

Motec 2018 AGM – a success!

About 30 participants attended Motec's 2018 AGM held on Sunday 3rd June at Hemel Hempstead Hospital postgraduate centre. The 2018 theme was 'From Success to Significance'. The Ghana High Commissioner was represented by two senior officers- Mr Kofi Addo responsible for Trade and investment, Mrs Gaisie, responsible for education, Dacorum county had a high-powered representation comprising Mayoress Rosie Sutton and her husband, and a succession of previous Mayors - Mr Mclean and wife and Mr Chapman and wife.

In line with the theme, Mr Ofori-Atta, President of Motec Life UK presented the storyline of the humble beginnings of Motec in 2006 and the infectious attraction Motec has for the cream of the NHS and private health sector to participate in support of health care improvements in sub-Saharan Africa especially Ghana. He also expressed his concern about the financial state of the charity and encouraged the volunteers to support the 2018 fund raising Dinner Dance planned for 15th of September 2018 at the JFK Comprehensive School in Hemel Hempstead. He called on the Government of Ghana to continue to pursue the policy of one district one factory and to prioritise medical material manufacturing including basic trauma products.

Some of the project leaders of Motec presented a summary of activities on the ground. The Vice President Dr Natasha Elysha Jiwa who successfully chaired the function spoke about the breast care project which has grown and concentrated on breast awareness as well as surgical care breast conditions including cancer at Motec Supported breast care centre at Akosombo VRA hospital. Dr Vadodaria Shailesh, plastic surgeon Harley Street spoke about the positive personal and patient impact of his maiden plastic work with the local surgical team at Keta District Hospital in 2017.

The passionate support for the education of handicapped children at Nsawam Orthopaedic Centre was presented jointly by Ms Elaine Bigham and Charlotte Emma Hall. The participants expressed their desire to get Motec's services and experience to be expanded and extended to emerging groups and cerebral palsy societies in Ghana.

Among the other highlights of the public agenda were the addresses delivered by Mayor Sutton and the representatives of the High Commissioner. The Mayoress expressed her delight with the work of Motec. She expressed her readiness to support the humanitarian work of Motec. Mr Kofi Addo representing the Ghana High Commissioner re-affirmed the Commission's support for Motec and the appreciation of Motec's work in Ghana and West Africa as a whole. Mrs Gaisie of the Commission also spoke highly of Motec and placed her interest in the handicapped children's education in Ghana.

At the end of it all, the chairperson, Motec Vice President Dr Natasha Jiwa expressed her satisfaction with the passion of Motec and the great work being delivered by the volunteers. Ms Elaine Bigham delivered the vote of thanks address. She expressed her gratitude to the dignitaries especially the High Commissioner's representatives and the Dacorum Mayoress and her entourage and all participants of the meeting. The date for 2019 AGM is expected to be published in due course.