

# CU, National Instruments Step Up Plan for Centre of Excellence

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*Covenant University and the National Instruments (NI), United States, in association with Quanser, have reached an understanding on the procurement of equipment for the proposed Centre of Excellence to be set up in the University.*

Speaking during a presentation on Laboratory Solutions to the Management of Covenant University on Friday, March 24, 2017, the Business Development Manager, National Instruments, Mr. Valeri Sargsyan, said his organization was proud to be associated with the University and looks forward to a long term relationship working with students and faculty.

He made a presentation on different categories of equipment, which included the Academic User Solutions; Electrics, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Electric Machines; Control and Measurements; Robotics and Mechatronics; Mechanical Engineering among others.



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Business Development Manager, National Instruments, USA, Mr. Valeri Sargsyan, presenting his company's products and services

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The Academic User Solutions (AUS), Mr. Sargsyan explained, is an Academic software and hardware platform used in many areas like electronics and robotics. The University, he added, would have to procure an Academic Site License, which comes in the small, medium and large formats, to have access to real time modules for teaching and research.

Equipment for the proposed Quanser Centre of Excellence, according to the NI representative, also come under different categories such as the QNET Boards; Introduction to Control; Rotary Motion and Control; and Industrial Applications and Process Control.

To cap it all, Mr. Sargsyan urged the University to add to its shopping list, the Power Labs Ecosystem that contains power organisations, power transmission, power distribution and power protection grids.

In her comments, the Registrar, Mrs. Mary Aboyade, thanked Mr. Sargsyan for the presentation and urged him to continue to discuss with the University's representatives as the institution is desirous of having the best of everything, in terms of facilities and equipment so as to maintain excellence in its mandate of teaching, research and community development.

The Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Christian Bolu, who represented the Vice- Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, at the meeting, said that the University has a plan to set up two centres of excellence, where lots of things about robotics and process control would be available for faculty and students to use.

Professor Bolu stated that what representatives of the University at the meeting had selected, takes care of the institution's needs at the moment for the Centre of Excellence. He implored Mr.

Sargsyan to make a revised list and let the University have a feedback in order to enable it make a final decision.

Others at the meeting were the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Samuel Wara; Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr.

David Omole; Head, Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, Dr. Victor Matthews; Professor Samuel John, Dr. Anthony Adoghe, and Dr. Francis Idachaba.

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