

Citation for Gbenga Segun

Gbenga Segun had his primary education at the University of Lagos Staff School and started at Igbobi College in 1973 where he later became a school prefect and House Captain of Aggrey House. He graduated from the University of Lagos and later obtained a masters degree in Communication Arts from the University of Ibadan.

After working as a book editor for Oxford University Press, Ibadan and Spectrum Books in Nigeria, Gbenga relocated to the UK to further his career in publishing by working for Longman Publishers, FT Law & Tax and the British Medical Journal. Gbenga's love affair with technology was being developed during this period and he made the transition from publishing to a career in Information Technology which has seen him work at a number of Banking and Finance institutions such as the London Clearing House, Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse and the London Stock Exchange Group, his current place of assignment. His work now involves the designing and engineering of database systems to provide analytical and trading platforms.

Gbenga Segun's involvement with ICOBA Europe first began when he was co-opted to serve in the planning of the 2014 retreat by our then Chairman, Dr Sola Odemuyiwa. He was later again co-opted into the interim leadership team as the Director of Organisation under Mr Tayo Awokoya. He has held that post since the fully reconstituted Executive Committee came into being in 2015.

During the period, Gbenga has continued to work hard to promote the image of ICOBA Europe. He has developed the association's website which he continues to maintain and fund himself. He is also responsible for the mailing updates and producing the bi-monthly newsletter, *Hill & Vale News*. He introduced online payment systems and developed and designed new merchandise for the use of association members. Gbenga's vision and aspirations for ICOBA Europe resulted in his proposal to the Executive Committee that we institute a Dr Olumide Awe Memorial Lecture to preserve the name of our beloved late chairman, and what he stood for. In addition his aspirations were for the lecture to act as beacon to our wider community here in the UK. That proposal has become a reality today.

Gbenga is a member of the 73-77/79 set that produced the master plan on how ICOBA can continue to support the future growth and success of the College. For this work, the set collectively received the ICOBA Europe Merit Award in 2010.

Gbenga Segun has been the Chairman of the Planning Committee for both the 2016 Reunion and this evening's event. He has worked diligently and tirelessly in pursuit of excellence in the activities of the association. He has been a true servant, and it is with pleasure that we present him with the ICOBA Europe Merit Award.