



PROFESSOR ISABELLA AKYINBAH QUAKYI

PROFILE

Professor Isabella Akyinbah Quakyi, is a Professor of Immunology and Parasitology and Former Dean of the School of Public Health, College of Sciences, University of Ghana. A product of Achimota Secondary School, she earned a BSc. (Hons.) in Human Biology/Immunology in 1973 at the University of Surrey, Guilford, England. From the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), England, she received a Certificate in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in 1974, an MSc. degree in Immunology from Brunel University, Middlesex, England, 1978. She completed her Ph.D. in Immunoparasitology at the LSHTM, University of London, England, in 1980. She lectured in immunology and established the immunology unit at NMIMR, University of Ghana, from 1980 to 1983. From June 1983 to 1990, she joined an international research team at National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA, to conduct malaria vaccine development research. She moved to Georgetown University as Associate Professor from 1990 to 2001. Professor Quakyi's research and teaching over the past 30 decades focused on malaria:

immunity, immunoepidemiology, immunopathology, immunodiagnosis, autoimmunity, molecular immunology and vaccine development. She returned to Ghana, UG, in 2001 having built up substantial international research capacity, scholarship, creativity and interpersonal skills necessary for the leadership to build needed capacity for public health science for academic, teaching, research and extension works at School of Public Health, University of Ghana, Legon where she served as first, the Director of the School from 2002 to August 2006 and then as the first Dean of the School from August 2006 to July 2007. Also making her the first female to be made Dean in the College of Health Sciences, UG. Professor Quakyi has over 60 publications in peer review journals, has received a number of awards and serves on a number of national and international boards and committees. She was elected the First Woman Commonwealth Travel Fellow by the Trustees of the Trust Fund for Medical Research for the West African States within the Commonwealth, London, England, 1982, Council Member, Federation of African Immunology Societies (1992-Present). She is also President of the Immunological Society of Ghana, and member of several WHO/TDR Steering Committee, including the Strategic Discovery Research, Pathogenesis and Applied Genomics, Vaccine Discovery Research, Research Strengthening Group, RCS Plus and South /South collaboration, UNESCO'AAU Chair for Women in Science and Technology in West Africa, 2004 to present. Professor Isabella Quakyi retired in July 2007 and is back teaching at the School of Public Health, University of Ghana on contract and the Principal Investigator (PI) of four ongoing projects at the School of Public Health.