

CITATION OF PROF. IKENNA ONWUEKWE

It gives me great delight and honour to be called to read the citation of a big 'Iroko', a great achiever, trailblazer and a highly reputable scholar whose trail and impact have reverberated both in Nigeria and beyond the shores of the country. He is no other person than Professor Ikenna Onwuekwe; an indigene of Anambra, a professor of Neurology and Neuroscience in the University of Nigeria Enugu Campus and a Consultant Neurologist in the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital (UNTH) Ituku-Ozalla

The Chairman of the occasion and our distinguished guests, I must say that I am not worthy to unlace the shoe lace of this phenomenal and internationally acclaimed scholar, clinician, trainer of trainers and mentor of mentors but can only promise and would endeavour to give a scratch of the abridged version of his citation in a bid to do my best given the circumstance and must quickly render my apologies in advance.

Prof Onwuekwe had a humble beginning. He attended King's College, Lagos where he graduated with an excellent academic record which gained him admission in UNN to study Medicine and Surgery. He graduated in 1995 with MBBS degree that was bagged in style. After his housemanship, he proceeded to Ogun State for his NYSC finishing the service year with a merit award in his trailblazing nature.

He quickly came back to Enugu thereafter to commence his postgraduate medical training in 1997 and bagged his membership and fellowship of the West African College of Physicians in 2000 and 2004 respectively all in one phenomenal sweep.

In 2005, he was appointed lecturer 1 in the department of medicine, University of Nigeria Enugu Campus from where he rose to the rank of a professor in medicine and Clinical Neurology. Similarly, he was appointed Honourary Consultant Neurologist in UNTH Ituku-Ozalla where he taught and mentored medical students and postgraduate doctors till date

Prof Onwuekwe has nurtured numerous consultants who are vastly spread round the globe. He does this seamlessly without any attached sense of entitlement

It may interest you to know that he is the president of Consortium of Advocacy and Research (CADRE), Founder of Enugu Stroke Support Group, Vice Chairman and member, Board of Stroke Action, Nigeria. He is also the Coordinator, Stroke Action, Enugu and the Director of Brainwave Neuro-Consult, Enugu.

He has a strong academic and professional bias in clinical neurology, epileptology, stroke medicine and Neuro-cognitive impairment. He is a devout Christian and an exemplary family man.

The chairman of the occasion, our special guest of honour, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is my singular honour and privileged to present to you, a revered world class scholar, academic and clinician, Prof Ikenna Onwuekwe to you as the guest lecturer for today

Thank you and remain mightily blessed