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GIVING honour to deserving members of N.A.D is important. It has come to our notice that one of the founding fathers..nay 'mother' of the Nigerian Association of Dermatologists has brought honour to the sub specialty. She indeed is the first trained female dermatologist in Nigeria and the West African sub-region. Prof Olumide has in the past few weeks been made an Emeritus professor of Medicine at the University of Lagos, Nigeria.

The Nigerian Journal of Dermatology has therefore decided to give a brief on this great member of N.A.D.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- The **Best Teacher** in the Department of Medicine, College of Medicine of the University of Lagos (1997).
- **The Most Outstanding female Medical Practitioner** in Nigeria. WEAN '07 Awards.
- Training and supervision of specialist postgraduate Resident doctors for **almost all the Teaching Hospitals in Nigeria**. These doctors are now consultants and academic members of staff of the various universities.
- Author of all the **three relevant textbooks** for training medical students, and continuing medical education (CME) of family physicians in **Dermatology, Venereology, and HIV/AIDS**.
- Her modest contribution to global studies on **Contact and Occupational dermatology** which has made her research work a reference benchmark against future regional studies on the continent.
- At various times, she was a University of Lagos senate member of Academic Planning Committee (1995-1999); Appointment and Promotions (A & P) Board (2004-2007); and Chairman of the University of Lagos Medical Centre Management Board (1998 2000).
- Recipient of the special award for **Meritorious Service** as College Dean, School of Clinical Sciences (Aug 1995-July 1999)
- Recipient of **Long and Distinguished Service Award** from the University of Lagos (2007).
- **Honours Award for Meritorious Service to the Faculty and Humanity** from the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Medicine, University of Lagos (2010).

- Recipient of **Life Fellowship Status** of the American Academy of Dermatology for Commitment to continuing education and dedication to professional excellence (2008).
- A recipient of **Long Service Award** from the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (2007)
- She was twice a recipient of the Foundation for International Dermatologic Education (**FIDE Award**) for the originality and scientific content of papers read at International Conferences (1981 and 1984)
- A Fellow and Council Member of the Nigerian Academy of Science (2000 to date).
- A **lead consultant** of the Federal Ministry of Health team that drew up the WHO recommended Management Protocol, Training Curriculum, and Training Manual for the Syndromic Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections (2002).
- A Member of the Expert Committee that developed Evidence Based **Standard Treatment Guidelines** for use in Healthcare facilities in Nigeria. Published by the Federal Ministry of Health in collaboration with W.H.O, EC, DFID (2005).
- A contributing author of Non-Communicable Diseases in Nigeria: The Emerging Epidemics. Nigeria Health Review 2010. Published by Health Reform Foundation of Nigeria (HERFON).
- Her research findings on the adverse effects of some ingredients in toiletries and cosmetics which influenced some major transnational companies to discontinue the incorporation of these harmful ingredients in cosmetics and toiletries, and to consider the health of the consumers a greater priority than fiscal gain.
- A Member of the International Expert Committee on Basic Dermatologic Education in Developing countries, Berlin West and Mexico (1989, 1991, 1992).
- A Member of the Editorial Board of the International Scholarly Research Network (ISRN) Series of Journals (Dermatology)
- God's mighty revelation to me on the existing prophecy about HIV/AIDS in the Holy Bible and the writing of the 3,500 page book of prophecy (2 vol) to the Church and the world. Further authorship of several Christian pastoral books and papers; ministrations at various churches, schools and tertiary institutions imparting Christian moral values particularly among Nigerian youths. Currently, weekly author of the Ministrations: *Christ Is Coming Soon* Sunday Tribune and Sunday Independent Newspapers.