

Fellowships Awards 2000

At the 42nd Annual General Conference of the Ghana Medical Association (GMA) held in Sekondi-Takoradi from November 8-12, 2000 six distinguished members of the Association were honoured with the highest award of the GMA "Fellow of the Ghana Medical Association (FGMA)".

The Ghana Medical Journal publishes here the respective citations which were read in their honour at the Opening Ceremony on Friday, November 10, 2000 to confer the special honours on them.

PROFESSOR THEOPHILUS COMMEY ANKRAH

*MB. Ch.B(Ghana; 1969, DTCO(Wales); 1975,
MRCP(Edinburgh); 1978, FWACP; 1982*

You were born on 13th November 1942 in Kumasi where you received your primary education at the Methodist School. Your secondary education was at Mfantsipim School from 1956 to 1962, and you were Head Prefect in your final year. You belonged to the University of Ghana Medical School pioneer group, which qualified MB. Ch.B. in 1969.

Following qualification you did your housemanship at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital from 1969 to 1970. Having gained full registration with the Medical and Dental Council, you continued working at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) first as a Medical Officer (General Practice) from 1970 to 1972 then as the Medical Officer in charge of the Chest Clinic of same Hospital from 1972 to 1975.

Having demonstrated your potential as a chest physician, it came as no surprise when you proceeded to the University of Wales U.K. in 1975 for further studies in your chosen field. You once again demonstrated your mettle and academic excellence by gaining the Diploma in Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (DTCD) in the same year, 1975. You then proceeded to the University of Edinburgh and after a stint of very hard work passed the highly coveted Member of Royal College of Physicians (MRCP) examination in 1978.

You then did what the majority did not do at that time, in that you demonstrated patriotism and an undetachable bond to the land and place of your birth by returning to Kumasi soon afterwards to join the new and at that time, struggling School of Medical Sciences as Lecturer in the Department of Medicine where you have taught and also given selfless service to patients up to the present time.

You were elected Fellow of the West African College of Physicians in 1982 and you are currently an examiner of that college. You were promoted to the senior lecturer grade in 1986 and to the professorial grade in 1999. For many years you were the Examination Officer of the Department of Medicine at SMS and you have also acted on many occasions as External Examiner of University of Ghana Medical School (UGMS). You have published numerous original and review articles in local and foreign medical journals and to crown it all you recently published a book which has the potential of becoming the standard Ghana text book for the Introductory Course in Clinical Medicine, titled "The Clinical Examination of the Adult Patient". You were also the Coordinator of Post Graduate Training at SMS from 1986 to 1994.

You have been a faithful member of the GMA to which you have rendered numerous useful services in the past namely chairman of the Ashanti Division Continuing Medical Education Committee – 1990 – 1991, Chairman of the Scientific Planning Committee of the GMA Annual Meeting in 1997, Member of National Continuing Medical Education Committee. You were elected at the beginning of this year as the Chairman of the Ashanti Division of GMA which duty you are discharging creditably.

Professor Theophilus Commey Ankrah for your academic excellence, patriotism and distinguished service to the nation, the Medical Profession and the Ghana Medical Association, this Association is today proud to confer on you the highest honour it has in its power to give namely the Fellowship of the Ghana Medical Association.

DR. LIONEL K. ADASAPE DERBAN

***MB. ChB(Glasgow), MPH(Edinburgh)
DTM&H(L'pool), DIH(Lond), FAWCP***

You were born at Winneba on 14th January 1928 where you received your primary education at the Methodist School. Your secondary education was at the Adisadel College Cape Coast from 1944 to 1948. You studied medicine at Glasgow University Medical School which you entered in 1952 and graduated MB ChB in 1958.

Immediately after your housejobs in the Lancashire Group of Hospitals at Wigan and Burnley, you embarked on your postgraduate training in Public Health at three British Universities namely Edinburgh University for the Diploma in Public Health (DPH) in 1962, Liverpool University for the Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (DTM&H) in 1963 and London University for the Diploma in Industrial Health (DIH) also in 1963.

You returned to Ghana in 1963 and joined the Ministry of Health as Medical Officer in Sunyani and Kumasi from 1963 to 1966. In 1966 you were appointed Lecturer in Public Health at the newly established University of Ghana Medical School (UGMS) and promoted to the Senior Lecturer grade in 1970.

From 1973 to June 1989 you served the nation as Chief Medical Officer of the Volta River Authority where apart from general medical duties you were also in charge of the Environmental and Industrial Health Services. During that period you were also Director of Volta Lake Research and Development and Chairman of Resettlement and Monitoring/Evaluation Committee. Since retirement from the Volta River Authority in 1989, you have worked as a Private General Practitioner in Accra serving the community at Dzorwulu.

Your work took you to numerous international assignments for the nation and also for agencies such as World Health Organization, World Health Assembly, Geneva, and Commonwealth Scientific meetings.

On the national front you undertook numerous projects in Industrial Health such as the investigation of industrial arsenic poisoning at Prestea Gold Mines in 1967, investigation of mercury poisoning in a rural population in 1969. The pre-impoundment studies of the Kpong Hydro-electric Project in 1977, Silicosis Survey in Tarkwa Gold

Mines in 1969/80, and finally the 1982/89 VRA/Ministry of Health programme on Control of Schistosomiasis in the Kpong Lake.

You have published numerous scientific reports and papers for local and international journals and organizations.

You are currently serving Ghana on several boards and committees. You are an Adviser on Occupational Health, Member of Ministry of Health Public Health Sub-committee, Member, Advisory Board, Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, Member of the Technical Committee Environmental Protection Council.

You have served as an external examiner of UGMS and School of Medical Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Public Health Nursing School and at the School of Hygiene in Accra.

You have been an active member of the GMA since 1960 and indeed you were the Honorary Secretary from 1969-78.

Dr. Lionel Kwamena Adasape Derban for your meritorious and dedicated service to this Association, the profession and the nation, the Ghana medical Association is proud to confer on you today the Fellowship of the Ghana Medical Association.

**DR. PAULINA EDITH KORKOR
MAWUKENI KITCHER**

Bachelor of Dental Science Berlin 1967 with Distinction, Master of Science (Manchester) 1977

You were born on 18th July 1938 at Christianborg of the Gold Coast, also known as Osu of Ghana, to the late Rev. Paul T. and Mrs. Ellen Kitcher (nee Larnyoh-Puplampu). You attended Presby Lower Primary School of Akuse, during the palm kernel cracking colonial days; and the Presby Upper Primary School of Huhunya, a village near the Boti Falls. You received middle school education at the famous Basle Mission Girls' School at Agogo Ashanti Akim. You proceeded to yet another renowned Girls' School the Aburi Girls' Secondary School to do your Cambridge O' Level School Leaving Certificate in 1957 and remained there as one of three pioneer 'made-in-there permanent pleated skirt and blouse wearing' students of a Science Sixth form; the pride of the Presbyterian

Church of Ghana. You were not only good in Science and General Mathematics, but also in Art and Crafts. Your outstanding ability in Geometry manifested itself in the way you could discuss and debate topics with such clarity and logical sequence that your *quod erat demonstrandum* (Q.E.D.) was indeed Q.E.D. Apart from your academic excellence, you also made a mark in sports. You received your colours in Netball and Hockey and were a member of the School team that played against many other schools and colleges. You were the Assistant Senior Perfect and Entertainment Prefect in 1957, a position that gave you the opportunity to interact with and take round local and foreign dignitaries, who visited the school during the pre and post independence celebrations. Your achievement was further crowned when you became the first Senior Prefect to be elected for two consecutive years, 1958 and 1959 a post you carried out with poise, dignity, elegance and as it is evidenced today by your name appearing two times on the plaque of a list of names of Past Senior Prefects on the walls of the Great Assembly Hall of the Irene Adderson Campus of Aburi Girls Secondary School. During those years you were said to be of few words, yet so inspiring to the young ones. You were very meticulous and aimed at and expected excellence, if not perfection from everybody in all activities both inside and outside the classroom. For this reason you were given nicknames like 'Sister Perfer' or 'Senior Perfer'. You were also affectionately called 'Sister or Senior Paurie' by those who had a problem pronouncing 'L'.

After Aburi Girls, you worked as an Executive Officer at Principal Medical Officer's Department of the Ministry of Health while awaiting your Cambridge A' Level result. The latter earned you a government scholarship for your University Education, and you were to have gone to Canada this destination was however changed to the United Kingdom then to Switzerland and finally to West Germany. For this reason you had to start with a diploma course in the German languages at the Goethe Institute of Arolsen 1960 – 1961. From there you gained admission to the American Free University of West Berlin, where you studied Dentistry and qualified as a Dental Surgeon 'Zahnärztin' with a Bachelor of Dental Science (BDS) degree with Distinction in 1967. Your postgraduate training was at the Universities of Glasgow and Manchester UK, where you obtained the Master of Science (MSc) degree from the Faculty of Medicine, 1977. Immediately after i.e. two weeks after your final examination November 1967, you returned to Ghana for almost a year to carry out an epidemiological survey on the

Oral Health status of Ghanaian Children for a further degree. This took you to eight of the then nine regions of Ghana; namely Bolgatanga, Navrongo Paga-Upper region, Tamale-Northern region, Sunyani-Brong Ahafo region, Kumasi-Ashanti region, Koforidua and Akaupim Mampong-Eastern region, Sekondi Takoradi-Western region, Cape Coast-Central region and Accra-Greater Accra region.

Your professional work experience started with your residency program at the department of Oral Surgery and Periodontology at the Dental Hospital of free University of West Berlin from November to march 1969. You were later employed as a Dental surgeon at the AAF – Andrew Dental Hospital, West Berlin from April 1969 till December 1971 when you returned to Ghana for the second time.

You were employed by the Ministry of Health, GOG in 1972 and stationed at Ho Government Hospital, from which base you discharged the duties of Dental Surgeon in charge of all Government Dental Clinics in the Volta Region of Ghana, trekking far and wide to Keta, Hohoe, Kpando, Ketekrachi, Dodipapase, Poasecement, Jasikan and Worawora etc. Your devotion to duty at the time was appreciated by all the people in and outside the Region and even across the borders of Ghana as was learnt later from patients who followed you when you left Ho. Your employers also recognized your dedication to work and unhesitatingly promoted you to the grade of Senior Dental Surgeon in 1973.

While you were in the Region your referral letters and scientific approach to the investigation and treatment of patients caught the attention of the authorities at the Korle Bu teaching Hospital and University of Ghana Medical School. Recommendations were therefore made to the Head Quarters MOH for your secondment and later transfer to the Ghana Medical School for preparation for the establishment of a department of Basic Dental Sciences and eventually a Dental School of the University of Ghana.

You were one of the two professional Dentists, you being the only woman and the other a man, who were sent abroad for postgraduate training in special subjects in order to qualify as teachers of the envisaged Dental School. From October 1974 to June 1977 you studied and did research in Bio-rhythms in Saliva and taught at the Department of Physiology, Oral Biology and Dental Anatomy at the Manchester University Medical and Dental Schools. You ended up with the MSc Manchester

degree in June 1977, and were certified as 'a very good teacher'. You were affable and offered everybody a smile at all times so you were referred to as 'Smiler' by the staff of the medical school at Stopford Building.

You returned to Ghana in the same year and were appointed a pioneer lecturer in Dental Anatomy and Oral Biology at the Department of Basic Dental Sciences to be established later in 1982. From 1977 to 1998 you remained dedicated and was one of the two foundation pillars of the Dental School, that became fully fledged at the time of your retirement – so like Moses you lead the people to Canaan without stepping there yourself. You taught several generations of dental and medical students, some of whom have joined the teaching staff of the University of Ghana Dental School today, the rest are practicing as Consultant and Specialist nationally and internationally.

From 1982 to 1984 you were a Visiting Lecturer and Examiner in Dental Anatomy at University of Ibadan Dental School and Hospital, and from 1984 to 1996 you were External Examiner in Dental Anatomy Faculty of Oral Surgery of the West African College of Surgeons.

You are an active member of several national and international professional associations and NGO's and in most cases you served in important positions – For example you have been a member of the Ghana Medical Association since 1972 and you served as Honorary Treasurer from 1979 to 1985, during which time you streamlined the finances of the GMA by establishing the deduction of membership dues at source. You were the Assistant Secretary of Association of Recognized Professional Bodies of Ghana 1980 – 1982, Founding Member and first interim secretary of the Anatomical Society of West Africa (ASWA) in 1981, First Woman National President of Ghana Science Association 1991 – 1993; Vice President, UTAG, University of Ghana, Legon. You are a great advocate of the Girl Child Education and you have been and still a Role Model and Resource Person for Science Technology and Maths Education (STME) Clinic for Girls held annually since 1980s;

You have attended several local and international conferences of the associations you belong to, and participated fully in some of them by reading papers which were later published in conference proceedings.

Regarding your extracurricular activities and known to only a few, you are amongst other things an accomplished fine artist, with painting, flower arrangement, fabric designing and interior decorating being some of your special areas. Whilst at the Medical School you on several occasions anonymously decorated the auditorium and improvised venues – like the canteen for various grand functions conferences and ceremonies.

Dr. Paulina Edith Korkor Mawukeni Kither, for your long and dedicated service to your nation, your profession in the field of dental health and education and the GMA, the Association is proud to confer on you the Fellowship of the Ghana Medical Association.

PROFESSOR JOSEPH ORLEANS MENDS POBEE

***MB. BS(Lond); 1961, MRCP(Lond); 1967,
FWACP(Foundation Fellow); 1976,
FRCP(Lond); 1977, FRCP(Edin); 1988,
MD(Lond); 1992***

You were born in Cape Coast on 26th July 1930. Your primary education was at Obo Government Mixed School from 1935 to 1937 and at Cape Coast Government Boys' School from 1937 to 1942. Your secondary education was at Adisadel College, Cape Coast from 1943 to 1948. Your university education started at the University College of the Gold Coast from 1952 to 1954 and continued at the London Hospital Medical College, University of London from 1956 to 1961 when you qualified as a doctor by graduating MB, BS(London).

After completing your first pre-registration job in surgery and gynaecology in London from July 1961 to January 1962, you returned to Ghana to do an internship in Internal Medicine at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital from February 1962 to July 1962. You then worked as a Medical Officer in several departments at Korle Bu, then a medical officer in charge of Labadi Polyclinic and Ridge Hospital.

You then returned to the United Kingdom for post-graduate training in internal medicine which entailed working as medical Registrar (Resident) and Senior Registrar in Buckinghamshire Hospitals and at the London Hospital.

In November 1967, you passed the requisite post-graduate exams and became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians of London (MRCP). You

returned to Ghana and joined the teaching staff of the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics of the University of Ghana Medical School in early 1968. Between October 1971 and September 1972, you were the recipient of a West African Training Fellowship in Cardiological Investigation tenable at the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford UK. You progressed steadily through the academic ranks of Lecturer 1968, Senior Lecturer 1979 to 1983, Associate Professor 1983 – 1987, Full Professor 1987.

You were a Panel Member of WHO Expert Committee on Cardiovascular Diseases 1977-1987, and Panel Member of O.A.U. Expert Committee on Cardiovascular Diseases 1975-1980. You have been Editorial Advisor to the Journal Tropical Cardiology since its inception till today. In 1988 you were appointed a WHO Consultant Physician assigned to the School of Medicine, University of Zambia and then as Professor of Medicine of the same school, a position you held till 1997. You returned to Ghana in 1998, and currently you are a part-time tutor in the Department of Medicine, UGMS.

Your administrative services in the academic/professional fields include the following:- Head of Department of Medicine, UGMS; 1980 to 1985, Vice Dean, UGMS; 1982–1986, Medical Administrator for Korle Bu Teaching Hospital 1985 to 1986. You have been an external examiner in 8 medical schools across West, East and Southern Africa. You have also been an examiner at the postgraduate level for the Fellowship qualification of the West African College of Physicians, M.Med degrees of the Schools of Medicine of University of Zimbabwe, University of Dar-es-Salaam and University of Nairobi.

Your principal research interest was Cardiovascular epidemiology especially the epidemiology of hypertension. You were the principal National Investigator of the WHO hypertension programme 1972 to 1980 and also the project Director of the Mamprobi Cardiovascular Project 1974 to 1987.

Your second major research area was "The impact of HIV infection and Tuberculosis" for which you were the Co-Principal Investigator in a collaborative study of the School of Medicine, University of Zambia and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Your cardiovascular research yielded over 60 publications in journals, books etc. as sole author or co-

author. Similarly you were co-author of over 18 publications on HIV/AIDS related topics.

You have attended numerous international conferences at which you read papers, and you have served on 25 international organizations as a member in your own right or as a representative of Ghana. You have undertaken numerous international assignments including the following; 1981-85 Honorary Treasurer Pan African Society of Cardiology, Foundation Fellow 1976, and Foundation Secretary General (Registrar) West African College of Physicians 1976–1980, Vice Chairman WHO Expert Committee on Coronary Heart Disease 1982.

The catalogue of your services to Ghana will be incomplete without mentioning your professional duties outside the hospital and medical school such as:-

1. Chairman Ministry of Health Ethics Committee & Research-1984 – 1986.
2. Member and Hon. Treasurer, Medical and Dental Council of Ghana 1978 – 1985.
3. Member, Nurses and Midwives Council of Ghana 1977 to 1978.
4. Finally your service to the Medical Association was exemplary and prolonged; First as a member from 1961; then as a member of the Executive Council 1975 to 1986, Vice President 1981 to 1983, then as President of GMA in the difficult years of 1983 to 1985.

Professor J.O.M. Pobee ("Uncle Joe!") for your tireless service to the nation, your academic and professional excellence, your services to humanity, and above all your contribution to the GMA itself, this association today is proud to confer on you its highest accolade – Fellowship of the Ghana Medical Association.

PROFESSOR FRED TORGBOR SAI

BSc Physiology (London); 1950, MB. BS (Distinction in Obs & Gynae) (Lond.); 1953, DTM&H (Lond); 1956, MRCP(Edin); 1959, MPH(Harvard); 1960, FRCP(Edin.); 1964, FWACP(Foundation Fellow); 1976

You were born in the middle of 1920s at Christiansburg, Accra. Your primary education was at Christiansburg Presbyterian schools from 1930 to

1939. You won a Cadbury Agriculture Scholarship for your secondary school education at Achimota School from 1940 to 1943 and a government scholarship for the Intermediate Bachelor of Science Course at Achimota from 1944 to 1946. Your university education was pursued with a colonial government scholarship at the University College Hospital London, from 1947 to 1953 graduating with BSc in physiology in 1950 and qualifying as a doctor with MB, BS (distinction in Obstetrics & Gynaecology) in 1953. Your postgraduate education in the UK was also on government scholarship at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1956 and the Edinburgh University Postgraduate Medical School 1959, for the DTM&H and MRCP respectively and also at the Harvard School of Public Health from 1959 to 1960 on a WHO Fellowship for the MPH in 1960. You were awarded the FRCP in Edinburgh in 1964.

Your professional career following full registration, a period spanning over 45 years from 1955 to date has encompassed a dozen extremely important appointments, and there is evidence that you discharged all the duties thereof with diligence and distinction. Of the 12 said appointments 6 were local and 6 international.

The local appointments were as follows:

1. Ghana Government Service – 1955 to 1960 first as general duties medical officer (mainly medical) at Kumasi and Accra, and then from March 1957 as medical officer in charge of Human Nutrition. Your activities and advocacy resulted in the creation of the National Food and Nutrition Board.
2. From 1961 to 1962, still in the Ghana Government Service, you held the post of Physician Specialist, Human Nutrition and you supervised all nutrition activities of the Ministry of Health and were also adviser to the relevant Ministries e.g. Agriculture, Education, Social Welfare, Community Development.
3. Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Ghana – 1961 to 1962 responsible for all hospital services. During that period, you were instrumental in the establishment of the Post-Basic Nursing Training Programme in the University of Ghana, Legon, which later developed into the Department of Nursing with degree courses. You also acted as secretary to the committee for the establishment of the Ghana Medical School.

4. Professor of Preventive and Social Medicine, University of Ghana Medical School from October 1966 to June 1972. Being the first professor in the subject in a new medical school, you accomplished the task of establishing the new department and went further by inventing the Danfa Comprehensive Rural Health and Family Planning Project for teaching, service and research in Primary Health Care which in collaboration with the School of Public Health of UCLA and with support from US/AID became an internationally recognized centre.
5. Director of Medical Services, Ghana 1970 – 1972 during that period, you assisted with planning the implementation of the Ghana Population and Family Planning Policy promulgated in 1969.
6. Chairman, National Population Council, Ghana November 1992 to October 1997. During that period you supervised the revision of the 1969 National Population Policy to include emerging concerns with environment, youth, status of women, HIV/AIDS.

The six international appointments were as follows:

1. Regional Nutrition Officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, 1963 to 1966.
2. Assistant Secretary General, International Planned Parenthood Federation, London 1972 to 1978
3. International Coordinator for Africa and Europe United Nations University 1978 to 1982
4. Consultant and Advisor to the Planned Parenthood Federation 1978 to 1983.
5. Consultant to the Carnegie Corporation 1983 – 1984
6. Senior Population Adviser, The World Bank 1985 – 1990.

When the GMA was founded in 1958 you were the Honorary Secretary who played a major role in writing the original constitution, rules and regulations.

You were member of the Planning Commission of Ghana that produced the Nkrumah Seven Year Development Plan in 1962 – 1963.

You were elected Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1961, member of Council of same in 1962 – 1965. You were the Honorary Secretary 1967 to 1969, Vice President 1971 – 1972 and President January 1999 to date.

You are the recipient of numerous international and national awards – for your work and contributions in Nutrition, Planned Parenthood, Population, and Maternal and Neonatal Health.

In 1989 you received honorary doctor of Humane Letters degree from Tufts University, USA. You were given the UN Population Award in 1993.

In 1994 you received an honorary doctor of Science degree from the University of Ghana and in 1995 the Prince Mahidol Foundation Award for Reproductive Health, the prize money has been used to set up a fund to assist women science students in the University of Ghana.

You have attended numerous major national and international conferences in all of which you actively participated both in a personal capacity and as a delegate of Ghana or an international organization. For example you led the Ghana delegation to the UN Conference on the application of Science and Technology for Development in less developed areas in 1963 and chaired the Preparatory Committees and the Main Committees for the 1984 Population Conference in Mexico and the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo.

You are the sole author or co-author of over 100 publications in learned medical and scientific journals, books, conference reports, WHO documents and editorials etc.

Your recent and current activities since 1994 include:

1. Efforts to implement the Cairo Programme of action both at home and internationally.
2. Volunteer adviser or consultant of several NGOs on Reproductive Health.

Professor F. T. Sai for your academic excellence in the fields of science and medicine, for your devotion to duty for your nation, and also your international contributions which have brought honour to your country, your services to humanity especially the vulnerable groups of women and children, and your services to the GMA of which you are a co-

founder, this association is proud to confer on you, the highest honour it has in its power to give, namely the Fellowship of the Ghana Medical Association.

**PROFESSOR DR. DR. GEORGE
WIREKO-BROBBY**

*(FGMA) Dr. med. et Dr. med. dent (M'burg),
FA. ORL (D'dorf), FWACS, FICS, DSc. (h.c.)*

Professor Dr. Dr. George Wireko-Brobby, you were born on 9th November 1942 at Dunkwa-on-Offin, where you had your elementary school education at St. Stephen's Catholic School at your hometown from 1948 to 1956.

You attended St. Augustine's College, Cape Coast from 1957 to 1963 where you obtained your 'O' and 'A' level certificates. In your last year, you were first appointed House Prefect of St. Patrick's House and later elevated to Assistant Senior Prefect of the School.

In October 1963, just after successful completion of your Sixth Form Education, you, young George Wireko-Brobby were among ten (10) students who obtained a highly competitive Ghana Government Scholarship to continue their High Education in Germany. After obtaining a Distinction in Biochemistry in 1965, you were granted a special permission by the Faculty Board of Medicine to study Medicine and Dentistry simultaneously. You graduated in Medicine in June, 1971 and in Dentistry in June, 1972. With a singular tenacity of purpose, deep commitment to scholarship and pursuit of knowledge you followed this up with your double doctoral thesis in 1971 and 1972 with magna cum laude in both Medicine and Dentistry.

After completion of your studies in Medicine, General Surgery and Dental Surgery, you embarked on your postgraduate training in Ear, Nose and Throat Disorders at the University Teaching Hospital of Dusseldorf University in West Germany. Professor Dr. Dr. Wireko-Brobby, you obtained your Fellowship in Ear, Nose and Throat Surgery in the University of Dusseldorf in 1977. You were elected Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons in 1985 and elevated to become the Fellow of the International College of Surgeons in 1989. In 1992, you were honoured with the Fellowship of the New York Academy of Sciences.

Since then, you have been the first in many enviable academic endeavours. You are the first Full

Professor of Otorhinolaryngology in Ghana; the first German trained Ghanaian Doctor to be appointed as Dean of a Medical School in Ghana; the first foreign student to have obtained a double doctorate in Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Marburg established in 1537 in West Germany, Europe; the first Dean of the School of Medical Sciences to have been elected President of the Ghana Medical Association; the first African President of Initiative of Deaf Education in Third World Countries and the first Chairman of the Task Force for the establishment of THE NATIONAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL COLLEGE recently appointed by the Hon. Minister of Health, Professor Kwaku Danso Boafo on July 12, 2000.

In recognition of your achievements in medical education as one of the most dynamic Deans in Africa, Asia and Latin America, you were honoured with a Doctor of Science Degree (honoris causa) at a Special Congregation organized by the Faculty of Medicina Alternativa of the Open International University for Complimentary Medicine at Colombia, Sri Lanka, in 1998.

At home you received the 1st Guggisburg Award as the **Best Researcher** into Tropical Medicine in March, 1999 on your work and research into the "Causes of Congenital Deafness in Ghana: "A Gene Mutation on Chromosome 13 Connexin 26 Mutation associated with recessive Non-Syndromic Sensorineural deafness".

You were also nominated for the Millennium Excellence Awards on two counts:

1. As the Personality of the Decade;
2. Excellence for Education Development by Ghana Classified in 1999.

Again you were elevated to the most prestigious Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great as a Knight Commander (KCSG) by his Holiness Pope John Paul II in November 2000, the highest honour to be bestowed by the Pope to a selected few of the Catholic Laity all over the world.

You were elected to the high office of the President of the Ghana Surgical Society from 1995 to 1997; President of the Initiative for Deaf Education in Third World Countries from 1990 to 1998; Secretary-General of the Pan African Federation of Otolaryngological Societies (PAFOS) for three (3) consecutive terms of two years, culminating into your recent election as the Millennium President in February, 2000.

You have served for more than a decade as an Executive Member of Council of The Ghana Medical Association, culminating in your election as President from 1995 to 1997. You will go down in the annuals of Ghana Medical Association as the first President who succeeded with the help of your Executive in obtaining cars for the members of the association. You were also the first President whose vision culminated in the design of the flying ties and scarves of the Ghana Medical Association.

You have been a Member of the Medical and Dental Council since 1992; Member of the Nurses and Midwives Council from 1990 to 1996; Member of Ghana Atomic Energy Commission on Radiotherapy and a Representative of the Ghana Medical Association on the Board of the Reconstituted Prisons Service Council.

You have been the Coordinator for Ghana of the West African College of Surgeons. Currently, you are the Chairman of the Faculty of Otolaryngology and Chief Examiner in ORL and you were Chairman of the local organising committee for the 40th Scientific Conference of the West African College of Surgeons at the Millennium Conference dubbed 'Kumasi 2000'.

Professor Brobby, you have travelled widely as a Visiting Fellow to institutions which include the University Department of ENT in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Zambia as well as attachments as the University of Sheffield Department of ENT; Royal Hallamshire Hospital and the University of Liverpool ENT Department in the United Kingdom.

Through various travel Fellowship awards by WHO and the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf (CSD), you have visited Malta, Cyprus, India and Israel purposely for the promotion of Deaf Education and Prevention of Deafness in Third World Countries.

Professor Dr. Dr. Brobby, you have acted as External Examiner since 1988 for the West African Postgraduate Medical College in Ibadan; the University of Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania and the University of Ife, Nigeria.

You are Associate Editor in the Journal of Otolaryngology, West Africa; Hearing International, Japan and a Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the Ghana Medical Association. You have written chapters as most valuable contribution to two international standard textbooks in ENT and

the one on Surgery in the Tropics. You have thirty-seven (37) publications in recognized journals of international repute and three (3) WHO publications to your credit.

Professor Dr. Dr. Brobby, you were appointed as a WHO Consultant on Prevention of Deafness and Hearing Impairment in 1996 and elected Chairman for the first two Consultative Meetings.

As a dynamic, hardworking clinician, a researcher, a full professor, a Head of Department and an excellent ENT Surgeon, you have exhibited academic excellence both in your field of specialization and in medical education.

Amongst your greatest achievements are the establishment of Postgraduate Training at the School of

Medical Sciences; The Kumasi Hearing Assessment Centre at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital; the only centre recognized by WHO in the whole Sub-region, and the Kumasi Collaborative Centre for Research into Tropical Medicine (KCCR) and the building of the Goldhouse Hostel by the magnificent generosity of the Ashanti Goldfields Company (AGC).

Professor Dr. Dr. George Wireko-Brobby, you have indeed served your nation; the International Committee; the Ghana medical association and distinguished yourself as a medical educationist, a clinician and a researcher in your field of specialization.

We, therefore, confer on you today the greatest and the highest honour of our Association- The Fellowship of the Ghana Medical Association.