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GHANA ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

2021 FOUNDER'S WEEK CELEBRATION



THEME:

THE 1992 CONSTITUTION: FITNESS FOR PURPOSE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23 - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2021

TIME: 5:00 PM

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FOUNDER'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS, 2021

DAY ONE

PART ONE

- **Guests Seated**
- **Introduction of Chairman**
Prof. Helen A. Yitah, FGA,
Honorary Secretary, GAAS
- **Chairperson's Remarks and Introduction of Speaker**
Justice Prof. Henrietta J.A.N. Mensa-Bonsu, FGA
Immediate Past President, GAAS
- **Presidential Address**
Emeritus Prof. Samuel Kofi Sefa-Dedeh, FGA
President, GAAS
- **Chairperson's Closing Remarks**
- **Honorary Secretary's Remarks**
- **Musical Interlude in Preparation for Induction Ceremony**

EMERITUS PROF. SAMUEL KOFI SEFA-DEDEH, FGA
PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY



Samuel Kofi Sefa-Dedeh is an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Food Process Engineering, University of Ghana. He is a Fellow and currently the President of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is also a Fellow of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology as well as the Kellogg Foundation Leadership Programme in Food Systems.

Emeritus Professor Sefa-Dedeh was the Foundation Dean for the School of Engineering Sciences at the University of Ghana; he was Dean of International Programmes at Legon and was Scientific Advisor to the International Foundation for Science.

He served as Vice Chairperson at FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission based in Rome and Geneva, from 2011 to 2014. Before then he led the Codex Committee for Africa from 2007 to 2011.

He was also the Chairman of a Planning Committee for the Establishment of two public Universities namely; University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani and University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ho.

Emeritus Prof. Sefa-Dedeh was the team lead consultant for the development and preparation of Ghana's second Millennium Challenge Compact. He was also the Board Chairman for the Millennium Development Authority for Ghana's Millennium Challenge Compact 1 and reappointed Chairman for the Millennium Development Authority for Ghana's Millennium Challenge Compact 2 till January 7, 2017.

Currently he serves as the Chairman of the Food Sub-Committee of the Board of the Food and Drugs Authority.

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PART TWO

INDUCTION TO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

1. Preliminary Remarks by Honorary Secretary.
2. Invitation to Vice President (Arts) **Prof. Kofi Opoku Nti, FGA**, to present candidates from the Arts Section.
3. Invitation to Vice President (Sciences) **Emerita Prof. Isabella Akyinbab Quakyi, FGA**, to present candidates from the Sciences Section.
4. Induction to be administered by the President, **Emeritus Prof. Samuel Kofi Sefa-Dedeh, FGA, President, Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences.**
 - a. Reading of Declaration by newly elected Fellows.
 - b. Signing of Register of Fellowship.
 - c. Presentation of Membership Certificates
Emeritus Prof. Samuel Kofi Sefa-Dedeh, FGA, President, Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences.
 - d. Decoration with Brooches by the Vice Presidents
5. Response on behalf of newly inducted Fellows (*Candidates to select their own representative*).
6. Short Exhortation by the President, **Emeritus Prof. Samuel Kofi Sefa-Dedeh, FGA, President, Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences.**

Light Refreshment

LIST OF INDUCTEES 2021

ARTS SECTION

PROF. KOFI AGYEKUM

Professor of Linguistics

You are a Professor of Linguistics. Following the completion of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Linguistics, you went on to study for an M.Phil in the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (1996), and returned to take up a lectureship position in the Linguistics Department while working towards a PhD which you completed in 2003.

Long before the completion of your PhD, you had become widely known for your exceptional competence and fluency in the use of Akan as an effective language for public discourse and debate, from newspaper reviews on radio to radio and TV commentary on major issues of public interest.

Along with this development, you were also making major strides in the study and promotion of Akan through the publication of various pedagogical primers and specialised technical texts, including dictionaries and books on scientific terminology in Akan for various disciplines, such as literary criticism and selected natural sciences. And in doing so, you worked with various collaborators and teams of scholars and teachers.

You have established yourself as a scholar whose research and publications constitute an important point of reference on the Akan language in particular and Ghanaian culture as a whole with over 60 journal articles, a number of book reviews and 13 books. You have received various honours for your achievements: University of Ghana's Best Teacher Award (2007); National Award: Companion of the Volta, for your Contributions to Public Education and the Media (2008); the Kwame Nkrumah Genius Award for the Use of Mother Tongue in the Media.

Professor Kofi Agyekum, on the strength of your scholarship and outstanding work as an Akan Language educator and research scholar, a public intellectual who has earned for himself a proud reputation as a principal consultant on Akan/Ghanaian language and culture, you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on 08 July 2021.

Congratulations.

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ARTS SECTION

PROF. MARTIN ODEI AJEI

Professor of Philosophy and Classics

You are an Associate Professor at the Department of Philosophy and Classics at the University of Ghana. Your research interests focus on African Philosophy, applied ethics, political philosophy, and philosophies of liberation. In the past decade, these interests have narrowed to analyzing and elaborating a Ghanaian tradition of philosophy, with a view to addressing the marginalization of African theoretical perspectives in political theorizing, and the presumptions that give rise to such marginalization.

In seeking inspiration for foundational justification for normative ideals from Africa's indigenous knowledge and values practices, your work places into perspective parochial streaks in philosophy that proclaim the universal validity of Western political thinking that have sustained historically inherited images of Africa's deficiency in contributing to global intellectual culture.

Your work conforms to the idea of philosophy as the self-interpretation of culture - in the sense of philosophy being an endeavour to give meaning to one's world and existence. This follows the theoretical footsteps of eminent Ghanaian philosophers and Fellows of the Academy, such as Prof Kwame Gyekye, (of blessed memory), Prof Kwasi Wiredu, and Prof William Abraham; and thus anchors your current project of elaborating a Ghanaian tradition of philosophy.

You championed the establishment of a Bio-ethics section of the Department of Philosophy and Classics approved by the School Management Committee of the School of Arts. The Centre has since won a grant for collaborative work with Global Initiative in Neuropsychiatric Genetics, a programme established by the Broad Institute at the University of Oxford under a memorandum of Understanding with the University of Ghana.

On the strength of your highly noteworthy current philosophical orientation and achievements you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on July 08 2021.

Congratulations.

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JUSTICE SOPHIA ABENA BOAFOA AKUFFO (RTD)

Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana

You are the immediate past Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana. Ghana's 13th Chief Justice and the 5th to be appointed to the position since the inception of the Fourth Republic in 1992. You hold a Masters degree in Law from Harvard University, and a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Ghana, graduating as one of five female students among a class of thirty-five. You were the recipient of the coveted Mensah Sarbah Prize for the Best Law student in the graduating class of 1975 at the Ghana School of Law.

After qualifying as a Barrister-at-Law from the Ghana School of Law in 1975, you worked for about twenty years as a lawyer in various positions before being called to the bench in 1995. You did national service with the Legal and Consular Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ghana and worked in private legal practice with U.V. Campbell & Co. and W.E. Fugar & Co. From 1979 to 1982, you worked as a Legal Officer and Deputy Corporation Secretary of Ghana Airways Corporation. You later became the Legal & Relations Manager/Company Secretary for the Mobil Oil Ghana Group from 1982 to 1992. This included Mobil Oil Liberia Ltd and Mobil Oil Sierra Leone Ltd.

Justice Akuffo, you retired, as the longest serving Supreme Court Justice that Ghana has ever had in its Republican history because of the young age at which you were appointed to the Supreme Court. You served for over 20 years. Your experience in the court showed in the quality of your judgments. In addition to your promotion to Chief Justice, you were earlier appointed to the African Court on Peoples and Human Rights in Arusha, rising to lead it as President of the Court. Your zeal for the use of information and communications technology (ICT) to reform the judicial system is also evidenced by your publication, "The Application of Information & Communication Technology in the Judicial Process-the Ghanaian Experience," a presentation to the African Judicial Network Ghana (2002).

You have diligently served in positions on various Boards, Commissions, and Committees over the years, both in Ghana and in the African Union. You served as the Chairperson of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Task Force, Vice President (Special Projects) of the Governing Committee of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Universal Rights Group (Geneva), and even after retirement, you continue to serve your country with much fervor as the chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the COVID-19 National Trust Fund, which was inaugurated in March 2020 to receive donations from the public to assist in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Justice Sophia Abena Boafoa Akuffo, on the strength of your scholarship, erudition, insight and instinct for justice you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on 21 October 2021.

Congratulations.

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ARTS SECTION

PROF. NANA ABA APPIAH AMFO

Professor of Linguistics

You are the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana. Prior to this you were the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Academics and Students Affairs at the University of Ghana, Legon. You are a Professor of Linguistics with additional training in higher education management and leadership from Harvard Business School, University of Applied Sciences, Germany, and INSEAD, France.

You have contributed in expanding the frontiers of Akan linguistics and pragmatics (language use in context) by your consistent research over the past fourteen years resulting in peer-reviewed publications which have in turn triggered and influenced other studies both on the continent and elsewhere on studies in African, Asian and general linguistics. You have also contributed significantly to the classification of function words and how they contribute to understanding of utterances.

In 2017 you were elected to serve on the Consultation Board of the International Pragmatics Association (IPrA) as the first African to serve on the Consultation Board of IPrA since its establishment in 1986. You led the revival of the Linguistics Association of Ghana in 2019, after a protracted period of inactivity, becoming its substantive president in 2010 – 2014. You also led the establishment of the Association's Journal – Ghana Journal of Linguistics

Beyond Linguistics circles, your scholarly engagement has been felt within the humanities fraternity in Africa. In 2009 – 2010, you were awarded an African Humanities Program (AHP) Post-doctoral Fellowship of the American Council of Learned Societies, sponsored by Carnegie Corporation. You distinguished yourself on the programme and now serve as an assessor and mentor. Recently, you have joined the Steering Committee of the AHP as it transitions into a completely African-based and run Programme.

You are a pioneer fellow, senior scholar, and Chair of the Steering Committee of the African Humanities Program of the American Council of Learned Societies. You are also a fellow of the German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD), Commonwealth Professionals Fellowship, and the prestigious International Women's Forum Leadership Program. You have recently been awarded a George Foster Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Professor Nana Aba Appiah Amfo, on the strength of your scholarship and industry in the field of African Linguistics, you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on 21 October 2021.

Congratulations.

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ARTS SECTION

PROF. ADAMS BONLACHER BODOMO

Professor of African Languages and Literature

You are a Professor of African Languages and Literature at the University of Vienna, the first African to achieve that distinction at that esteemed European University. You completed both the MPhil and PhD in Linguistics in Norway and was appointed a part time Lecturer in Norwegian University of Science and Technology. You later took up a Lectureship position at Stanford University of Science and Technology and shortly after that took up a Lectureship position at Stanford University. You were also Associate Professor in the School of Humanities at University of Hong Kong.

You are an eminent scholar of African Literature, Linguistics and Diaspora Studies. Your leadership skills helped persuade University of Hong Kong to introduce a programme in African Studies with you as founding director. You have published in the most prestigious research journals in various fields, among them, *China Quarterly*, *Studies in African Linguistics*, *Lingua*, *Studia Linguistic* and *Natural Language and Linguistics Theory*.

You currently run a \$100,000 research project on Global African Diaspora Studies at the University of Vienna. You have lectured and published widely on topics in Linguistics and Literature, and on Diaspora and international issues such as Africa - China - West relations.

You have served as lecturer, visiting scholar, or professor at many universities across four continents including the University of Ghana, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Stanford University, and the University of Hong Kong. You are the author of the first book on the African Diaspora in China (*Africans in China*, Cambria Press, 2012).

Professor Adams Bonlacher Bodomo, on the strength of your scholarship and contribution to knowledge creation in the field of African Languages and Literature, you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on 21 October, 2021.

Congratulations

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ARTS SECTION

PROF. PETER QUARTEY

Professor of Economics

You are the Director of the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana. You hold a PhD in Development Economics from the University of Manchester (UK), MSc in Quantitative Development Economics (University of Warwick, UK), MPhil. Economics (Ghana), and BA Economics (Ghana).

You are a former Head, of the Department of Economics and Director (Economic Management Programme), University of Ghana. You served as the Deputy Director, Centre for Migration Studies (University of Ghana) and also Head, Economics Division, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana. You have been re-elected recently to the nine-member Board of Directors of the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB), for a second term.

You have published extensively with over 2300 Google Scholar citations. Your research interests are: Financial and Monetary Sector, Private Sector Development including SMEs, Development Finance, Migration and Remittances and Poverty Analysis.

You have consulted for both local and international institutions including the World Bank, African Development Bank, OECD, USAID, Overseas Development Institute, DFID and many others. You are a member of the African Economic Research Consortium and the Global Development Network. You are generally well known in the circles and networks of African and international development economists.

Professor Peter Quartey, on the strength of your scholarship and contribution to knowledge creation in the field of Development Economics, you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on 21 October 2021.

Congratulations.

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PROF. VICTOR KWAME AGYEMAN

Professor of Forest Ecology

You are the Director-General and Chief Research Scientist of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). You hold a PhD in Ecology and are regarded as one of the foremost Ecologists in Africa.

You are regarded as one of the leading authorities on Tropical Forest Ecology and Management in Africa. You have authored or co-authored 6 books, 2 Chapters in Books, 10 handbooks, 37 Journal Publications, 16 Edited Conference Papers and 13 Edited International Research and Technical Publications and 49 Edited Research Reports. Between 2002 and 2004, you led a Ghanaian team of Experts to work with a team from the African Development Bank to jointly develop a US\$10 million Community Forestry Management Project (CFMP) for MLFM. From 2010 to 2012, you were also part of a three (3) member Ghanaian expert team appointed by MLNR to develop an US\$86 million Forest Investment Project (FIP), with core funds from the Climate Investment Fund of the World Bank. CSIR-FORIG was set to benefit under the FIP from a research grant of US\$ 1.5 million over a period of 5 years.

Between 1994 and 2000, you were able to attract over US\$3 million to CSIR-FORIG either as an individual or team leader of a group of scientists. Between 2000 and 2006, you worked together with a team of officers at the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources (MLNR) and the World Bank to attract almost US\$100 million to the forestry sector. Furthermore, between 2008 and 2014, as Director of CSIR-FORIG, you provided leadership to staff to attract a total amount of about US\$1.0 million in research grants per annum and a further GHS1 million in internally generated funds (IGF) per annum. As Director-General of CSIR, you have led your institution to attract about US\$10 million annually in research grants and a further GHS20 million per annum in internally generated funds (IGF) between 2015 and 2020.

You are the recipient of the 2019 Korean Global Agricultural Technology Cooperation Award, which is a prestigious award by the Rural Development Administration of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea. You were selected from a list of 100 nominees from 22 Countries throughout the world including the United States and some European Union member Countries. You were also the recipient of a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship/Grant to give two lectures at Tufts University in Boston, USA in 2009.

You were selected as one of eleven (11) distinguished personalities, including the former Nigerian Head of State, General Abdulsalami Abubakar, to deliver a series of 11 lectures in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).

Professor Victor Kwame Agyeman, on the strength of your scholarship and industry in the field of Tropical Forest Ecology and Management, you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on 21 October 2021.

Congratulations.

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PROF. REGINA APPIAH-OPONG

Professor of Toxicology/Pharmacology

You are the Head of the Department of Clinical Pathology, Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, College of Health Science, University of Ghana. You are also a Part-time Lecturer at the Department of Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology, College of Basic and Applied Sciences, University of Ghana. You are a leading Toxicologist in Ghana working to develop drugs mainly from natural sources as anticancer, antimalarial, antioxidant, anti-HIV, anti-trypanosomal, anti-buruli ulcer, anti-tuberculosis and anti-leishmanial agents. Your current focus is on anticancer and malarial agents. Through your work, a patent has been filed on anti-trypanosomal compounds from the plant, *Morinda lucida*.

You were a part of a team that adapted the 3-(4, 5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2, 5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT)-based colorimetric assay for high throughput screening for antimalarial agents. This method has been successfully used to screen some medicinal plant components for anti-plasmodial activity. These studies have also provided opportunities for training for students from Universities in Ghana and Nigeria.

You were also involved in drug efficacy studies on a class of anti-HIV drugs known as protease inhibitors which are effective for the HIV subtype in some western countries. Your research established that Ghanaian HIV strains are naïve to all the six protease inhibitors tested, although these drugs are effective in other countries. Recommendation from your work has been that these drugs must not be imported to the country for use by HIV/AIDS patients. Cytochrome P450 (CYP) is a superfamily of drug metabolizing enzymes. It has been established that CYP-mediated drug interactions are a major cause of harmful adverse effects, therapeutic failure and drug attrition from the market. Thus, you have been involved in studies that have investigated CYP-mediated drug interactions potential of drug candidates, and natural products.

In vitro studies you carried out suggested that curcumin, a derivative of the plant *Curcuma longa*, which has interesting pharmacological properties including anticancer drug candidate is strongly inhibited by CYP3A4 enzyme that is responsible for metabolism of over 50% of the drugs on the market. This finding suggests that curcumin has the potential to elicit drug interactions when administered with drugs metabolized by the same enzyme.

You are a mentor to young Scientists and your laboratory offers students from tertiary institutions from Ghana and other countries opportunities for training on tissue culture techniques and various approaches and bioassays used to characterize plant components.

Professor Regina Appiah Opong, on the strength of your scholarship and industry in the field of Toxicology, you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on 21 October 2021.

Congratulations.

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PROF. PETER RICHTER LAMPTEY

Professor of Public Health

You have been Professor of Global Non-communicable Diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine with joint appointments in the Faculty of Epidemiology and Population Health and the Faculty of Public Health and Policy since 2012.

Currently, you are a Distinguished Scientist and President Emeritus at FHI 360. You are an internationally recognized public health physician and expert in developing countries, with particular emphasis on communicable and non-communicable diseases. With a career at FHI360 spanning more than 30 years, you have been instrumental in establishing FHI360 as one of the world's leading international nongovernmental organizations in implementing HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and support programs.

Your experience in HIV/AIDS efforts internationally includes collaboration with the World Bank to design and monitor the China Health IX HIV/AIDS Project. From 1987 to 2007, you directed multiple USAID funded HIV/AIDS Projects in over 65 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East.

For over 45 years, your peers have commended your remarkable and outstanding global and local contributions to public health; spanning your contributions on the well-known and landmark Danfa Comprehensive Rural Family Planning Project to your leadership in the global response to the AIDS epidemic in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

You directed the IMPACT Project; a US\$441million project spanning 10 years (1997 – 2007), designed to help US-AID implement effective HIV/AIDS interventions and to increase the capacity of local organisations, public and private, to assume responsibility for their own HIV/AIDS programming.

You have provided public service by serving on several international technical committees such as the National Academy of Sciences of the US and the Lancet Commission. As recently as 2019, you served on the National Academies of Sciences Committee to formulate an agenda for the integration of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

Prof. Peter Richter Lamptey, on the strength of your scholarship and global contributions to public health, you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on 08 July 2021.

Congratulations

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PROF. ERIC SAMPANE-DONKOR

Professor of Bacteriology and Global Health

You are Professor of Medical Microbiology at the University of Ghana. You hold doctoral degrees in Infectious Diseases and Public Health from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; and University of Iceland respectively. You undertook your postdoctoral studies in Microbial Genomics at the University of Cambridge.

You have published 90 peer reviewed articles in reputable international journals such as MBio, BMC Genomics, Lancet Infectious Diseases, PLoS ONE and Pathogens. You are the lead corresponding author of 60 of these papers. Your work makes an important contribution to the field of infectious diseases. For example, your research on *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (a leading cause of pneumonia; meningitis and sepsis) contributed to the introduction of the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine in Ghana in 2012 and also earned you the African Prize of the Robert Austrian Award in Pneumococcal Vaccinology.

You are an Editor for the Pathogens Journal (Impact Factor = 3.4) based in Basel, Switzerland and the Journal of Ghana Science Association. At the University of Ghana, you are the current head of the Department of Medical Microbiology and Chair of the College of Health Sciences Research Board.

With the increasing significance of infectious diseases in Ghana and globally, your expertise continues to be highly sought and you commendably deliver diligently.

Prof Eric Sampane-Donkor, on the strength of your scholarship and diligence in the twin fields of Bacteriology and Global Health, you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on 8 July 2021.

Congratulations.

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DR. NII NARKU QUAYNOR
Computer Scientist

You are a Computer Engineer by profession and currently adjunct Professor of Computer Science at the University of Cape-Coast. You are a product of Dartmouth College where you graduated in 1972 with B.A (Engineering Science). You later received a Ph.D. (Computer Science) in distributed systems in 1977 from S.U.N.Y at Stony Brook becoming one of the first African computer science PhDs.

You worked with Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), U.S.A from 1977 till 1992 when you returned to Ghana to establish the first Internet Service Providers (ISP) in West Africa, operated by Network Computer Systems (NCS) in 1993. NCS established several local and wide area network infrastructure for companies. NCS provided technical services to Telcom companies and assisted other countries gain internet service. NCS also constructed the initial Bank of Ghana's SWIFT network interconnecting 9 banks. You further established one of the first Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Accredited Domain Registrars in Africa. Ghana Dot Com (GDC) in 2006. GDC is a domain name, digital crypto currency, payments and block chain service provider.

You had earlier in 1979 established the Computer Science Department at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. You are the Convener of AfNOG, a network technology transfer institution since 2000 and Founding Chairman of AFRINIC, the African numbers registry.

You are also a Founding Member of AfricaCERT and WACREN. You taught microprocessors with International Center for Theoretical Physics in several developing countries. You are a member of the Ghana Interbank Payment and Settlement Systems (GhiPPS) board, member of Electronic Communications Tribunal and Patron of ISOC Ghana Chapter.

You have served on many Boards, Commissions including ICANN, UN ICT Task Force, IGF MAG, University of Ghana Council, Ghana News Agency (GNA), National Identification Authority (NIA), ICANN Strategy Panel on Public Responsibility and the Global Commission on Internet Governance (GCIG). You are a former chairman of the board of National Information Technology Agency (NITA) in Ghana. You remain the Chairman of Ghana Dot Com (GDC).

Dr. Nii Narku Quaynor, on the strength of your scholarship and industry and pioneering role in the field of Computer Science and Engineering in Ghana, you were elected to Fellowship of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences on 08 July 2021.

Congratulations.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2021 | 5:30 PM

**SYMPOSIUM ON SUBTHEME:
The 1992 Constitution: Achievements and Challenges to
Constitutional Governance**

Topic I: Achievements and Enduring Legacy of the 1992 Constitution
Speaker: *Prof. Raymond Akongburo Atuguba, Associate Professor and Dean, School of Law, University of Ghana*

Topic II: Threats and Challenges to Constitutional Governance: Political Culture, Corruption and Missing Civil Society Advocacy
Speaker: *Prof. Ernest Aryeetey, FGA, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana; Secretary-General, African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)*
Chairman: *Emerita Prof. Isabella A. Quakyi, FGA, Vice President, Sciences Section*

DAY 3: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2021 | 5:30 PM

**SYMPOSIUM ON THE SUB-THEME:
The 1992 Constitution: In Search of Purposeful Reforms for the
21st Century**

Topic I: Bolstering Other Arms of State as Counterweight to Executive Power
Speaker: *Justice Prof. Dennis Dominic Adjei, FGA, Justice of the Court of Appeal, Ghana*

Topic II: Promoting Local Governance, Decentralization and Democratic Engagement
Speaker: *Dr. Esther Ofei-Aboagye, Chairperson of Star-Ghana Foundation and Former Director, Institute of Local Government Studies*
Chairman: *Prof. Kofi Opoku Nti, FGA, Vice President, Arts Section*

DAY 4: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2021 | 5:30 PM

5.30PM KWAME NKRUMAH MEMORIAL LECTURE

Topic: Reflections on the Ghanaian Regulatory State
Speaker: *Prof. Joseph Roland Atsu Ayei, FGA, Department of Political Science, University of Ghana, Legon*
Chairman: *Emeritus Prof. Samuel Sefa-Dedeh, FGA, President of the Academy*

BRIEF HISTORY ABOUT FOUNDER'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS

The Academy's Anniversary programme is the oldest of its traditions. It started in November 1960 as the first Anniversary celebration and in November every year, since then, the Academy has celebrated the Anniversary. The week is always intense with activities, as attention is firmly focused on important national or topical issues. The Founder's Week starts with the Presidential Address delivered by the President of the Academy. It is followed by a three-day symposium on a selected subject quite often, of topical or national interest. The last day is dedicated to what used to be called the Anniversary Lecture, now renamed the 'Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lecture' in memory of the Founder.

In 2003 a foundation member of the Academy, Professor Alexander Kwapong, who was then Chairman of the Council of State, delivered the maiden Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lecture on "The Academy's Foundations, and its Role in National Development". Another foundation member, Emeritus Prof. J. H. Kwabena Nketia gave the 2004 Kwame Nkrumah Memorial lecture on 'Kwame Nkrumah and the Arts'. In 2005, Dr. Letitia E. Obeng, Past President of the Academy gave the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lecture on the topic 'Kwame Nkrumah and the Sciences'.

Since then the following Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lectures have been given:

- 2006 Vision and Commitment in National Leadership, *Prof. Akilagpa Sawyerr, FGA*
- 2007 Ideology, Leadership and Aspects of Kwame Nkrumah's Political and Social Agenda, *Justice Prof. Modibo Tawiah Ocran*
- 2008 The Foreign Policy of Kwame Nkrumah: The Legacy and What is in it for Us, *Dr. E. M. Debrah.*
- 2009 The House that Kwame Nkrumah Built, *Prof. Agyeman Badu Akosa, FGA*
- 2010 The Real-politic of Kwame Nkrumah, *H. E. K. B. Asante*
- 2011 Kwame Nkrumah and the Private Sector: Lessons in Economic Development for the Twenty First century, *Mr. Tony Oteng-Gyasi*
- 2012 The Changing Face of Ghanaian Towns since Independence: From Nkrumah to Contemporary Times, *Prof. A. A. Adarkwa, FGA*
- 2013 Science, Technology and Innovation for National Development, *Prof. Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere, FGA.*
- 2014 Political Leadership and Economic Transformation in Ghana, *Prof. E. Gyimah-Boadi, FGA.*
- 2015 People and Planet: The (Moral) Imperative to Change Course (Pope Francis' Encyclical on Integral Ecology), *His Eminence Peter Cardinal K. Appiah Turkson, FGA.*
- 2016 The Future of the University in Africa, *Prof. Ernest Aryeetey, FGA.*
- 2017 Kwame Nkrumah, the Man and his Legacy, *Prof. E. S. Ayensu, FGA.*
- 2018 Saving Lake Chad and the Unification of Africa: The Inspiration of Kwame Nkrumah, *Horace Campbell*

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- 2019 Engendering Scholarly Excellence: The Challenge for Knowledge Production, Policy and Practice, *Emerita Prof. Takyiwaa Manuh, FGA*
- 2020 Building a Lasting Democratic Culture Through the Exercise of Political Religious Tolerance, *Most Rev. Dr. Peter Sarpong, FGA.*

Themes of the Founder's Week Lectures till date are as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Theme</i>
1971	Management, Administration and Development
1972	Education and Society: Education in Ghana at the Beginning of the 21st Century
1973	Food, Population and Politics
1974	Education and Manpower
1975	Traditional Institutions of Our Society
1976	Energy for Development*
1977	Education in Ghana at the Beginning of the 21st Century
1978	Science and Technology for Development*
1979	Agricultural and Industrial Production for National Survival*
1980	Human Rights and the Democratic Process
1981	National Development: Problems, Solutions and Strategies
1982	Health for the Community*
1983	The Political Economy of Ghana: Analysis, Perspectives and Options
1984	The Place of Learning in National Life
1985	Management and Development
1986	Education and Human Values in Nation Building
1987	Decentralization and National Integration
1988	Natural Resources and their Management: Present and Future Challenges*
1989	The Future of Our Cities
1990	Accountability in National Life
1991	Ghana in the Year 2000
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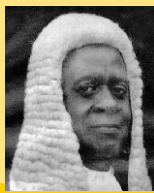
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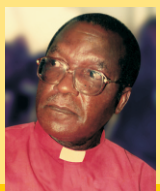
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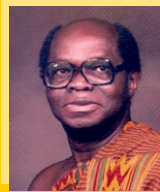
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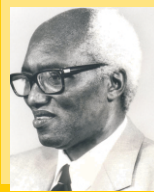
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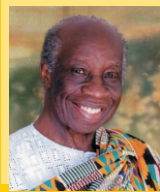
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