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### OBITUARY

## PROFESSOR ABIODUN ADEWALE ADEBISI

(1945 – 2008)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olufemi A. Bamiro, *FNSE, FAS*, announces with deep regret, but with gratitude to God, the transition of Professor Abiodun Adewale Adebisi, a former Head, Department of Zoology of this University. The sad event occurred on Sunday, 22 June, 2008.

The late Professor Abiodun Adewale Adebisi was born on 23 December, 1945 in Ibadan, Oyo State. He had his secondary school education at Ibadan Grammar School, Ibadan, 1960-1964 and 1965-1966 (Higher School). Thereafter, he became a Science Teacher in his old school for a short period in 1967 from where he proceeded to the University of Ibadan and graduated with a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree with honours in Zoology, 1971. He then took up an appointment as a Biology Teacher at Iseyin District Grammar School, Iseyin, Oyo State, 1971-1973. In the quest to further his education, he returned to the University of Ibadan for postgraduate studies and obtained his Doctorate Degree (Ph.D.) in Zoology, 1978 with specialization in Hydrobiology & Fisheries.

In March 1978, Professor Abiodun Adewale Adebisi joined the services of the University of Ibadan as Lecturer II in the Department of Zoology. He became a Senior Lecturer in 1989 and Professor in 1996. For 30 years, Professor Adebisi dedicated himself diligently and assiduously to teaching courses in various areas of Zoology at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. His research focused mainly on limnological properties and fish production in natural water bodies as well as on fish biology, particularly freshwater fishes. His many research findings published locally and internationally have been useful for proper management and rational exploitation of many freshwater bodies in Nigeria. Professor Adebisi mentored many undergraduate and postgraduate students, producing many B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. graduates, many of whom occupy enviable positions in the academia, government as well as private sector. His dedication to teaching and research earned him high respects from his students and colleagues.

The late Professor Abiodun Adewale Adebisi served the University of Ibadan in various capacities. He was Sub-Dean (Biological Sciences), Faculty of Science (1982-1984), Congregational representative on the University Senate 1983-1987, Member, Zoo Management Board 1985-1986, Acting Head of Zoology Department, 1997 to 1999 amongst others.

He was a member of the Science Association of Nigeria, Ecological Society of Nigeria, Fisheries Society of Nigeria and other learned societies both locally and internationally.

Professor Abiodun Adewale Adebisi was a humble, generous and amiable gentleman. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, home community in Ibadan, Oyo state, the Department of Zoology, University of Ibadan and the entire University community as well as his professional colleagues.

He is survived by his wife and children.

May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

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**Funeral arrangements** (announced by the family) are as follows:

- Service of songs – Thursday, 24 July 2008 at 5.00pm at his residence, Adebisi Layout, beside Jehovah Witness Hall, off Apata Ganga, NNPC, Ibadan, Oyo State.
- Lying-in-State - Friday, 25 July 2008 at 8.00am - 9.00am at Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan, Ibadan.
- Funeral Service - Friday, 25 July 2008, 10.00 am at the Baptist Church, Orita-mefa, Ibadan.
- Interment follows immediately at Baptist Church Cemetery, Arulogun near Olorunda (after Akobo Oju-irin), Ibadan.
- Entertainment of guests follows at the Chapel of Resurrection Hall, University of Ibadan, Ibadan.