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Tribute

Professor Effiong Essien Udo Akang, MBBS, FMCPATH, FWACP

Effiong Essien Udo Akang, Professor and Head of Pathology Department, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan died on 31 December 2014 at 55 years of age. He was an erudite reviewer and friend of African Journal of Medicine and medical Sciences.

The late Professor Akang was a distinguished senior member and Head of Department of the Pathology Department, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. He was a 1983 graduate of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) of the University of Ibadan. A fellow of both the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria and the West African College of Physicians, he was a highly respected and outstanding intellectual. He joined the services of the University of Ibadan in 1990 and rose through the ranks to become professor in the year 2000.

Professor Akang was a prolific writer; he authored or co-authored over 160 publications in highly reputed local and international journals, including African Journal of Medicine and Medical Sciences. His areas of interests included Neuropathology where he studied dementia and intracranial neoplasms. Indeed, he is widely acclaimed as one of the foremost Neuropathologists

in Nigeria. His other areas of academic interests included paediatric pathology, malignant lymphomas and breast cancer. He had several local and international research collaborations which included those with the Institute of Human Virology in Abuja, Nigeria, International Agency for Research in Cancer and the University of Chicago, USA. He was a member of several learned societies, which included American Association of Neuropathologists, the International Society of Neuropathology, the International Brain Research Organization, the West African Division of the International Academy of Pathology, to name a few.

He supervised over thirty postgraduate students in the Departments of Anatomy, Pathology, Medicine, Otorhinolaryngology, Oral Pathology and Veterinary Public Health. He served as examiner at both Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels, within and outside of the University.

As a clinician and pathologist, Professor Akang was a workhorse who rarely said no to any assignment. He had seeming boundless energy and uncommon devotion to duty. He was one of the most prompt reviewers of our manuscripts.

Prof. Akang was happily married to Mrs. Fedelia Akang and the marriage was blessed with two children.

We at the African Journal of Medicine and Medical Sciences will sorely miss him. Adieu EEU Akang.