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PROFESSOR DAVID GOLDSMITH MONTEFIORE, *OBE* (28 May, 1929 – 10 June, 2014)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Isaac Folorunso Adewole, FAS, announces with deep sense of loss, the death of Professor David Goldsmith Montefiore, *MD, FRCPath*, a retired Professor of Medical Microbiology of the University of Ibadan and a former Deputy Provost/Acting Provost, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

Late Professor Montefiore was born on May 28, 1929 in London, England. He attended Clifton College, Bristol for his secondary school education between 1942 – 1947. He was admitted to Clare College, Cambridge in 1947 where he came out with distinctions, having double First Class Honours in 1950. He received his medical training in Guy's Hospital Medical School, graduating with the M.B.B. Chir (Cambridge) in 1953, the same year he simultaneously obtained his Master's degree.

Late Professor Montefiore had several training appointments in the United Kingdom before coming to Nigeria to have a stint at the University College Hospital as Registrar in Clinical Pathology between 1955 – 1957. He started what turned out to be a lifelong career at the University of Ibadan in October 1960 as Lecturer I in the then Department of Bacteriology and a Consultant to the University College Hospital. He rose through the ranks and was promoted Professor in 1965.

Professor Montefiore served the University in various capacities. He was Assistant Dean (Clinical), Faculty of Medicine (1963 – 1965); Head, Department of Microbiology (1965 – 1979); First Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences & Pharmacy, College of Medicine (1980 – 1982); Deputy Provost, College of Medicine (1982 – 1986) and Acting Provost, College of Medicine (1985 – 1986).

A symbol of true scholarship, he headed a World Health Organization (WHO) Virus Study Team to Entebbe, Uganda between 1968 - 1969. He also supported the University, its College of Medicine and its Teaching Hospital in many ways, most especially by providing the funds with which the Special Treatment Clinic (STC) was built. This laboratory was the stone on which the works that resulted in the world class reputation of the University, its College and the University College Hospital in the fields of Bacteriology and Venereology was to be built. He established the Virology Unit in the University College Hospital before the emergence of the Department of Virology in the University of Ibadan.

He retired from the services of the University of Ibadan in 1989, having meritoriously served for 29 years.

He is survived by immediate members of his family and relations.

May his soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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