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PROFESSOR GABRIEL ADETUNJI TAIWO OGUNDIPE (1953 – 2025)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Adebowale, mni, FAS, announces the transition of Professor Gabriel Adetunji Taiwo Ogundipe, a distinguished retired staff of the Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on Monday, 20 January, 2025. He was aged 71 years.

Late Professor Gabriel Adetunji Taiwo Ogundipe was born into the family of Pa Daniel Bamigbola Ayanda Ogundipe and Mrs Deborah Moradeke Oyebimpe Ogundipe, (both of blessed memory) on 03 December, 1953. He was of the Ologbo/Arutu ruling House of Rore in Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

He had his Secondary and Basic Studies education at Ajase-Ipo and Ilorin and obtained his West African School Certificate and University of Cambridge Advanced Level Certificate in 1973 and 1975, respectively. He was admitted to the University of Ibadan in 1976 to read Veterinary Medicine through direct entry and obtained the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in June 1981. After his National Youth Service in 1982, he came back to the University of Ibadan for the Master of Preventive Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy degrees which he completed in 1984 and 1992, respectively. He was awarded the Fellowship of the Postgraduate College of Veterinary Surgeons (FCVSN) in Preventive Medicine in 2010.

Professor Ogundipe began his teaching career as an academic staff in the Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine, University of Ibadan on 02 March, 1983. His teaching and research interests are Epidemiology, Preventive Medicine, Jurisprudence, Veterinary Economics and Extension and Computer Applications in Veterinary Practice. He was appointed a Consultant (Preventive Medicine) to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital in 1989 and promoted to the grade of Professor of Preventive Medicine in October 2001.

He retired from the services of University of Ibadan on 03 December, 2023 after a total of 40 years of active academic service, of which he was a full Professor for 22 years. He mentored and supervised thirteen doctoral theses, twenty-two fellowship Dissertations, thirty-five Masters and more than 65 undergraduate students' projects. He attended many national and international conferences, seminars and symposia in Africa, Middle East and Europe where he presented a number of scientific papers. He published 66 academic articles in international and local journals and in proceedings of conferences. Professor Ogundipe served as member of Editorial Boards of several scientific journals including Nigerian Veterinary Journal (1994-2000), Tropical Veterinarian (2000-2007, 2012-2023), and Vom Journal of Veterinary Science (2004-2022).

As an expert, Professor Ogundipe served as a Consultant to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on Veterinary Laws in Nigeria (2005-2006) under the National Special Food Security Programme (NSFSP) and to International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) on the economics of disease burden on five priority diseases of livestock in Nigeria (2010). He also served as External Examiner for both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and External Assessor, for promotion to the professorial grades, to the Ahmad Bello University, Zaria; University of Nigeria, Nsukka; University of Maiduguri; Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto; Federal University of Technology, Akure; Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta; Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, University of Ilorin and University of Agriculture, Makurdi.

Professor Ogundipe served the University of Ibadan in many administrative capacities including:

- Sub-Dean (Undergraduates), Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (1989-1991);
- Chairman, Eruwa Veterinary Field Station (1993-1996);
- Ag. Head of Department, Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine (1995-98);
- Head of Department, Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine (2005-2005, 2010-2014, 2019-2023);
- Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ibadan (2005-2009);
- Director, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, University of Ibadan (2015-2018)
- Programme Coordinator, Veterinary Medicine Programme, Pan African University of Life and Earth Sciences Institute (PAULESI) (2021-2023)

He was registered to practice Veterinary Medicine by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN) in July 1981 (VCN 970). He was an elected member of the VCN (2003-2018) and served as the President of Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN) from 2008 to 2013. In that capacity, he saw to:

- the take-off of the training programme of the Postgraduate College of Veterinary Surgeons, Nigeria in 2007;
- completion of a befitting secretariat for the Veterinary Council of Nigeria at Abuja;
- the donation of clinical equipment worth 19.5million Naira to each of the University of Ibadan, Ahmadu Bello University and University of Nigeria, Nsukka, and
- the donation of clinical equipment to each of the University of Maiduguri and Usmanu Danfodo, Sokoto.

He was a member of Senate of the Postgraduate College of Veterinary Surgeons (2007-2010) and served as the first Head of the Public Health Specialty of the College from 2007 to 2008.

Late Professor GAT Ogundipe championed the struggle for approval of the payment of clinical allowances to Veterinary surgeons and a new of scheme of service for them in Nigeria between 1993 and 2005.

Professor Ogundipe was a member of many learned societies including the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA) and served as the Chairman of Oyo State branch (1995-1997), the National Vice-President and Ex-Officio officer (2003-2007). He was also a founding member of the Nigerian Society of Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics. On the international scene, he was a member of Wildlife Disease Association WDA and World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine (WAHVM).

Late Professor Gabriel Adetunji Ogundipe was a wonderful brother, uncle, husband, father and grandfather to the entire family. He was a mentor, associate and friend. He will be greatly missed by all.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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