

Ondo Names Odugbemi OSUSTECH VC

The Ondo State Government has announced the appointment of Professor Tolu Olukayode Odugbemi as the Vice Chancellor of the Ondo State University of Science and Technology, OSUSTECH, Okitipupa.

A statement by the Commissioner for Information says government after a painstaking and careful search settled for Odugbemi, a Professor of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology.

The 1964 product of Christ's School Ado Ekiti holds a B. Sc. Degree in Microbiology of the University of Lagos; an MB, BS degree of the same institution, a PhD from University of Sheffield Medical School, Sheffield, England and an MD also from the University of Lagos.

Apart from being a proud recipient of several professional degrees as Dip Bact (Toronto), June, 1976; FWACP (WA) 1976, FMC Path (Nig), 1981, MRC Path (UK), 1984 and FRC Path (UK), 1993, Odugbemi, a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science (FAS) was also at the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York for a Pre-doctoral Fellowship in Microbiology as well as the School of Hygiene, University of Toronto, Canada.

From a humble beginning as a Science Teacher in Okeigbo/Ifetedo Grammar School, in 1965, Professor Odugbemi has passed through all known teaching and research routes to become a professor of many years standing and an academic of impeccable records.

The man, who has made several Postgraduate Medical Fellowship Supervisions, has also supervised 9 Doctoral thesis as well as many other M.Sc/M.Phil graduates.

He is a distinguished member of several professional organizations among which is the American Society for Microbiology from 1979, the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland and the African Union against Venereal Diseases and Trepanomatoses among many others. These are apart from his being a Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

Also, Professor Odugbemi has served as a referee to several professional journals as well as an Examiner in Professional Examinations of many bodies.

As part of his academic responsibilities, he has also served as an External Examiner at Postgraduate levels (M.Sc, M.Phil & Ph.D) in several Academic Departments as well as External Examiner in Microbiology at Undergraduate levels in more than a dozen universities across the country.

He has also been the Editor-in-Chief, Nigerian Quarterly Journal of Hospital Medicine, effective 1996 to 2001 and has served in the Ad Hoc Review and Refereeing of Scientific Articles as part of his activities on the board of learned journals.

He has served on several National Committees/ Boards such as National Malaria Control Committee 1985/1987, National Committee on Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control, 1985 to 1988; was Chairman, Advisory Committee on Laboratory Training Programme, National Tuberculosis Control 1985/1986 and member of the Faculty Board of Pathology, National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria from 1985 to 1988 among many others.

On the international field, he was a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) Advisory group on Hospital-acquired infections (Nosocomial infections), member, Council of the West African Postgraduate Medical College; and member, before becoming Chairman, Research Committee and member of the Executive Board of the West African Health Community.

He has delivered 5 distinguished lectures at home and abroad including a Nigeria National Merit Award 2008 Award Winners' Lecture, presented more than 65 papers at conferences and symposia and published three books apart from his Ph.D. Thesis, at the University of Sheffield, England and M.D. Thesis, at the College of Medicine University of Lagos, Lagos. He also has over 214 articles in learned journals, either by himself or with others.

He has won several honours, principal among which is the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM), conferred by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the 6th of December 2007; the Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON) conferred by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on 14th February, 2008, the Socrates International Award for high professional achievements in Education and the European Business Assembly (EBA), Oxford, United Kingdom, 9th March, 2009.

He has also received several honorary Chieftaincy Titles which include the Alatunse of Okeigbo, Fiwajoye of Oke-Ayedun, Ekiti, and the Gbekoniyi of Ondo Kingdom, in 2009.

A member of several voluntary organizations, Professor Odugbemi is married with four successful adult children.

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