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**APPOINTMENT OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN:  
DR (MRS.) HELEN OLUBUKUNOLA KOMOLAFE-OPADEJI  
BA, MLS, PH.D, CLN**



The Governing Council of the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, at its meeting of Wednesday, 07 September, 2016 approved the appointment of Dr (Mrs.) Helen Olubukunola Komolafe-Opadeji, as the University Librarian, University of Ibadan with effect from Monday, 12 September, 2016.

By this appointment, she becomes the 6<sup>th</sup> substantive University Librarian of the institution.

Dr. (Mrs.) Helen Olubukunola Komolafe-Opadeji was until her appointment, a Deputy University Librarian and a member of the University Library Management Committee. She succeeds Dr. Benedict A. Oladele, *CLN* whose tenure as the University Librarian ended on Friday, 02 September, 2016.

Born on 02 April, 1963 Dr. (Mrs.) Komolafe-Opadeji attended Fiwasaiye Girls' Grammar School, Akure, Ondo State between September 1984 and July 1979, and obtained her Higher School Certificate (HSC) at Ilesha Grammar School, Ilesha, Osun State between 1979 and 1981.

She gained admission to the University of Ibadan in 1982 and obtained a BA (Hons) degree in July 1985, Master's degree in Library Studies (MLS) from University of Ibadan in 1989, and a Ph.D degree from Babcock University in April, 2016.

The new University Librarian joined the services of University of Ibadan, precisely the E-Latunde Odeku Medical Library as a Librarian II in July, 1990 where she served as the Collection Development Librarian between July 1990 and August, 2011, Cataloguing Librarian between October 1992 and August, 2011 and she administratively headed the library at different times as Acting Medical Librarian till August 2011 before requesting for a redeployment to the Kenneth Dike Library, where she served as the Collection Development Librarian, until her appointment as the University Librarian in September, 2016.

Dr. Helen Komolafe-Opadeji is a recipient of several awards which include Award of Excellence, 2011 by the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ibadan; Award of Appreciation, 2007 by the Dean, Faculty of Public Health, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan; Award of Appreciation, 2006 by the Provost, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. She received all these awards as the Acting Medical Librarian, College of Medicine.

She was also a recipient of Academic Grants/Awards such as the 2004 John and Catherine MacArthur Staff Development Grant, an opportunity that exposed her to three months ICT training at the Biomedical Library, University of Pennsylvania USA and the 2009 International Federation of Library Association (IFLA/IFAFE) grant to execute a project alongside some other Librarians on: HIV/AIDS: Librarians' Intervention in Three Villages in Oyo State. The research report was presented at 2010 IFLA conference, Sweden.

She is a member of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Nigerian Medical Library Association, (MLA-NG), African Health and Information Library Association (AHILA) and a registered Librarian with the Librarian Registration Council of Nigeria.

She has delivered many guest lectures, numerous professional and academic presentations at conferences and workshops. She has published over 30 articles in peer-reviewed journals and chapters in books on health information, academic librarianship and application of information technology to enhance information delivery services in libraries.

Dr. Komolafe-Oladeji is a highly respected Librarian of international repute.

She is happily married with children.

Thank you.

**O. I. Olukoya, MNIM, FPA**  
**Registrar**