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Dear ISA Members and Conference participants:

Greetings and welcome to the New Year. We are getting closer to the 2015 ISA conference holding at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. I would like to bring you some important information and updates.

1. **CONFERENCE INFORMATION:** You can find updated information including abstracts and names of conference participants on the ISA website.  
<http://igbostudiesassociation.org/index.php/15-2015/28-call-for-paper-wisconsin-2015>
2. **ACCOMMODATION:** The Ambassador Inn at Marquette will be the conference hotel, at an available event rate of \$89 per night for selected rooms (single or double occupancy). Available booking dates are the nights of April 8-12. You can book by calling the Hotel +1 (414) 342-0000 or online at <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/Ambassador-Inn-at-Marquette/bookings.jsp?groupID=1336667&hotelID=74203>  
To get the special conference rate, please mention the following code when you are making your reservation (**MU-IGBO Studies**). The hotel is located at **2501 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233**.
3. **COMPLETED CONFERENCE PAPER:** Note that it is extremely important that you submit a fully completed conference paper following the guidelines/style recommended by Dr Raph Njoku. Inclusion in the final conference program is contingent on the submission of the full paper. We would appreciate the submission of papers that have been fully written and edited, between 22-25 pages in length and includes full bibliographical references and citations. Selected papers will be included in the *Igbo Studies Review* or in an edited collection. Send your paper directly to the conference chair.
4. **AIR TRANSPORTATION:** (1): Air: Milwaukee's **General Mitchell International Airport (MKE)** is serviced by major US airlines. You may book your flight so that arrive in Milwaukee. (b) You may fly into **Chicago airports** but remember that Milwaukee is an hour and half from Chicago airport and it will cost about \$50 extra. This is not the recommended option unless you get a cheaper flight to Chicago.

5. **GROUND TRANSPORTATION:** There is an airport shuttle from the airport to the hotel. The company is called **Go Riteway** airport shuttle service. The fare is \$14 per each way. You may book in advance of when you arrive at the airport. The website for the airport shuttle is <http://goairportshuttle.com/city/mke1>  
Taxi will cost you about \$30.00. Please see your complete transportation options on the conference website.
6. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** We are happy to announce that Prof. Barth Nnaji, will be this year's keynote *speaker*. Professor is a Nigerian scientist, innovator and one of the inventors of the E-Design concept. He was a Distinguished Professor of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (1983-1996) was Alcoa Foundation Professor of Engineering at University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1996-2002). Until 2007, he was the William Kepler Whiteford Professor of Engineering and Director of the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) Center for e-Design – a multi-campus consortium of the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Central Florida, Virginia Tech, and University of Massachusetts Amherst and member organizations including Department of Defense, US Airforce, US Army, US Navy, Boeing, Kodak, GE, IBM, etc. He served as Federal Minister of Science and Technology of Nigeria in 1993 as well as Minister for Power.
7. **CONFERENCE REISTRATION AND PAYMENT:** We are encouraged by the number of participants who have completed their pre-registration from Nigeria. Endeavor to pay yours if you submitted an abstract and have not paid. This will help plan effectively and cut down waste as has been the case in the past.
8. **CONFERENCE BROCHURE:** You have an opportunity to advertise your business, your book(s) or send a goodwill message to the Igbo Studies Association for a small fee. Please contact me or the conference chair regarding this opportunity.  
  
**VISA RELATED ISSUES:** Kindly inform me and the conference chair when you obtain your visa or if you encounter any problem in the process. Remember to take a copy of your paper to the visa interview. **It is wise to take a copy of your hotel reservation to the American embassy if you are attending a visa interview. They have asked for such evidence in the past.**
9. **IGBO STUDIES REVIEW:** Volume three of Igbo Studies Review will go to press in February. We will be happy to accommodate one or two submissions as well as book reviews. The absolute deadline for such submissions is February 5 2015.
10. **IGBO STUDIES NEWLETTER:** The PRO of ISA is accepting submissions for volume 2 of the ISA News. Please check the ISA website for submission guidelines.

Let me know if there is any way I can be of help as you plan your trip.