

## **BIO OF PROF ALEXANDER YAW DEBRAH**

Prof. Alexander Yaw Debrah who is a full Professor holds PhD in Medical Parasitology from Bonn University/Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST). He joined the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at KNUST as a lecturer in 2007 and he is the current Dean, a position he has held for the past six years.

His main research focus is on Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) but his area of interest is in filariasis. He has received a number of awards including American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Travel Award, a nomination by VW Foundation of Germany to attend a forum of Nobel laureates and young promising scientists in Lindau, Germany, the prestigious bi-annual main prize of the German Paul-Ehrlich-Society for anti-infective therapy ("PEG") and the German "Momento Research" Prize. He has a number of ongoing research activities sponsored by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, European Commission, German Ministry of Higher Education and Research (BMBF) and German Research Foundation (DFG) among others.

Prof. Debrah has research collaborations with many international universities and research institutions including University of Bonn, Case Western Reserve University of Cleveland, University of Buea in Cameroon, and *Janssen Pharmaceuticals* among others.

On research, he is involved in a number of research activities including being the overall coordinator of German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) 7.8 million Euros funded project involving three African countries (Cameroon, Tanzania and Ghana) and two German institutions (Bonn University Hospital and Munich University).

Prof. Debrah has over 90 publications in peer-reviewed journals.

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