

MOTEC DIALOGUE, DINE AND DANCE IN AN EVENTFUL FUND RAISING AUTUMN EVENING

Saturday 3rd October 2009 will go down as a joyous day in Motec's diary. Motec members, families and friends attended the much talked about Dinner - Dance at the St Mary and St Joseph Parish Hall in Boxmoor Hemel Hempstead.

The evening programme kicked off with a welcome speech by Dr Christine Amakye of QE II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City. She expressed appreciation of the participants in making time for the occasion which was designed to raise funds to support Motec Recourse Personnel's effort to deliver educational, clinical services in target hospitals in Ghana during the October 2009 working visit.

The President of the organisation, Mr Ofori-Atta spoke about the work of Motec which involved collaborations with individuals, Medical Manufacturing Companies, National and International Organizations. He spelt out the dreams of Motec which he felt were achievable stating that health care improvements in Ghana were a necessity in line with the global goals of the World Health Organisation. He lamented the fact that though trauma was a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the world , it seemed to attract less funding from the International community as compared with other conditions like tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, malaria etc. Even though important these other diseases contribute altogether less mortality than trauma. He went on to say that the establishment of a National Orthopaedic Trauma Hospital in Ghana will provide the focal point for improvements in Trauma Care which overall has lagged behind other medical and surgical specialties in sub-Saharan Africa.

Dr Louisa Draper, a personal assistant to Motec's President gave a vivid account of the organisation's activity on the ground and collaborations including the most recent of Motec's visits to Southern India. She also recounted the touching visit of one of Motec's Patron Daasebre Professor Oti Boateng of the Paramount State of New Juabeng to Motec in September 2009.

The evening was graced by the presence of the Ghana High Commissioner to London, His Excellency Professor Kwaku Danso-Boafo. The participants were full of appreciation for the presence of His Excellency who is a highly accomplished Diplomat, Lecturer, International figurehead in many respects and a devoted special healthworker. His Excellency has an excellent track record as a former Health Minister of Ghana. Professor Danso-Boafo expressed his support for efforts by charitable groups working towards development of Ghana saying that he will personally intervene to minimize bottlenecks in the operation of Well wishers operating in Ghana from the UK and elsewhere.





His Excellency Prof Kwaku Danso-Boafo seen here on the right and Mr Martin Quansah also of the High Commission, London – the reverence.



Participants treated themselves to excellent food cooked from the homes of Motec ladies and their friends. The point of attention was the international costume - fashion show which was judged by a serious panel of Gina and Vinay both of whom were in a Simon Cowell's 'nit picking' mood.

Contestants sashayed down the catwalk showing various colourful international costumes. In the end, Veronica with a mix of African and Western fashion won the day emphasising the beauty of Motec's multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary approach to problem solving.



The raffle organized by Sabina provided more than thirty prizes including a rally drive, various African arts and craft and electronic equipment.

The moment that participants had been waiting for - a joyous session of Music and Dance. Dr Ed Hiller and his youthful London bandsmen provided popular music which got people on their feet dancing. The Night Lights lived up to the expectation, moving the teenage group swinging on the dance floor.

Dr Sarah Daniels thanked everybody for their part in the event especially His Excellency, Dr Christine Amakye, Mr and Mrs Edwards who organised the event, the Special Motec Ladies Association of Cooks, Sabina and Pamela Fleming who organized the raffle, the bandsmen, friends of Motec and the general public for their support.

Pre-event advertisements were by courtesy of Mark and Sue Osborn. Motec is grateful to both individuals and the un-named Watford Company. In all about 120 people attended and about £1620.00 raised for good causes. Motec President promised to make the funds count. Motec's next social event will be a Ball on 2nd October 2010.



Happy ending.