

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. REXFORD DICKSON ASIAMAH

Dr. Rexford Dickson Asiamah was born on 15th February, 1946 at Agogo, Asante-Akim, Ghana. He had his academic qualifications from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, with B. Sc in 1973, M. Sc (Soil Science) in 1976 and PHD (Soil Science) in 2000. He also undertook a number of short courses, notable among them were diploma in soil survey, using remote-sensing technologies at ITC, the Netherlands in 1979 and certificate in soil classification and soil monolith preparation, ISRIC, the Netherlands in 1980.

Dr. Asiamah worked from 1976 to 2006 with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), a period of 30 years. His area of specialization was Soil Survey, Classification, Mapping and Land Evaluation. He was employed in 1976 as a Research Officer and worked tirelessly to the high office of Director of Soil Research Institute till he went on retirement in 2006. During his period of service, he showed a great sense of responsibility as shown by his progression. From 1984 to 1989 he served as the Head of Soil Genesis, survey and classification, Deputy Director from 1987 to 1989, Acting Director from 1989 to 1994 and confirmed as Director from 1994 to 2006. Dr. Asiamah was a prominent, internationally acknowledged soil scientist, particularly in soil classification. He was appointed Director of Soils and Fertilizer Network for Africa of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN). Dr. Asiamah was a part-time lecturer in soil science at the Faculty of Agriculture, KNUST for 16 years (1984 – 2000) and served as external examiner for University of Ghana, Legon and KNUST, Kumasi at the M. Phil and P.hD levels. He was also a reviewer for the West African Journal of Applied Ecology, University of Ghana, Legon and the Ghana Journal of Agricultural Science.

He was the President of the Soil Science Society of Ghana from 2001 – 2007, and the current President of Africa Soil Science Society. He was also a life member of the International Union of Soil Sciences. He had over 100 publications comprising, 10 journal papers, 44 edited conference papers and 50 technical and soil survey memoirs.