
31	Last day for submission of articles for Zonal Conference magazine			

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 PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR  
 INSTITUTE & DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTION  
 FEES.

**Newly Qualified ICAN Students & ICAN Members in practice for 10 years' post ACA, can apply for ACA induction and FCA Conferment respectively. This will be held during 4<sup>th</sup> Zonal Conference.**  
 Contact: [generalsecretary@ican-uk.org](mailto:generalsecretary@ican-uk.org)

### Happy Birthday to December & January Celebrants

<p><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>                  Moranti Falade                  Titus Olatunji</p>	<p><b><u>JANUARY</u></b>                  olaji Ojotalayo                  Francis DaSilva                  Doyin Adebayo                  Lateef Kazeem                  Cletus Osigwe                  Bimpe Kudehinbu                  Nnenna Anyanwu                  Ronke Adeagbo                  Segun Omoryewa</p>
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### Condolence

We commensurate with our past chair Mr. Femi Awojobi on the passing of his mother Mrs. Selinah Olatunji Awojobi. She was 93 years old.

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## 4<sup>th</sup> ICAN UK Zonal Accountants' Conference

**Theme:** Diversifying the National Economy: Strategies & Implementation

**Date:** Thursday 23rd - Saturday 25th March 2017

**Venue:**

- **Conference Days 23/03-24/03:** QEII Conference Centre - Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3EE
- **Gala Night 25th March:** Marriott Hotel, 1 Broadway Bexleyheath DA6 7JZ, UK

**Time:** 10.00 AM Daily

**Fees:** £175 Early Bird, £195 Full Price

### Introduction:

This three-day conference will provide a unique opportunity for participants to discuss the theme, which is strongly connected with the current state of global economies including Nigeria, how to improve it and provide delegates with practical implementation plan.

The event offers 16 MCPE/CPD credit hours. In addition, it will provide opportunities to network in a professional and sociable environment, encourage interaction with a selection of leading experts in entrepreneurship, finance, banking and academic sector.

### Topics:

- Business Environment Competitiveness and Ease of Doing Business in Nigeria
- Tax Reforms and Entrepreneurship Promotion
- Budget Implementation, Control and Accountability
- Challenges of Economic Reforms and Implications for Stakeholders
- Using Monetary and Fiscal Policy Initiatives
- Citizens' Expectation Management

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