

## **Ngozi Franca Okoye PhD**

### **Committee on Nominations**

#### **Membership At Large**

#### **Biography**

Ngozi Franca Okoye PhD is an Associate Professor in the University of Port Harcourt. Dr Ngozi Franca Okoye completed her PhD in Biochemistry in 2008 from the University of Port Harcourt. Okoye earned a BSc, MSc in Biochemistry before her doctorate in medical Biochemistry. She further studied for an MSc in Information Technology in the University of Liverpool before her PhD. After her PhD, she started lecturing in the Department of Biochemistry University of Port Harcourt. Dr Okoye had careers in the industry and had worked in Glaxo Smithkline UK as a Data Migration Scientist and in British Telecommunications UK as a Systems Integration Engineer/Project Manager.

Dr Okoye heads her own research group. She has authored over 45 peer reviewed publications including 5 books and a chapter in a book. Dr Okoye is a seasoned administrator and an accomplished research scientist and teacher. Her research interests includes formulation of new drugs from novel sources and testing. She has supervised BSc, MSc and PhD research projects. She has supervised over 60 BSc research projects and over 15 postgraduate theses.

Dr Okoye has mentored a lot of young women in Science. She founded her own organisation YWISSET (Young women in science, engineering and technology) in 2017. Her organization has over 500 members with her vision to make science look and feel inclusive to the disadvantaged students and people and to mould these great scientists into future leaders.

Dr Okoye is also a member of 500 women Scientists USA and has recently been made the coordinator of the Port Harcourt POD chapter of 500 women Scientists USA. In addition she holds other numerous memberships of professional and honour societies including member Sigma Xi research honour society, British and European Biochemical Society.

She has won numerous awards including the award of Icon of Excellence for her contributions to humanity.

Dr Ngozi Franca Okoye is married to Professor Ifedi Peter Okoye and she has five children with him.