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### APPOINTMENT OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN



The University Governing Council at its meeting of Tuesday, 20 September, 2022 approved the appointment of Dr. IROAGANACHI, Mercy Ariomerebi (Nee IJIRIGHO) as the University Librarian.

Born on 15 June 1966, Dr. Iroaganachi hails from Warri North Local Government Area of Delta State. She obtained her School Leaving Certificate from Girls Secondary School and General Certificate of Education from Obiaruku Grammar School, Obiaruku, Delta State. She attended the University of Ibadan from 1995 to 2000 and obtained the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and Language Arts.

The new University Librarian was back at the University of Ibadan between 2001 and 2004 for her Master's degree in Library Science. Her PhD. in Information Resources Management with specialization in Library and Information Science was awarded by Babcock University Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State in 2020. She has the professional certification of the Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria.

Her vast work experience covered the media, public relations as well as the Library. She had worked as an Editor (Intern) with the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, Ibadan (1999); Reporter (Intern) with *The Daily Sketch Newspaper*, Ibadan (1998); Public Relations Assistant, Rocy Ventures, Ibadan Branch (1990-1995); Library Officer, Institute for French Research in Africa (IFRA) Library, University of Ibadan (2000-2004) and as a Research Assistant, Association of Libraries for the Visually Impaired (2004).

Dr Iroaganachi joined the services of Covenant University Ota, Ogun State in 2006 as a Librarian II and she steadily rose to the position of Deputy University Librarian/Ag. University Librarian, Covenant University Ota, Ogun State in 2020. As Deputy University Librarian (Technical Services) she was responsible for the overall management of operations and services in the Technical Services Division providing oversight functions on all technical activities; managed the Technical Services staff including setting assignments, training, and evaluating job performance; supervised and managed all activities on ordering and receiving new materials via firm order and/or approval plan; established and maintained effective relationships with book vendors and electronic services providers. She also ensured the reviewing of current and prospective vendors and assessed services and pricing by renegotiating discount/pricing structures with appropriate vendors and ensured regular two-way communication with the staff of other sections about collection needs.

Dr. Iroaganachi was responsible for generating system records and reports which supported the purchasing history for the University Library, providing records for all, and assisting in gathering such data for assignments as requested and was actively involved in library preparations and processes for the accreditation of departments and programmes.

As Deputy University Librarian Readers' Services, she was responsible for the overall management of operations and services in the Readers' Services Division providing oversight functions on all circulation, reference, and serials activities. She provided creative and innovative leadership to help fulfil the University Library's mission and foster collaborative relationships with other libraries nationally and internationally and was up-to-date with current development and participated in appropriate activities to ensure best practices and compliance with world-class standards.

Dr. Iroaganachi as Covenant University Acting University Librarian, provided leadership to the entire library team; maintained the Institutional Repository; maintained the Library Management Software (Innovative Millennium); ensured the renewal of the Library's databases subscriptions such as EBSCO, ScienceDirect, Scopus, ProQuest etc., and made recommendations on databases for subscription, based on the request of Faculty; as well as interfaced between the University and the external context on matters of acquisitions of Library equipment and facilities. She ensured regular training and development of all library staff, organised seminars/workshops and encouraged staff, where appropriate, to go for higher education as well as provided sponsorship for conferences, seminars and workshops at the external contexts among others.

Dr. Iroaganachi's research and publications' portfolio is impressive with 39 publications, three articles in the press and a research in progress. She is widely travelled and had attended many conferences nationally and internationally, where she presented papers. She belongs to several professional bodies among which are, the Nigerian Library Association (NLA); Association of Academic Librarians (AAL); Cataloguing and Classification Section, NLA and Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Section, NLA.

Dr. Iroaganachi assumed duty on 01 February, 2023 for a full term of five years.

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Registrar and Secretary to Council