



# Editor's Note

## STILL WORKING UNDER THE THREATS OF COVID-19 !

### Dear Readers,

In this issue, some support staff had to come back to work; in the last issue they all had to work from home. We are again glad to publish the July 2020 issue online. Our issue statistics are shown in Table 1.

The COVID-19 allowed many authors time to complete and submit their articles. So in this issue, we have 38 articles instead our normal 35. Some outstanding articles has been pre-scheduled for October 2020.

The number of COVID cases are on the rise in Nigeria and our Faculty of Engineering undertook some measures including producing a 3-D face mask by Dr. Ozoemena Ani of Mechatronics Engineering. Dr. Joel Nwakaire of Agricultural Engineering also produced a laminate face mask from cheap stationeries.

I will continue to thank Engr. Dr. Iloanusi and Engr. Dr. Ugwuishiwu for volunteering to work as Editors of NIJOTECH overseeing the typesetting, manuscript organization and issue scheduling. Engr. Desmond Obinna and

Miss Odinaka continued to run the office and its attendant logistics. These engagements became necessary even during the pre-COVID-19 days as I assume more administrative responsibilities and engagements in our university. Even at that I will continue to "referee" the articles that can pass on from the peer review process to publication. I greatly appreciate the efforts of these colleagues in seeing that this issue makes it online.

We continue to work harder to get the October 2020 issue on schedule. We can only get better, as we thrive in this COVID-19 era. As usual we rely on the doggedness of our peer reviewers who turn in reviews in a timely manner.

Thanks for being a part of our success story.

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*Table 1: Article statistics for Vol. 39, No. 3, July2020*

S/N		General	Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D	TOTALS
1.	Number of Articles Received	4	24	29	19	14	90
2.	Number of Articles Accepted	0	13	15	5	7	40
3.	Number of Articles Published	0	13	13	5	7	38
4.	Number of Pages	0	111	101	49	54	315
5.	Number of Authors	0	46	51	14	27	138
6.	Acceptance Rate (%)	0	54.17%	51.72%	26.32%	50.00%	45.55%
7.	Average Time of Article Review (months)		2.7	2.8	3	2.7	2.75 (AVERAGE)