

Dr. Angelina Kakooza-Mwesige - CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr Angelina Kakooza obtained her MB.Ch.B degree at Makerere University College, Kampala, Uganda and completed residency in Paediatrics at the same University in 1999. She then trained in Epileptology and EEG at the Institute of Clinical Neurology Bologna, Italy in 2001 under the mentorship of Prof. Paul Tinuper. She also undertook several short courses in Neuroscience and Epilepsy conducted by the International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO) in conjunction with Society for Neuroscience in Africa at various training sites in Kenya and South Africa. In 2016, she obtained her doctorate in Medicine in the field of paediatric neurology as a joint degree between Makerere University College of Health Sciences, Uganda and Karolinska Institutet, Sweden for the dissertation on Cerebral palsy in Ugandan children.

She was a Mentee Awardee of the Collegium Internationale Neuropsychopharmacologicum (CINP) Research Mentor Program from June 2005-2008, with Prof. Dirk Dhossche from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, USA, as mentor. She received an American Epilepsy Society, (AES) International Scholarship Award from November-December 2005 undertaken at Harvard Medical School, Children's Hospital Boston, USA under the supervision of Prof. Francis Jensen. While in Boston, she came to know about the ILAE and on her return to Uganda she initiated the setting up the Epilepsy Society of Uganda (EPISOU), a branch of the ILAE and was founder president. She has participated as a member on various ILAE commission task force committees, from 2008 to present including: member of the task force created to develop guidelines for neonatal seizures, a joint collaboration with the World Health Organization and ILAE (2008-2009); member of the Educational commission task force (2009-2012); member of the task force to review the operational definition of epilepsy (2013); and member of the task force on seizures and epilepsies in the tropics (2014-2017). Furthermore, in November 2010 in Dakar, Senegal, she was instrumental in contributing to the setting up of the first Commission on African Affairs (CAA) of the ILAE during which she served as Treasurer (2010-2013) and was re-elected for another term (2014-2017).

Her main research interests have been focused on paediatric epilepsy, autism and cerebral palsy. She has been involved in several studies on epilepsy and was a co-principal investigator in a multisite population based study on the 'Studies on the Epidemiology of Epilepsy in sub Saharan Africa' funded by Wellcome Trust UK. She was also one of the team of the pioneer researchers for the studies on "Nodding syndrome" in Uganda. On June 6th 2014, as a team, they received the 'Charles C. Shepard Science Award' for demonstrating excellence in science from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry, in recognition of their paper entitled "An Epidemiologic Investigation of Potential Risk Factors for Nodding Syndrome in Kitgum District, Uganda" *PLoS One* 2013; 8 (6).

She is an IBRO alumnus and currently holds a post as a board member of the African Regional Committee of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO-ARC) for the period 2014-2018. She is also a board member of African Child Neurology Association (ACNA) and is the current treasurer and a founder member of the East African Academy on Childhood Disability (EAACD) (Jan 2014 to date).

She is a Senior Lecturer and child neurologist in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at Makerere University and manages the paediatric neurology and epilepsy clinic at the Mulago, National Referral Hospital, in Kampala, as well as leads the in-patient paediatric neurology ward in the same hospital.

She is the author of more than 40 papers in peer-reviewed journals and 3 chapters in international textbooks. She is the mentor to many under and post graduate medical students and has mentored a number of students in the latter group to carry out studies on epilepsy. She is on the editorial board for the *Epileptic Disorders* journal and is a regular reviewer for many African and international peer reviewed journals. She has also participated in reviewing abstracts for the International Epilepsy Congress meetings. She has been an invited speaker for several International Epilepsy Congress/International Bureau for Epilepsy meetings, as well as African and Latin American Epilepsy Congresses.