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Most important awards, prizes and academies

Lecturer, University of Ghana (1958); promoted from Senior Lecturer etc. to Professor of Chemistry (1974); Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana (1972-75); Vice-Chancellor (1976-83). Various periods spent at University of California at Los Angeles, USA, and University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Director, UNESCO Regional Office of Science and Technology for Africa (1983-85); Regional Director, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Regional Office Eastern and Southern Africa based in Nairobi (1986). Served on Councils and Committees of various UN bodies; President of the International Council of Scientific Unions (1980-83). Member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

Summary of scientific research

He pursued his university career first at the University of California at Los Angeles, and from 1958 at the University of Ghana in Legon, where he has spent all his career and became Vice-Chancellor in 1976. His scientific research has principally been in crystallography. Using x-rays he has studied the structure of various natural organic substances and syntheses. In recent years he has devoted himself to the solution of problems of development in Africa and the education of young African students. He has worked in various international organizations, especially UNESCO and the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), of which he was President 1980-1983.

Main publications

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