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I have served as Head of Department of Veterinary Anatomy, Dean of the Veterinary School, and member IBRO African Regional Committee (ARC). I have served ISN as member Conference Committee, and member Committee for Advancement of Education in Neurochemistry (CAEN).

I was in the Local Organising Committees (LOC) of the ISN/IBRO Schools in Nigeria, 2011, 2013 and 2017; I was the Chair in 2017, and currently Chair of the LOC for the Society of Neuroscientists of Africa meeting holding in March 2019. I have been to an APSN meeting in Taiwan (2013) and two ISN Conferences, Cairns (2015) and Paris (2017), and spoken as a resource person in four ISN-IBRO Schools in the African continent. I have over the years been mentored by distinguished ISN members, Prof Marina Bentivoglio, Prof James Connor to name a few.

As Councilor, I will do my best to sustain and advance ISN mantra of global relevance, excellence and youth development. I will give full support to all ISN programmes targeted at raising the bar for the next generation of neuroscientists globally.

As a Councilor from Africa, I want to add at least 200 new members from the continent to ISN, promote more regional ISN meetings/schools and ensure relative spread of opportunities of ISN across the African continent. I will work hard to encourage more participation of African youths in ISN Young Researcher Programmes, and in publications of research findings in Journal of Neurochemistry.