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PROFESSOR IDOWU IWEIBO (1942-2023)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Adebowale, mni, FAS, announces the transition of Professor Idowu Iweibo, a distinguished retired Professor of Physical Chemistry with specialization in Quantum Chemistry in the Faculty of Science, University of Ibadan. He died on Sunday 10 December 2023. He was aged 81 years.

Late Professor Idowu Iweibo was born on 27 November, 1942, in Lagos Island, Lagos to the family of Pa Michael Iweibo. He attended St. David's Lafiaji, Lagos for his primary education and the renowned Methodist Boys High School, Lagos from 1957 to 1961 for his secondary education. He proceeded to St. Gregory's College, Lagos for his A-Level (HSC). He received his undergraduate university education at the University of Ibadan where he obtained his B.Sc. (Hons) Degree in Biochemistry with Second Class Upper (2¹) division in 1967. In 1972, he earned his Ph.D. from Purdue University, USA.

He held the following positions:

- Graduate Research Assistant, Purdue University in 1970
- Damion Runyon Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Illinois, USA from 1972 to 1974, and
- Research Officer at the Federal Institute of Industrial Research, Oshodi from 1967 to 1968.

Professor Idowu Iweibo received scholarships, fellowships and prizes for his undergraduate and postgraduate studies from 1965 to 1967. He was awarded the 1972 Arnold Ball's Award for outstanding Ph.D. graduate, which included a free subscription to Ann. Rev. Biochem from 1972 to 1977. In addition, he was a professional Research Associate (USA) at the University of Illinois from 1972 to 1974. He was also a Matsumae International Foundation Fellow and a Visiting Scholar at Tohoku University, Japan in 1983.

Professor Idowu Iweibo came to the Department of Chemistry as an outstanding scholar from Purdue University in the USA. He was appointed as Lecturer II in the Department of Chemistry on 19 September, 1974. He was promoted to the Lecturer I grade on 01 October, 1976, Senior Lecturer grade on 01 October, 1981, and Reader on 01 October, 1985. He became a full Professor of Physical Chemistry with Specialization in Quantum Chemistry in 1991.

In addition to his academic achievements, Professor Idowu Iweibo also served the University of Ibadan on various committees. He was the Dean of the Faculty of Science from 1997 to 1999. He was a member of the American Chemical Society in the Division of Biological and Physical Chemistry, as well as Member of the Chemical Society of Nigeria and member of the Nigerian Science Association. After contributing 34 years of meritorious service, Professor Idowu Iweibo retired from the services of the University of Ibadan in 2008.

May his soul rest in peace.

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