

## Citation for Folake Segun

Oluwafolakemi Morenikeji Segun had her primary education in New York before moving back to Nigeria with her parents to attend Methodist Girls High School, Yaba. She later attended the University of Ife (as it then was), University of Lagos and finally University of Ibadan where she obtained a master's degree and where she first met her husband, Mr Gbenga Segun, an Old Boy.

Mrs Folake Segun has previously worked as a research scientist in Nigeria and on arriving in the UK worked in the Community Development sector for a variety of charitable organisations in south London. She is currently Chief Executive of Community Waves, which runs Healthwatch Bromley and Healthwatch Lewisham, part of a national initiative by the government to be the consumer champion for health and social care amongst local communities.

Folake Segun became involved with the activities of ICOBA Europe first as a member of WICOBA. When our dear late Chairman, Dr Olumide Awe, realised she had expertise in the area of independent schools and charitable organisations, he invited her to make a presentation at the AGM on the options available to ICOBA Europe in terms of its governance, and charitable aims, especially to the school back in Nigeria.

She has since served on the planning committee of three retreat/reunion events and this evening's lecture/dinner and dance. She is renowned for constantly reminding those present at committee meetings that she did not go to Igbobi College. Many would argue that as an MG girl, she has found her natural home.

Folake's determination and commitment to getting things done in a business manner is very evident. Her organisational skills and constantly refocusing of the committees she has served on to the task ahead, has increased the efficiency and productivity of our deliberations. As if that were not enough, hospitality at her home has become legendary – an incentive indeed to make sure one attends any meeting hosted by her.

She is well regarded and respected amongst the Executive Committee, WICOBA and the wider ICOBA family.

It is with great pleasure that we present Mrs Folake Segun with the ICOBA Europe Merit Award for distinguished service to the Association.