

**Jerry Coker-(74-79/81 set) for Services to ICOBA
OLUGBOYEGA JEREMY COKER**

Services to ICOBA

Jeremy was co-opted into the ICOBA committee in 2009, as part of the long-term vision of our Ex Chairman, the late Dr Olumide Awe, to improve both the governance and transparency of the Association.

His initial mandate was to establish adequate reporting channels with a view to bringing the organisation's finances under control.

[A Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser], he embraced this task and introduced more formalised record keeping and accounting to the organisation.

Based on his work, he was elected to serve as Treasurer of the organisation in 2011. He immediately brought a professional approach to the organisation's record keeping and, in addition, took responsibility for the custody of its assets.

As a member of the Executive Committee while the organisation has grown from being ICOBA UK to become ICOBA Europe, he has been actively involved in the strategic as well as the tactical decisions that have been taken since.

Totally committed to the mission of continued improvement to ICOBA Europe, he helps in the organisation and administration of events which have now become "regulars" in the Association's calendar. In this regard he has been instrumental in contributing to the growth and development of the bi annual Retreat. Finding time somehow to help organise sports activities at such events, he was the team captain of ICOBA's football team that won the Principal's Cup at the last NSF games; an honour he has now led the team to twice.

He has gone the extra mile to help foster even better relations with other branches of ICOBA worldwide. Many a long night have been spent on the telephone and in email (and now WhatsApp) communication in order to deal with matters that arise on an ad hoc basis.

From a position of a few numbers on a bank statement in 2009, under his watch, the organisation's bank balance has now grown to a 5-figure sum. While Jeremy feels he is now ready to pass on the mantle, he keeps being "volunteered" for the position.

Professional practice

Jeremy is a chartered accountant, chartered certified accountant and chartered tax adviser.

He trained and qualified with a big four firm and, other than for a couple of years in an American bank, has worked in practice since. He currently works with a firm of chartered accountants in central London as well as having his own small independent practice.

He deals with all aspects of accounting and tax relating to private clients, high net worth individuals, owner managed businesses and small and medium sized enterprises.

He is a past Chairman of the London branch of the Chartered Institute of Taxation (CIOT), and a member of the CIOT's Owner Managed Businesses sub-committee of the Technical committee.

He is currently Vice President of the Association of Taxation Technicians (ATT) and serves on its Council as a trustee and director.

A keen Arsenal supporter, he has run six marathons for charity and, when not playing football himself, can be found admiring the art of football at the Emirates.