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## **OBITUARY**

### **LATE PROFESSOR ADEMOLA OLASUPO ABASS**

**(11 MARCH 1966-22 AUGUST, 2018)**

Professor A.I Olayinka, FAS, announces with deep regret, the transition of Professor Ademola Olasupo Abass, a staff of the Department of Human Kinetics and Health Education, Faculty of Education. The sad event occurred on Wednesday, 22 August, 2018. He was aged 52 years.

Professor Abass was born on 11 March, 1966. He had his secondary education at the Baptist High School, Ede between 1976-1981. He later attended Osun State College of Education, Ilesa in 1985 where he obtained the National Certificate in Education and B.Ed. in Physical and Health Education (First Class Honours) at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan 1990. He had his M. Ed in Physical and Health Education (with specialisation in Exercise Physiology) of University of Ibadan, Ibadan 1992 and Ph.D in Exercise Physiology of University of Ibadan, Ibadan in 1998.

He worked briefly at the Department of Physical & Health Education, Federal College of Education (Special), Oyo and joined the services of the University of Ibadan as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Human Kinetics and Health Education in January, 1996. He rose through the ranks and was promoted to the grade of Professor of Exercise Physiology on 01 October, 2011, the position he held till his demise on 22 August, 2018. He published solely and in collaboration with other researchers over 50 research based journal articles and chapters in books in local and international peer reviewed journals and books in the areas of Human Kinetics and Health Education and general education.

As a great sport scientist and mentor to many, late Professor Abass served the University in various capacities. He was level coordinator for undergraduate and graduate programmes for many years and member of committees in the Department, served at various Committees of the Faculty and until his death the Faculty Representative at the Central Appointments and Promotions committee. He was a current member of the University Senate, served as Honorary Coach for the University Volley Ball team and until his death, the Chairman, University of Ibadan Intra-Campus Transport Committee. He was a committed member of the University Senior Staff Club. He was the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee of the Triangular Games hosted by the University in 2017 and member of the 60<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Committee of the club.

Outside the University he became the Education Secretary to Ibadan South West Local Government Education Authority, developing education ideas and materials in the local government. He served as Consultant and Facilitator for many educational training programmes for teachers during the period (1999-2002). He was also a member of the Local Organising Committee of the All Africa Games (COJA, 2003) and the National Sports Festival Gateway Games (2006), Consultant on Health, wellness

and fitness for various groups across the socio-economic strata (2002-2018), and Training and Development of Educational Materials for Teachers in NNPC Schools (2007-2009).

Late Prof. Abass served as External Examiner to many Universities within the Country between (2012-2018) as well as member of the National Universities Commission accreditation panel to many Universities in the country.

He was a member of various international and national scientific bodies such as International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sports and Dance, Nigeria School Health Association, Nigeria Association for Sports Science and Medicine, and Nigeria Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs Kemi Abass and three children.

May his soul rest in peace. (Amen).

**Burial Arrangements as announced by the family:**

**Tuesday, 28 August, 2018** Evening of Tribute at Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan.  
**Time:** 5:00pm

**Wednesday, 29 August, 2018** Service of Songs at New Covenant Church, Samonda, Ibadan.  
**Time** 5:00pm.

**Thursday, 30 August, 2018** Lying in State, Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan  
Time: 8:00am.

**Thursday, 30 August, 2018** Funeral Service at New Covenant Church, Samonda, Ibadan  
**Time:** 10.00am

INTERMENT follows immediately after the funeral service.