

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ENGR. PROF. ANTHONY CLEMENT IGBOANUGO (a. k. a. Original Prof)



Late Engr. Prof. Anthony Clement Igboanugo, (a.k.a Original Prof) (1954 – 2019)

Late Professor Anthony Clement Igboanugo popularly known as Original Prof was born on the 11th April, 1954 in Ogba village, Mbaukwu in Awka South L.G.A. of Anambra State into the family of Late Mr. Emmanuel Afonta Nwankwo Igboanugo and Late Mrs Janet Anyaku Afonta Igboanugo (nee Uko) from Nkitaku, Agulu, Anaocha L.G.A., Anambra State. He obtained his First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC) with Distinction from Creek Road Primary School, Port Harcourt, Rivers State. He later attended Holy Cross Secondary School Umuawulu-Mbaukwu (now Boys High School, Umuawulu-Mbaukwu), Awka South L.G.A. of Anambra State from 1970 to 1975 where he obtained the West Africa School Leaving Certificate

Late Professor A.C Igboanugo attended the University of Lagos, Akoka from 1976 to 1982 where he acquired a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering. He attended the University of Benin from 1989 to 1991 and obtained a master degree in Business Administration and a Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering Design and Manufacturing in 2005 also from the University of Benin. He is a COREN registered Engineer, a member of the Nigeria Society of Engineers, member of Nigeria Institution of Production Engineers, member

Nigerian Institution of Engineering Management, member Nigeria Institute of Industrial Engineers and member of Renewable Energy Thematic Group of Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN), Late Prof. A.C. Igboanugo started his professional career in 1983 as a Mechanical Engineer 1 at the defunct Bendel State Rural Electricity Board, Benin City which later merged with the Bendel State Water Board and now known as Public Utilities Board, Edo State. He worked with the Bendel Transport Service Ltd as a Chief Engineer from 1987-1992. He later worked with Machinery and Spares Company Ltd, Port Harcourt as the General Manager. He joined the services of the University of Benin in 1994 as lecturer II, where he lectured and rose to the rank of Professor in 2013 before his demise. Even though late Professor Anthony Clement Igboanugo was a Professor of Engineering Design and Manufacturing, his post-doctoral research focused on Industrial Engineering and renewable energy fields as a result of his versatility. He contributed significantly to teaching and learning within the University of Benin, the place of his primary employment. He was also an Adjunct Professor, Department of Marine Engineering, College of Technology, Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun, Delta State where he also served as the Head of Department (2014-2016). He was external examiner to a number of Universities including Department of Management Technology, Bells University, Ota, department of Industrial and Production Engineering, Faculty of Technology, University of Ibadan and Department of Industrial and Production Engineering, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

During his work life in the University of Benin, Late Prof Igboanugo served in various capacities. Some of them are Chairman, Ceremonials Committee, University of Benin, Benin City: June 2016 – June 2017, member of a three-man team that prepared a proposal for establishment of an African Centre of Excellence in next Generation Energy Systems with the University of Benin as

lead Institution. He served as a project Engineer that led a team to Ubulu-Uku in Delta State to refurbish an oil-mill for Uniben's client and earned Nigerian Society of Engineer's Award for Engineering Excellence. In 2012, he led an exhibition team as the chairman of Local Organizing Committee (LOC) to Federal University of Technology, Minna (FUTMinna) under the auspices of URPC and won several laurels for the University of Benin. He also led an exhibition team to Abuja for the NOTAP exhibition which held between 9th and 11th September 2013. Prof A.C Igboanugo was a two-time Head of Department (HOD), Department of Production Engineering (2006-2008 and 2010), Chairman Local Organizing Committee on University R & D exhibitions (2012) member, University of Benin Committee on Faculty Exhibition of students projects from March 11, 2011 to February 10, 2013. He was Senate Representative on Board of UniBen Integrated Enterprises Limited (Guest House and Banquet Hall) from October 2006 to October 2008, member, University of Benin Staff and Students Certificate Screening Committee: July 2008 to June 2009, member, Centre for Entrepreneurship Development in 2005, Postgraduate Programme Coordinator, Department of Production Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of Benin. (2004-2010), member, Uniben Central Power House Committee from 2000 to 2003, Department Examinations Officer, Department of Production. Engineering from 1994 to 1997, Faculty of Engineering Examinations Officer from 1998 to 1999 and postgraduate representative of the faculty of Engineering in School of Postgraduate Studies from 2015 to 2016

Aside supervising innumerable number of first degree and Masters degree research projects, he successfully supervised over twenty (20) Ph.D. students, two of whom are now Professors in two Federal Universities in Nigeria. In the same vein, he recorded over one hundred and thirty (130) sustained outputs of high quality peer reviewed research publications both in national and international academic journals. Indeed, Original Prof. made significant contributions in the fields

of Mechanical, Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering disciplines; and all these earned him international reputation in scholarship.

His contributions to education and service to humanity earned him several awards and commendations notable among which are: Nigeria Society of Engineers (NSE), Benin Branch - Merit Award for Engineering Excellence (1991); Nigerian Universities Engineering Students' Association (NUESA) - Award for Meritorious Service (October, 1998); Nigerian Universities Engineering Students' Association (NUESA) - Award for Invaluable Contribution to NUESA (October 1998); The National Association of Industrial and Production Engineering Students (NAIPES) - Award for Excellence for Contribution/Support (August 2001); The National Association of Industrial and Production Engineering Students (NAIPES) - Award for Excellence - Best Lecturer of the Year in the Production Engineering Department (2002); Nigerian Universities Engineering Students' Association (NUESA) - an Award for the Best Head of Department in 2008; Letter of Commendation from the Vice Chancellor, University of Benin for leading the Department of Production Engineering to achieve full accreditation status, tenable for 5 years (2008-2012); Letter of Commendation from the Vice Chancellor, University of Benin for outstanding performance and complete dedication to duty (2012); Nigeria Society of Engineers (NSE), Warri Branch - Merit Award For Engineering Excellence (2018), amongst others.

Professor Igboanugo was a prolific writer and authored a number of books, the latest, a best seller titled "Poetic Engineering in Perspective", a book he published shortly before his demise.

Late Prof. Anthony C. Igboanugo, was married to his beautiful wife Mrs. Bibian Nonye Igboanugo (nee Nwankwo), the union is blessed with four children. He was a devout Catholic and a staunch member of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement of Nigeria. Sleep on, Original Prof and rest in the bosom of your Creator till we meet to part no more.