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der, and construction documents for the Al-Asher International Hotel in Al-Asher of Ramadan City (1992-93), the Nepherte-Bay Tourist Village in Hurghada (1993-94), the Agip Petroleum Company Recreation Building in Marsa-Matrouh (1993-94), and the Agip Petroleum Headquarters in Nasr City (1993-95).

Now living in the United Arab Emirates, Mr. Aboul Naga is the father of Omar, born 8 January 1988. When he is not working, Mr. Aboul Naga enjoys reading, traveling, photography, snooker, football, squash, and croquette.

Kais Mustafa Abou-Taha



Dr. Kais Mustafa Abou-Taha, son of the late Mustafa and of Fatima Abou-Taha, was born on 28 February 1939 in Yafa, Palestine. He attended Cairo University, where he completed an M.B.,B.Ch. in medicine and surgery and a Doctorate of Medicine in internal medicine. This was followed by a P.G.C.D. in diabetology from MOH in Kuwait. The Medicine Council of Canada awarded him the M.C.C.E.E. degree in medicine in 1981.

From 1967 to 1982, Dr. Abou-Taha worked at MOH in Kuwait as the senior medical registrar. He is now a specialist in medicine at MOH in the United Arab Emirates, a physician with the United Nations, a medical consultant to ADNIC, and a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in London. A member of the American, British, and Canadian Diabetes Associations and the International Diabetes Federation, Dr. Abou-Taha has given educational lectures, television interviews, and other media talks. He has produced one educational video entitled *Diabetes, Past, Present & Future*, and written seven books: *Medical Bouquet* (1984), *Text Book in Diabetes* (1987), *Diabetes and Children* (1989), *Better Start for Diabetics* (1989), *A Guide To Cure* (1994), *Hypertension* (1996, 2nd edition 1998), and *Cholesterol & The Heart* (1998).

Listed in *Who's Who in the World* and *Outstanding People of the Twentieth Century*, he was further honored by the Welfare Association and Cultural Foundation in Abu Dhabi. Dr. Abou-Taha enjoys painting, playing chess, and swimming. He and his wife, Fatima Saleh Sukhon, are the parents of Mohannad, Hossam, and Aya. He currently makes his home in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Milan Adam



Professor Milan Adam was born in Pardubice, Bohemia, in the Czech Republic, on 28 May 1928, the son of the late Antonin Adam and Jarmila Adamova. Now married to the former Marie Vinsova and the father of two, Katerina and Barbora, he is a 1952 graduate in general medicine of the Charles University in Prague, with further studies through the Charles University Pediatric Faculty leading to a Ph.D. in 1958 and through the Charles University Faculty of General Medicine leading a D.Sc. in 1969. He received additional scientific training as a visiting scientist at such noted institutions as the State Institute for Rheumatology and Balneology in Budapest, Hungary (1959); at the Rheumatism Institute in Moscow (1964); at the Max Planck Institute for Leather and Protein Research in Martinsried, Germany (1965-66, 1968); at the Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry (1977-78, 1979, 1987); at the Medical Faculty of the University of Oulu, Finland (1987, 1989), and at the Medical Faculties of the Universities of St. Etienne and Creteil (Val de Marne), France (1987).

With on-going research in the binding of heavy metals on collagen in vivo, the determination of rheumatic activity, the switch of collagen synthesis from Type II to Types I and III in osteoarthritic cartilage, the induction of collagen arthritis with Type XI in rats, and the use of collagen gel as a biomaterial in bone defects, Professor Adam has published more than 250 papers in scientific journals worldwide, while also participating in scientific meetings in many European countries, as well as in the U.S.A., Japan, India, and Israel. He has been named to honorary membership in the Polish Society for Internal Medicine, the Polish Society for

Osteoarthrology, the Czechoslovak Society for Rheumatology, and the Czechoslovak Society for Clinical Biochemistry, while being awarded a National Prize from the President of the Czech Republic (1979), the J. E. Purkynje Medal, also from the President of the Czech Republic (1984), and an honorary doctorate from the University of Reims, France (1991).

Professor Adam began his career as a physician with the District Hospital of Rchlabi in 1953-54. Since that time, he has been affiliated with the Research Institute of Rheumatology, also in Prague, with teaching posts at the Chemical University of Prague, at Charles University and at the Institute for Biotechnologies. In 1990, he was vice president of the UNESCO Conference on Education in Mexico City, and from 1991 until 1997 he served as head of the Rheumatology Department of the Postgraduate Medical School in Prague.

Apart from his professional duties, Professor Adam has been active with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Government of the Czech Republic (1989-90), as executive president of the Association of Alumni and Friends of Charles University (1991-97), and as president of the Czechoslovak Socialist Party (1990-91, 1993-98). He is now president of the Society for Research and Utilization of Connective Tissue (Prague).

Felicia Anthonia Adofo



To her credit, Mrs. Felicia Anthonia Adofo has had nine years of classroom teaching experience in the areas of history, government, and religion; fifteen years experience as an office administrator, manager, planner, trainer, and organizer of school-based health education and promotion; ten years experience as a social worker and community mobilizer for cultural and traditional practices affecting women and children; and two years experience as a tutor at the Badagry Teachers Training College. Her current post is director of education for the Ghana Education Service, with on-going lectures provided in the areas of FGM, teen pregnancy, abortion, women's health, and women's rights. She has written one textbook (yet unpublished) entitled *Health Education for Schools*, while providing caring and counseling for anyone who needs her services. Her areas of specialization include counseling on health, career, and social education; gender issues (girl children, women's emancipation); Ashanti language and culture; reproductive health and family life education; and population issues/family and child health issues.

Mrs. Adofo is a member of both the Society for International Development and the International Association for Adolescent Health. In addition, she works as an educator with the Ghanaian Association of Women's Welfare and as executive director of F.I.A.T. (Female Innate Attributes), a non-governmental organization formed to create awareness and self-rekindle the special natural God-given intuitions endowed in women, which, over the years, through cultural practices, have been "submerged," thus making women's social status depreciative and degraded. F.I.A.T.'s aim is:

1. To rekindle the dormant natural God-given attributes and intuition of women;
2. To awaken women out of their slumber through self-awareness and self-assertiveness through resocialization programs;
3. To sensitize and influence government policy makers and traditionalists about women's status and the benefits it will foster for national development.
4. To save children from being "damned" from being brought up by ignorant and "unknowledgeable" women.

The association networks with the National Commission on Women's Development, the Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana, and the Ministry of Health, the latter of which has also recognized Mrs. Adofo for her work in "polio eradication."

Mrs. Adofo was born in Kumasi, Ghana, on 23 October 1943, the daughter of Isaac Twum and Catherine Brobbey (both now deceased). After graduating from the St. Louis Secondary School in Kumasi in 1965, she enrolled at the University of Ghana, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in social sciences three years later. While continuing her postgraduate studies at the University of Cape Coast during 1969-70, from which she earned a Certificate in Education with a concentration in counseling, she began her career as a teacher at St. John's Grammar School (1968-77). She would later take short courses on women in management and senior management at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, on health education organized by the Ministry of Health and other health-related stakeholders, and on women and children's welfare and empowerment organized by the National Commission on Women and Development and many non-governmental organizations.

In 1977, Mrs. Adofo was named assistant headmistress at the Accra High School. She left the school setting for an administrative post with the Ghana Education Service Protocol Unit in 1984, with secondment to the Ministry of Education Project Management Unit (of the Education Sector Adjustment Credit) as trainer and procurement offi-

