NEW VICE CHANCELLOR ASSUMES DUTY

Professor Isaac Folorunso Adewole whose appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan had earlier been approved with effect from Wednesday, 01 December, 2010 by the Federal Government has assumed duty. Professor Adewole’s appointment was ratified and announced by the Governing Council on Thursday, 02 September, 2010 and forwarded to the Federal Government for approval. By this appointment, Prof. Adewole becomes the 11th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan since it attained the status of an independent University Institution in 1962, having hitherto been a College of the University of London from 1948 – 1962.

The new Vice-Chancellor was until his appointment a member of Council and the Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the College of Medicine. He succeeds Professor Olufemi Adebisi Bamiro, FNSE, FAS whose tenure as Vice-Chancellor expired on Tuesday, 30 November, 2010.

A Professor at the College of Medicine of the University of Ibadan, Nigeria since 1997, Isaac Adewole is currently a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the University College Hospital (UCH) in Ibadan. He is also an adjunct Professor at Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Born on 05 May, 1954, Prof. Adewole attended Ilesa Grammar School from 1966-1972 where he obtained Grade I with distinction in 1970 and the Higher School Certificate in 1972 in the same school where he made AAC in the three Science subjects he offered. He enrolled as a National Award Scholar at the University of Ibadan in 1973 and obtained his MB BS degree from the University in 1978 with the Glaxo Allenbury prize for the best performance in Paediatrics. He joined the services of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology as a Senior House Officer in 1981 and underwent further medical training to become a Senior Registrar in the Department in 1984. He then travelled to the UK for a Research Fellowship in the Department of Medical Oncology at
Charring Cross Hospital in London. Professor Adewole was appointed Lecturer I at the College of Medicine in the University of Ibadan in 1989. He was promoted Senior Lecturer in 1995 and Professor in 1997. He was Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences & Dentistry (2000 – 2002), before becoming a Provost of the College of Medicine from 2002 to 2006.

During his tenure as the Provost of the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, he devoted a lot of energy to the improvement of the finances of the College, building of infrastructure and improving on the teaching and learning environment. Professor Adewole has also served the University of Ibadan in many administrative capacities. He was a member of the MacArthur Grant Implementation Committee; Member of Senate; chairman, University Campus Committee on AIDS; member, Committee on the Review of Guidelines for Promotion of Academic Staff; chair, Committee on Assessment of Academic Staff by Students, Project Director, UNFPA Assisted Programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Prevention as well as member of the Organizing Committee and chairman of the Medical sub-Committee of NUGA in 2002.

A progressive unionist, Prof. Adewole was Secretary General and President, Association of Resident Doctors, UCH Branch as well as Secretary-General and National President of the National Association of Resident Doctors of Nigeria (NARD). He was also Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General, Nigerian Medical Association (NMA); Secretary General, Confederation of African Medical Associations and Societies (CAMAS) and Chairman, Nigerian Medical Association, Oyo State.

Professor Adewole is a co-Principal Investigator of the Medical Education Partnership Initiative in Nigeria (MEPIN) and Principal Investigator of the Harvard US President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) (APIN Plus) programme and chairman of the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) National Task Team Subcommittee on antiretroviral for the PMTCT of HIV. He was also the country’s Principal Investigator for ‘Operation Stop Cervical Cancer’ in Nigeria from 1997 to 2003, Professor Adewole holds the membership of many learned societies, such as the Society of Gynaecology & Obstetrics of Nigeria; International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO); International AIDS Society (IAS); the European Research Organization on Genital Infection and Neoplasia (EUROGIN); the International Gynecological Cancer Society (IGCS) and the African Organization for Research and Training In Cancer (AORTIC).

A leading advocate of nationwide access to cervical cancer screening, Professor Adewole’s research interests includes evaluating novel ideas for promoting cervical cancer screening in developing countries, a multi-country study on HPV in cervical cancer among African women and evaluating attitudes of HIV positive pregnant women to contraception and couple counseling. Professor Adewole who has extensive management experience at both national and international levels is actively involved in research and advocacy work. He has been an external examiner in Obstetrics and Gynaecology to seven Nigerian universities, the National Postgraduate Medical College as well as the West African College of Surgeons.

He has delivered many guest lectures, numerous communications at scientific conferences, abstracts and poster presentations and has published over 140 articles in peer-reviewed journals and books on gynaecological oncology, abortion, HIV/AIDS and perinatal medicine. A widely travelled man, he has attended over 100 scientific conferences and workshops. He is the
Guttmacher Institute’s 2008 Bixby Leadership Fellow in Reproductive Health, President Elect of African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) and the current Chair of the sub-Saharan African Cervical Cancer Working Group (CCWG). He is a Patron of the Boys Brigade of Nigeria and the current Chair, National Task Team on prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV.

Professor I.F. Adewole is happily married with children and has a grandchild.