



Prof. Deboye O. Kolawole

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Professor D. O. Kolawole holds both the B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc. Degrees of the Ahmadu Bello University and a Ph.D from the University of Birmingham. He also holds a Certificate of the Haggai Institute for Advanced Leadership Studies, Singapore and has attended numerous other Certificate Training Courses and Workshops. His teaching and research career within and outside Nigeria span more than four decades, during which he made remarkable contributions to knowledge in General and Medical Microbiology, his main areas of specialization. He has been privileged to serve as a consultant to the Federal Ministries of Environment and Health (2002-2004) and resource person to the National Universities Commission (1999 to date). He was a Board Member, Radio Kwara (1977-1979), resource person to the State Scholarships Board (1977-1979), and Head of Monitoring Group for bacteriological quality of drinking water (1977-1980).

He rose from Assistant Lecturer in 1971 to Professor in 1989 at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, with stints elsewhere in between. On retiring from OAU in 2010, he was engaged as a Contract Professor at the Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete. He has investigated extensively the mechanisms of bacterial pathogenicity in the host, their resistance-susceptibility patterns to the host's body defense systems, and resistance to antimicrobial agents such as antibiotics, disinfectants and antiseptics. He has supervised many postgraduate and undergraduate students. Specifically, Professor Kolawole and his colleagues discovered animal staphylococci that have crossed host boundaries into human wound infections, a catalase-negative *Staph aureus* from a clinical specimen, a mannitol positive coagulase-negative *Staphylococcus*

from nasal samples of medical personnel and, an extract from the *Senna alata* flower which inhibits the replication of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), among other novel findings in his career.

Professor Kolawole has also being Head of Department at different times and places. At the OAU, Ile-Ife, he was also Vice Dean Faculty of Science, Dean Students' Affairs, Member of the University Governing Council, Chairman, Disciplinary Committee on Examination Malpractices, Member Appointments and Promotions Committee, Member, University Research Committee and many other Committees of Senate, some of which he chaired. In KWASU, he was a member of the Governing Council, Chairman Academic Brief Review Committee, Chairman of Senate Business Committee, Chairman University Research Council, Member/Resource Person Strategic Planning Committee, Chairman TETFund Committee on Staff Training and Conferences and Director Staff Development and Training before disengaging from the institution recently.

In all his forty-six plus years of service as a University Teacher, he was not known to have compromised his integrity, as a result of which he was always appointed into positions requiring absolute honesty. In August 2017, he was given the Double Award of Fellow of the Institute of Human and Natural Resources (FHNR) and Integrity in Professionalism (IPA).

He is a frequent keynote address speaker at scientific conferences, and guest speaker at many academic and social gatherings. He also served his community, the State and Federal Government with equal fervor and was always acknowledged accordingly. Over the years, he has received numerous certificates of Recognition, Honour, Meritorious Service Awards, Awards of Excellence, Outstanding Contribution to Community Development, and for Leadership Quality from various institutions, associations, organizations, clubs and societies.

He is a member of several prestigious national and international professional associations in which he has and still plays active roles, such as the American Society for Microbiology, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science Association of Nigeria, Nigeria Society for Microbiology and Biotechnology Society of Nigeria. He was a foundation member of the Council of the

Nigerian Society for Microbiology, Secretary and Director of Studies in the West African Regional Training Network in Microbiology, Assistant Editor of the Nigerian Journal of Microbiology, Public Relations Officer of the Biotechnology Society of Nigeria, Editor-in-Chief of both the Ife Journal of Science and the Nigerian Journal of Environmental Management. In 2012, he was appointed an international distinguished Academic Mentor, an Educational Administrator, a Counselor and Adviser to students at Conferences of the American Society for Microbiology. In December, 2016, he was given an Award of Honour & Lifetime Achievements by the Nigerian Society for Microbiology, South West Zone, Nigeria.

He has also been a consultant to organizations wanting to establish private universities, such universities include the Covenant University, Ota, Mountain Top University, Prayer City and several others.

He is married to Professor (Mrs.) Modupe E.M. Kolawole, a Professor of Literature and Women's Studies, and they are blessed with children.