



### OBITUARY

#### **PROFESSOR OLABISI ADEBAYO ODEJIDE** (13 AUGUST, 1941-02 JANUARY, 2008)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olufemi A. Bamiro, FNSE, FAS announces with deep regret the transition of Professor Olabisi Adebayo Odejide. The sad event occurred on 02 January, 2008 at the University College Hospital, Ibadan.

Late Professor Odejide attended University of Ibadan between 1963-1968 where he obtained an MBBS degree in Medicine. In 1971, he proceeded to the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K. where he obtained a DPM in Psychiatry. Professor Olabisi Adebayo Odejide was a highly distinguished Scholar. He won the Shell-BP first Prize in 1959; Federal Government Scholarship 1963-1968; Western Nigerian Government Scholarship, 1971-1974 and the World Health Organization (WHO) Fellowship to Vanderbilt University, USA, April-September, 1978. He was a member, Royal College of Psychiatrists U.K. 1974; Fellow, Royal College of Psychiatrists 1986; Fellow, National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria 1981 and Fellow of the West African College of Physicians, 1980. He obtained his Doctor of Medicine in 1985 here in Ibadan.

He joined the Department of Psychiatry in July 1974 as Lecturer I/Consultant. Professor Odejide spent all his academic life serving, with diligence and commitment, the University of Ibadan. He became a Senior Lecturer/Consultant in 1971 and subsequently a Professor in October 1981.

Professor Odejide, until his death was an Honorary Adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, having retired from the University in October, 2006. Before his retirement, he had served the University in various capacities. He was Acting Head of the Department of Psychiatry from 01 August, 1985 to 01 October, 1986 and in 1994, he was re-appointed as substantive Head of Department of Psychiatry for a period of two years. He was the Dean of the then Faculty of Clinical Sciences and Dentistry from 01 August, 1988 to 31 July, 1990. He was appointed Director of Postgraduate Institute of Medical Research and Training (PIMRAT) now IMRAT for a period of two years from 21 November, 1998 to 23 November, 2000.

Late Professor Odejide held several academic and non-academic positions with distinction and recognition. He was Director, Oyo State Health Council February to 30 November, 1982; Secretary to the Oyo State Government, December, 1982 to September, 1983; Editor-in-Chief, Western African Medical Journal, April 1986 to April 1991; pioneer Director, Drug Demand Reduction Unit, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, 01 July, 1990 to 31 December, 1993; Chairman, University of Ibadan Health

Management Board, December, 2000 to December, 2002; Chairman, Osun State Health Management Board, December, 2000 to May 2003 and Chief Medical Director, Ladoke Akintola University Teaching Hospital, Osogbo, December 2002 to March 2004.

Professor Odejide was a Consultant and Fellow to various national and international organizations. He had about 130 publications in several reputable national and international journals. His major contributions centred on drugs and drug-abuse related cases, criminal justice in Psychiatry Catatonic Schizophrenia in Ibadan, etc.

He equally provided a great platform for mentoring; this he achieved through lectures, tutorials and clinical demonstrations for staff and students at different levels of academic engagements. Professor Odejide was also a supervisor to several M.Sc. and Ph.D graduates in Psychiatry. He was equally an examiner to various professional and academic bodies, nationally and internationally.

Professor Odejide till his demise was a committed Christian of the Baptist Denomination. Indeed, he was a foundation member of Baptist Church, University of Ibadan Branch, where he was ordained a Deacon. He was once the President of the Premier Chapter of the Full Gospel Businessmen Fellowship International.

He is survived by his wife, Professor Abiola I. Odejide, the immediate past Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Ibadan and four children. Funeral rites are scheduled for February 13-16, 2008 part of which is the lying-in-state in Trenchard Hall on Thursday, 14 February, 2008 between 9.00-10.00 a.m. Members of the University Community are invited to honour this distinguished alumnus, teacher, clinician and administrator.

May his soul rest in peace. Amen.