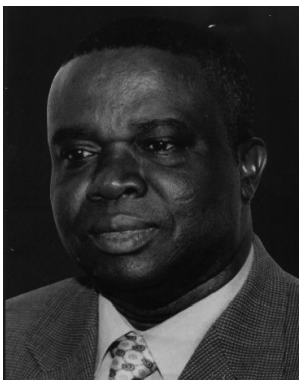
Obituary

Dr Francis Kwadwo Boachie

February 17, 1950 – September 6, 2012



At dawn 17th February, 1950, in a little town of Nerebehi in the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana a child was born. It was a Monday and being a male was customarily called Kwadwo. When he was three years old he was attacked by polio which made him paralyzed for some time. When he could finally walk he limped on his right leg. This made his parents nickname him 'Kwadwo nso Nyame ye' literally meaning 'nothing is impossible for God' which eventually became his real name. Kwadwo truly lived by this name and proved that his handicap will never stand in his way, by starting school at the age of 5, which was not common in Ghana at that time.

After his Secondary School Education in 1970 he taught in a Teachers Training college where he gained admission to study at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi. Whist there he got another scholarship to study Veterinary Medicine at the University of Nairobi in Kenya from 1972-1976.

On completion he returned home and joined the Ghana veterinary service. He was very hardworking in hi post, and was always given a welcoming reception wherever he went, such was the respect he commanded.

His dedication to work awarded him yet another scholarship to read for his Master's Degree in Veterinary Medicine in Liverpool University, UK in 1981. He returned home to continue his work with the Veterinary Service. Later Dr Boachie joined Reiss & Co Ghana Ltd., a Dutch Multinational Company as the Manager of the veterinary division from 1985-1995, after which he took a bold step to resign and set up his own company - Frankatson incorporated. This company has now become a leading Veterinary and Agro input supplier in the Ghana, winning many local and international awards. Within the last three years, Dr Kwadwo Boachie received various accolades in recognition of his invaluable contributions to Ghana's Agricultural Sector in general and the Poultry industry in particular.

When the Ghana Branch of the WPSA was inaugurated in Accra by Dr Piet Simons, the then President of the WPSA, on 29th February 1996, Dr Francis Boachie was appointed as one of the first executive members of the WPSAGHB. During this period, he encouraged the association to organize seminars to help improve the Ghanan poultry industry, which was on the verge of collapse at that time. Notable among his contributions was the sponsoring of two important seminars entitled 'The Effect of Cholesterol in Eggs' and 'The Bird Flu and You' when there was an outbreak of bird 'flu in Ghana. He will ever be remembered by poultry farmers for the positive impact these two seminars had on the populace and the market for these products.

Because of the work he did for the WPSA, he was unanimously elected President of the

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Ghana branch in the year 2000 till his demise on the 6th September 2012. Dr Boachie participated in almost all the WPSA Congresses and Conferences Worldwide since Ghana became a member in 1996.

In October 2010, the Ghanan Branch, in collaboration with Frankatson, hosted the first International Animal show, AVIANA in Accra, Ghana. It was a well organised and popular exhibition, and, as a result, in 2011 the second AVIANA show was held.

In his death, we have lost a highly qualified scientist who was respected worldwide for his broad knowledge and experience. We thank God for giving Dr Francis Kwadwo Boachie to us as our president for 12 years. To quote Shakespeare, we would like to say that Dr Boachie's life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say to all the World, this was a man. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

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