

## **Dr Olayinka Ogunleye - Member-at-large (four year) - Motivation Letter**

I am Dr Olayinka Ogunleye, an Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics and a Consultant Physician/Clinical Pharmacologist with extensive global networks spanning over two decades. I chair the Global Health Pharmacology and Therapeutics Sub-Committee of IUPHAR (formerly Sub-committee for Clinical Pharmacology in Developing Countries) and I am also a member of the International Advisory Group (IAG) of the BPS as well as a member of the International Editorial Board of the BJCP.

I am passionately committed to bridging the existing gaps in the roles of clinical pharmacology and therapeutics in education, research and healthcare worldwide especially in the resource strained countries. A few of my efforts in these respects in recent times includes co-founding Medicines Utilization Research in Africa Group (<https://muria.mandela.ac.za/>), addressing the reported needs of African Pharmacological Scientists through the African Pharmacological Science Gateway e-infrastructure (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30961406/>), organising an IUPHAR/CD sponsored DTC Workshop in Nigeria (Pharmacology International. No 94 January 2020. <https://files.constantcontact.com/554aba26701/b81dc58d-ee2f-4c34-8ccf-45f1e479a0ee.pdf>) and working through IUPHAR and Karolinska Institute, Sweden partnership to explore the development of drug information resources for resource strained countries.

I seek to serve as a “member at large” on the IUPHAR executive council, a position I am convinced will afford me greater opportunities to partner with colleagues at both strategic and operational levels to identify and bridge the existing gaps in pharmacology education, research capacities and health care delivery systems within the resource -limited countries including making clinical pharmacology more visible and attractive to the younger generation and meeting existing and emerging global health challenges.