

### **The IBMM is pipetting in Nigeria**

Research equipment is expensive and often unaffordable by teaching labs in African countries. The IBMM has shipped more than 100 functional Gilson-type research pipettes that were no longer in use as replaced or from old stocks to Nigeria. Our deputy director Jürg Gertsch, who got to know Dr. Joy Odimegwu from the Department of Pharmacognosy (Faculty of Pharmacy at Lagos University) at a GRC meeting in California few years ago says “the shipping was really a spontaneous idea as I knew that our colleagues in Nigeria might be very interested in such expensive micropipettes” Together with Thomas Leuenberger and Daniel Schüpbach we found a very cheap shipping option from Bern to Lagos. Dr. Odimegwu and postgraduate students (photo) were delighted about the early Christmas present “this is simple but real technology transfer, thank you so much!”.

