

UoN Young Scientist recognized in International Union of Food Technologists (IUFOST)



Dr. George Ooko Abong' (left) receiving the award from IUFOST president among the eight best young scientists during the award ceremony in Montreal, Canada

Dr. George Ooko Abong' received this year's IUFOST Young Scientist Award among the only eight such achievers of the prestigious honor in the world of food science in Montreal, Canada during the 17th World Congress of Food Science and Technology that took place from August 17 to 21, 2014. Apart from making his four presentations during the conference, he also participated in Global Food Safety Partnership meeting that was facilitated by the World Bank in conjunction with the IUFOST and took place on August 14 and 15.

To reach this achievement, Dr. Abong submitted among other considerations a research paper titled *'Dietary Acrylamide Exposure of Kenyan Population: Case Study of Potato Crisps Consumers in Nairobi'* that was presented during the IUFOST conference in Montreal. This was part of a three year study whose main objective was to evaluate acrylamide in fried potato products in Kenya and effects of processing conditions, **a project that was funded through the dean's committee grant**. In this project two MSc. Food Safety and Quality students were enlisted, one graduated in 2013 and the other will graduate this year 2014, each within their stipulated time of study. Together with colleagues, Prof. M.W. Okoth (UoN) and Dr. J.N. Kabira (KARI), Dr. Abong has prudently put to use the available funds not only to train students but also participate in conferences and publications-five draft papers are under internal and peer review.



Dr. Abong with food safety working group, right he is making a presentation



Kenyan delegation during the congress and plenary session during the ceremony