

FELLOWSHIP AWARD 2001

Doctor HORATIO ATOM BEECHAM, Surgeon, Teacher and General Practitioner; you attended the most prestigious secondary schools in the country, Achimota School, Accra. You then proceeded to St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School of the University of London from where you graduated in 1962. You returned home in 1964 and worked in the Ministry of Health as a Medical Officer. In 1965, you were seconded to the Department of Anatomy of the newly established Ghana Medical School. In 1967, you left for another prestigious university, McGill University in Canada to start your residency programme in surgery at the Montreal General Hospital. On completing your surgical training in 1971, you returned home with the Fellowship of the Canadian College of Surgeons in 1972 and was appointed lecturer in the Department of Surgery of the University of Ghana Medical School. You are remembered by your students from the pleasant way you taught surgery both in the classroom and in theatre. You were elected to the Fellowship of the West African College of Surgeons. It was with a sense of great loss that they watched you take the alternate path to private practice. The loss of your students became the gain of the people of Dansoman, a community you now serve both as a surgeon and a general practitioner.

In your short stay in the country as a medical officer, your interest in the affairs of the Ghana Medical Association saw you appointed as the Secretary to the Greater Accra Division, a position you held until you left for your postgraduate training in Canada. You became a member of the national Executive Council from 1984 to 1989. Presently, you are a member of the Association's Ethics Committee.

In private practice, you were elected Vice-Chairman of the Society of Private Medical and Dental Practitioners from 1984 to 1989. Your contribution to private medical practice has centred around health insurance. You were very active in the first private health insurance scheme in the country and were instrumental in promoting treatment guidelines for members of the scheme. Your interest in health insurance is still current as you contribute to the management of the Metropolitan

Insurance Company's Metcare scheme as a member of the Medical Review Board.

For a period spanning a decade you contributed to the Medical and Dental Council first as a member and subsequently as Acting Chairman and then Chairman. Many doctors will remember you as they recall their swearing of the Hippocratic oath.

Horatio Atom Beecham, in recognition of your immeasurable service to the Association, the medical profession and the community you serve, we confer on you today the highest honour of Fellow of the Ghana Medical Association with all its rights, privileges and responsibilities.

Brigadier Doctor ALBERT BOAKYE GYENING, Soldier, Dermatologist and Health Administrator; you have had a distinguished career in the Ghana Armed Forces since your commissioning in October 1971 as a Captain. You rose through the ranks to become a Brigadier in 1993. Born in Kumasi, you attended Prempeh College from where you entered the University of Ghana in 1962 as one of the pioneer students of the medical school. You arrived at the 37 Military Hospital as a medical officer in 1970 after your house jobs at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, having graduated from the University of Ghana Medical School in June 1969. You received further training in Medicine at the University of London and the prestigious University of Edinburgh obtaining diplomas in Dermatology and Venereology in 1975 and 1976 respectively. Since 1978 you have practiced at the 37 Military Hospital as a Skin Specialist. You were appointed Office in Charge of the Military Hospital Library in 1979, Officer in Charge of the Medical Division from 1983 to 1987, Acting Commanding Officer (for six months) and Commanding Officer from June 1985 to June 1990. Your career path took you to the top of medical services administration in the military as the Director of Medical Services in the Ghana Armed Forces in June 1990, a position you held until you retired in January 2001. In your retirement you continue to work at the 37 Military Hospital as a Skin Specialist.

The alumni of the University of Ghana Medical School honoured you by electing you President of its association and your contribution to the 25th anniversary celebration of the school is well recognised. Now, you also serve on the council of the University of Ghana Alumni Association.

Your contribution to the medical profession in Ghana include membership of the Executive Council of the Ghana Medical Association from 1988 to 1990 and membership of the Ghana Medical and Dental council since 1990. You attend association meetings and have hosted continuing education sessions at the hospital you commanded. It was during your term as Director of Medical Services that the 37 Military Hospital received substantial facelift and new facilities and is now designated a national emergency centre.

The Association recognises your contribution to the medical and military professions and salutes you by conferring her highest award of Fellow of the Ghana Medical Association along with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities it carries.

Reverend Doctor IAN FREDERICK

ADUKWEI HESSE, Pastor, Physician, Physiologist; you attended Achimota School in Accra from where you entered the University of Ghana Medical School directly without the Pre-medical course because of your outstanding performance at GCE 'A' level. While at the Medical School your interest in Physiology led you to acquire the Intercalated BSc degree before graduating in 1978. After your housemanship you returned to your interest in Physiology and pursued further training leading to a PhD degree in Physiology from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom in 1983. You worked at various hospitals in England and Wales and in 1987 obtained the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (UK). You returned home in 1988 and were appointed Lecturer in the Departments of Physiology, and Medicine and Therapeutics. You are currently a Senior Lecturer in these departments. You have served the Medical School in many capacities and helped improve the learning environment in your departments. You have maintained good relations with the Ministry of Health and are currently their consultant on Accident and Emergencies working on policies and clinical practice guidelines.

You have served the medical profession in many ways, even as a medical student when you were secretary to the Ghana Medical Students' Association. You actively participated in the struggle against 'Unigov' by the Professional Bodies Association in the late 1970s. You have served the Ghana Medical Association as its Assistant Secretary (1989 – 1992) and later Vice-President from 1995 to 1997. During your tenure you participated in salary negotiations for doctors, helped modernise the Association's secretariat and was instrumental in the provision of cars for doctors.

Your research interests span very important areas as hypertension, asthma and tuberculosis. You have published on these in peer-reviewed journals including the Ghana Medical Journal. You have also extended these interests to the benefit of the nation by establishing the Ghana Asthma Society and you are a member of the Board of the Ghana National Tuberculosis Programme.

You like music and played viola in the Achimota School Orchestra and sang tenor in the school choir as well as the Ridge Church Choir. You have been involved in religious affairs in this country in various capacities including membership of the Prisons Ministry, member of council of the Accra Ridge Church and have been involved in many other Christian institutions in the country. In 1996 you completed your training at the Ramsyer Training Centre at Abetifi and the Presbyterian of Ghana ordained you a Reverend Minister.

For your services to the Association, the medical profession and the nation Ghana as a teacher, medical politician, and pastor, the Ghana Medical Association proudly honours you and confers on you its highest award of Fellow of the Ghana Medical Association along with its rights, privileges and responsibilities.

Doctor AFUA ADWO JECTEY

HESSE, Surgeon, Gender Advocate and Health Manager; you attended Wesley Girls High School from where you entered the University of Ghana Medical School in 1971 graduating MB, ChB in 1977 with Credit in Community Health. You also were the Best Student in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and received the Pioneer Tobacco Company Award for the Best Student during the medical course. After completing your house jobs you entered the postgraduate training programme in Surgery at the Ghana Medical School. In 1981

you left for the United Kingdom to continue with your training in Surgery. You worked in several positions and various cities in both England and Wales and obtained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeon in 1983. You are also a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons. You returned home in 1988 to the post of Lecturer in Paediatric Surgery at the Ghana Medical School and Surgical Specialist at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital. Presently you are a Senior Lecturer in Paediatric Surgery. You have served the university in various capacities as member of committees and boards.

You served the Ghana Medical Association as a member of the national Executive Council for several years and was its Honorary Secretary from 1992 to 1997. During this period you contributed in many ways to the running of the association including the modernisation of its office. You have also served locally as a member of the Nurses and Midwives Council, Medical and Dental Council, and internationally on the council of the West African Society of Gastroenterologists, and the Pan African Paediatrics Surgical Association. You were part of the team that did the initial epidemiological survey on Buruli ulcer in the Ga District and serve on the National Advisory Board on Buruli ulcer. You have also contributed to a WHO manual on the surgical management of the disease. Your contribution to public health have also included assisting the Ministry of Health develop criteria for including health institutions into the Ghana Health Insurance Scheme, and the development of the cervical cancer screening plan in 1996.

Your involvement in medical affairs in Ghana and abroad has earned you a place of respect among your peers. For five years (1990 to 1995) you were President of the Society of Ghana Women Medical and Dental Practitioners. During your stay as President of the Society you established the first Well Woman Clinic in Ghana. You have been the Chairman of the "Advocacy for Women's Health" group in Ghana, a local network responsible for coordinating activities on women's health since 1993. You chaired the Ethics and Resolution Committee of the Medical Women's International Association from 1995 to 1998 and subsequently became the Vice-President of the same association from 1998 to 2001. You were the co-chairperson and then Regional Coordinator of the Multidisciplinary African Women's Health Network and have been responsible for the production of its Newsletter.

You have pursued an academic career in Paediatric Surgery and attended conferences and published in that area. You have also attended several international and national conferences on issues relating to population, and women's health. You attended the UN Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 and have been involved in some of its follow-up activities. You have also been involved in the activities related to the International Conference on Population and Development since 1994.

Doctor Hesse, in recognition of your service to the Ghana Medical Association, and the health of women you are today honoured with the title Fellow of the Ghana Medical Association with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities thereof.

Doctor PATRICK ERIC KARIKARI, Dental Surgeon and Medical Administrator; you attended Prempeh College from 1965 to 1972. You then left for Romania where you studied dentistry at the Institute of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest from 1975 to 1980. You also benefited from a Japan International Cooperation Agency sponsored training in clinical dentistry at University of Kyushu in Japan. You also obtained an MSc in Health Services Planning and Management from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi.

Soon after your qualification as a dental surgeon, you returned home to Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital and worked your way up the ladder from house officer in 1981 to Principal Dental surgeon in 1996. As a dental surgeon with a special interest in restorative and preventive dentistry, you have pursued your profession beyond the walls of the teaching hospital. You have been involved in providing oral health education not only to medical and nursing students but to communities. You were instrumental in the establishment of the dental department of the Komfo Anokye Polyclinic, and helped plan and coordinated the oral health component of Operation Smile International/Operation Ghana Medical mission in 1990. You have contributed to the establishment of quality assurance system at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital.

You have presented papers at conferences and workshops on your area of specialisation. You have also participated in workshops as a facilitator. You have contributed to policy development of a medium term strategic plan and policy for Oral health in Ghana. You have championed the cause

of Quality Assurance in health care through training workshops.

You were chairman of the Ashanti Division of the Junior Doctors Association from 1983 to 1986. Your contribution to the Association was as the Secretary to the Ashanti Division from 1989 to 1994 and Honorary Assistant Secretary of the Association from 1990 to 1994. It was during your tenure as Assistant Secretary that the first ever Medical Week of the Association was held in the Upper West Region.

You are a religious person of the Presbyterian denomination. Your contribution to the church has been at a high level, holding the position of Presbyter of Ramseyer Memorial Presbyterian Church so well that you were re-elected on two occasions. You also sit on the Board of Governors of the Ramseyer Institute and have sat on numerous committees related to church activities.

Doctor Karikari, for all these achievements and contribution to the Association, your church and community we honour you today by conferring on you the highest award of Fellow of the Ghana Medical Association with its rights, privileges and responsibility.

Doctor KWEKU ANAN ODUM, Surgical Specialist and Teacher; you spent practically all your primary and secondary school days in Cape Coast. When you left Mfantshipim in 1960 after your GCE 'A' level, you taught for a while at the Queens New Collage and Ghana National College where in fact you did your GCE 'O' level. You then left for Germany and studied at the Medical Faculty of the University of Heidelberg for your medical degree from 1962 to 1968, appointed a Research Assistant in 1968 before presenting your

dissertation in 1970. You returned home in 1971 expecting that you could do your postgraduate training here. You were posted to Tamale Central Hospital as a medical officer. You returned to Germany in 1973 for specialisation in Surgery and Traumatology and later specialised further in Urology. You worked as a urologist in Germany from 1984 to 1988 when you returned home. You worked briefly as a surgical specialist at Effia Nkwanta Hospital, Sekondi and then was transferred to the Central Hospital at Cape Coast where you have worked until you retired in 2000.

You have served the Central Division of the Ghana Medical Association in many capacities including important standing committees and treasurer. As Chairman of the Division and consequently as member of the Representative Board for five years, you worked very hard to galvanise the division. You are remembered by your colleagues for the way you help organise the first ever Annual General Conference of the Association at Cape Coast in 1995. The GMA has on record that you are among the few committed and regular volunteers for its Annual Health Week programmes in the Northern Sector of the Country. Your colleagues recall with amazement your energetic participation in the 1998 Health Week activities at Bawku in the Upper East Region when you performed eleven surgical operations in a day.

Doctor Odum, son of one of the Faithful Eight of Mfantshipim fame, your peers of the Central Division are proud to have had you as a member and Chairman. In recognition of your outstanding leadership role in the Association and your contribution to health care delivery in the country we honour you today with the highest award of Fellow of the Ghana Medical Association with its rights, privileges and responsibilities.