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PROFESSOR ADEBAYO AMOS OMOLOYE (1962 – 2025)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Adebawale, FAS, mni, fspsp, announces the transition of Professor Adebayo Amos Omoloye, former Head, Department of Crop Protection and Environmental Biology (2014-2018), University of Ibadan. The sad event occurred on 25 April, 2025 at the University College Hospital, Ibadan.

Late Professor Omoloye was born on 28 November 1962. Professor Omoloye obtained B.Sc. Ed. (Biological Science) from the University of Benin in 1988, M.Sc. Agricultural Biology (Entomology) and Ph.D. (Crop Protection-Entomology) from the Department of Crop Protection and Environmental Biology, University of Ibadan in 1991 and 1998, respectively.

Professor A. A. Omoloye was appointed Temporary Assistant Lecturer on 01 February, 1994 and Assistant Lecturer on 05 November, 1995 in the then Department of Agricultural Biology, University of Ibadan. He was upgraded to Lecturer II in 1998 and promoted to Lecturer I in 2001 with confirmation to retirement age. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer on 01 October, 2004 and Professor on 01 October, 2009 in the Department of Crop Protection and Environmental Biology. He was away on sabbatical leave at the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Gaborone from December, 2021 to November, 2022 and on collaborative research program at the same institution while on annual and research leave until April, 2025. Professor Omoloye was involved in teaching and conducting research in the field of Entomology, and other administrative activities during his journey through the University of Ibadan for 31 years.

Professor Omoloye specialized in Insect Bioecology and Pest Management. He investigated: Effectiveness of Actellic and Dimilin on the Cowpea weevil, *Callosobruchus maculatus* Fab, in storage; Mechanisms of resistance in rice cultivars to the African Rice Gall midge, *Orseolia oryzivora* H.&G.; Bioecology and management of the cocoa pest, *Sahlbergella singularis* Hag. in the cocoa agroecosystem of Nigeria as well as effects of heavy metal contamination in soil on the biology and ecology of selected insect pests of arable crops. He worked on artificial diet preparations for mass culture of *Sitophilus zeamais* L. He contributed significantly to the execution

of the award-winning proposal: ‘Improved Management of Agroforestry Parkland Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa’ under the auspices of the European Union in 1998 which served to kick-start the review and importance of Parklands, covering 12 countries in the region including Nigeria.

Professor Omoloye was a Research Fellow at the West African Rice Development Association/African Development Bank from 1994-1996, Fellow of the America Biographical Institute (FABI) in 2008 and the Institute of Human and Natural Resources (FNHR) in 2008.

Late Professor Omoloye served the University of Ibadan in many capacities. He was member of senate (congregation representative) from 2000 – 2007; two times (2001-2004; 2006-2007) member, Board of Distance Learning Center and Senate Curriculum Sub-committee on General Studies (2003-2007). He was coordinator in the distance learning center (2016-2017). He was Chairman, Practical Year Training Programme of the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry (2008-2010) and served on the finance and computer management committees. He was Chief of Entomology Unit and coordinator of Postgraduate programmes from 2006 to 2021 and 2006 to 2011, respectively in the Department of Crop Protection and Environmental Biology. He was Head of Department of Crop Protection and Environmental Biology from 01 August, 2014 to 31 July, 2018. He was Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Multidisciplinary Central Research Laboratory from 01 August, 2020 to 31 July, 2023 as well as chairman of the UI Honey project. He was also the Insect4feed Impact Cluster coordinator at University of Ibadan under the auspices of the Netherlands Government and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency. He was an external examiner at many Universities.

Professor Omoloye was member, National Secretary, National Public Relations Officer and Chairman of Ibadan branch of the Entomological Society of Nigeria at different periods. He was member of the Science Association of Nigeria and attended several of the conferences. He was locally and globally recognized as an effective mentor, teacher, visionary leader, and father-figure to his students. He was a Chartered Management Consultant following his conferment with the Fellowship of the Institute of Management Consultants-Nigeria in 2023. He was a model for scholastic excellence, generosity and progress to all who interacted with him. Professor Omoloye was a teacher of teachers and a distinguished researcher in Entomology.

He will be missed by the global academic community at home and abroad. May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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