

AAS honours Prof. George A.O. Magoha

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George A.O. Magoha was honoured by the African Academy of Sciences for fellowship of the Academy for his scholarly and professional contribution to science.

A distinguished scholar and researcher, Prof. Magoha has excelled in his specialized area of urology as a practice and undertaken lead research projects and published extensively within the discipline.

In 2005, two Senior Fellows of the African Academy of Sciences at the University of Nairobi proposed Prof. Magoha to be considered for the Fellowship of the Academy. The application was successful, and he was elected by the Governing Council in December 2006 making him a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (FAAS) with effect from that date.

The African Academy of Sciences was founded in 1985 under the leadership of the late distinguished African Scientist Prof. Thomas R. Odhiambo, and has its headquarters in Nairobi. Its membership covers the entire continent of Africa. The University of Nairobi has played a major role in its governance and administration since its establishment. Election of Fellows is strictly on merit. All African Nobel Laureates automatically become Fellows of the Academy.

For many years, Kenya has had the second highest number of Fellows of the Academy after Nigeria. Prof. Magoha becomes the first Kenyan Vice-Chancellor to be elected Fellow of the FAAS. He became the only Fellow of the Academy in the area of Surgery out of all the 150 Fellows from Africa (including 3 Foreign Fellows).

A hands-on administrator, Prof. Magoha has initiated a successful reform programme at the University in the last three years since his appointment as Vice-Chancellor. He has the following qualifications: MBS, IOM, MBBS (Lagos), FRCS, FWACS, FICS, FABI, FIBA, FCS, FCSA, MSIC, FMSC (Urol), MKNAS.