

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Colleague

**GHANA GOLDEN JUBILEE TOPICS IN
MEDICINE**
Final Call For Topics!

Calls for Topics for this proposed book to be published, God willing, on 6 March 2007 in commemoration of Ghana's 50 years Independence Celebrations went out in June/July 2004 to 3 Categories of Contributors:

(1) Ghanaians at home (2) Ghanaians in the Diaspora and (3) Friends of Ghanaians. To date, Categories 2 and 3 have produced most Chapters. Contributions from Ghana have come from only 4 people: Dr Emmanuel Kitcher, Professor F T Sai, Professor K Frimpong-Boateng, and Professor Victor Gadzekpo. The good news is that, those who have indicated that they wish to be included in the book, but who are too busy to write fresh articles, can send already published articles for inclusion with prior permission from their publisher. Thus, important previously published papers will appear alongside Dame Cicely Williams' *Kwashiorkor* article in The Lancet (1935). If you have something that constitutes a contribution to knowledge, please e-mail it to me at felix@konotey-ahulu.com before 14 February 2006. One aim of the book is to demonstrate what Ghanaians and their friends have achieved in the realm of health, medical & scientific education,

and research. There is a whole Section of the book devoted to "**How Can We Forget Them?**" that will interest relatives of Medics/Dental Surgeons and non-Medics alike. Work that had been done in Ghana, which new textbooks have ignored, will be amply celebrated. Discoveries that Ghanaians have made abroad, like Kwabena Boahen's phenomenal neuromorphic chips for cortical blindness, and inventions like Israel Narley's donor eye-holder for keratoplasty will be fully published. Other Ghanaians abroad have described how they have contributed to the health care delivery of the countries where they work, and how this contributes towards the Ghanaian home economy. Politicians who enabled Gold Coast to become Ghana are also celebrated in the book. Health Institutions (some from abroad) are described. ***Question is: Do you wish to be associated with this book?*** F I D Konotey-Ahulu [Senior Editor]

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