

## **1. Bio-Data Of Ralph Von Kaufmann**

After graduating from Leeds University England, Ralph von Kaufmann returned to Kenya to conduct research into alternative forms of rangeland development at the Institute for Development Studies. He went on to become manager of the Ranch Division of the Agricultural Finance Corporation in Nairobi. He was then seconded, by the World Bank, to the Ministry of Agriculture in Botswana to lead the Project Preparation Team that developed Botswana's 2<sup>nd</sup> Livestock development project. On the commencement of the project he was the founding manager of the Agricultural Credit Division of the Botswana National Development Bank.

He then joined the CGIAR as the International Livestock Centre for Africa's (ILCA) Country Representative in Botswana and the Nigeria where he led ILCA's Subhumid Zone Programme at Kaduna, Nigeria and from 1989. He was also Coordinator of ILCA's Animal Traction Thrust. He moved to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia as the Director of ILCA's Donor and Board Secretariat. On the establishment of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) he was appointed the Director for External Relations, first in Addis Ababa and then in Nairobi, Kenya.

In 2003 he joined the Forum of Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) as Senior Resource Person and Chair of the Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge Programme Task Force. He is presently FARA's Director for Capacity Strengthening and Coordinator of FARA's programme for Strengthening Capacity for Agricultural Research and Development in Africa (SCARDA) and is leading the development of a proposal for Building Africa's Scientific and Institutional Capacity (BASIC). He represents FARA on the ALive Executive Committee and on the Advisory Committee on Science and Technology for ACP Agricultural & Rural Development.

## **2. BIO-DATA OF AISETOU DRAME YAYE**

Aissetou Drame Yaye is a Senegalese by origin and Niger citizen by marriage. She Holds a BSc in Forestry, an MSc in Entomology, a distance learning MSc in Using ICTs in Education and a PhD in Entomology. She is Fluent in both French and English with a good knowledge of Polish and fair knowledge of Spanish. From 1987, she worked in two forestry development projects in Senegal and Niger before joining the AGRHYMEY Centre of the Inter State Committee against Drought in the Sahel in Niger as a Training Expert in Entomology.

From 2000 to 2007, she was a Lecturer at the Department of Forestry of the Faculty of Agriculture, University Abdou Moumouni of Niamey in Niger.

She served in Accra, Ghana as the interim Programme Officer of the SCARDA Programme at the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) from March - September 2007.

Since November 2007 she is the Executive Secretary of ANAFE based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Her scientific publications relate to Natural Resources Management, Forest and agricultural Entomology and eLearning.

### **3. BIO-DATA OF IRENE ANNOR-FREMPONG**

Irene Annor Frempong is a Ghanaian by birth. She holds a PhD from the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom, an M.Sc. in Animal Production from Wageningen University in the Netherlands, a B.Sc. in Agriculture and a Diploma in Education, both from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana and obtained Professional training in Biometry in Applied Research from the International Livestock Centre for Africa (ILCA).

She has extensive experience in conducting, supervising and coordinating Research. Between 1989 to 2008, she lectured in the areas of animal science, livestock production systems and research methodology in different tertiary including; University of Cape Coast, Ghana, National University of Lesotho, and from 1983 to 1985 in the College of Education, Benue State, Nigeria. She worked at Animal Research Institute in Zeist, the Netherlands in 1988 and at the FAP Research Station in Zurich, Switzerland in 1982. Her scientific publications and editorial work are in the areas of animal science, livestock and rural livelihood systems

In September 2008, Dr. Irene Annor Frempong joined the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), where she is currently the Capacity Strengthening Program Officer for the program on 'Strengthening Capacity for Agricultural Research and Development in Africa' (SCARDA).