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Degrees:

B.Sc. (Hons) (University College of North Wales, Bangor) (Forestry) 1962

M.Sc. (UNCW, Bangor) (*The Forests of Sierra Leone*) 1971

Ph.D. (The Queens University, Belfast) (*Upland Silviculture in Northern Ireland*) 1977

MA (Oxon) by decree! 1983

Current positions:

- i) Chairman of *British and Irish Hardwoods Improvement Programme*, Trustee of three forestry-related charities.
- ii) Reader in Forestry, Oxford Forestry Institute, Department of Plant Sciences, University of Oxford (Retired in September 2006)
- iii) Fellow and vice-principal of Linacre College, Oxford (now Emeritus Fellow).

Main work experience:

2006-present Chairman of the *British and Irish Hardwoods Improvement Programme*, Trustee of the Northmoor Trust, Woodland Heritage, and Sylva Foundation.

1980-2006 Teaching BA course in Biology (*Environmental biology* option) and all silviculture teaching for M.Sc. course in *Forestry and its relation to Land Use* between 1980 and 2002 when the course ended. I was also the director of this course. Recent research based in UK concerned primarily with semi-natural broadleaved woodlands. Projects included investigations the ecology and silviculture of beech, and aspects of the genetics of oak, walnut and ash. Wider European-based research included supervision of a DPhil project concerned with yield modelling and other aspects of Douglas fir in Portugal (carried out by Dr Luis Fontes, the applicant for this proposal), and in Africa, the ecology of *Khaya anthotheca* in Mozambique and several agroforestry projects in Sierra Leone and Kenya. In all, I supervised 26 DPhil students and about 50 MSc students.

Consultancies overseas have included periods of up to six weeks in Sierra Leone and Ghana (4 visits for FAO, DFID and others), Nigeria (for Commonwealth Secretariat), Nepal (to help run a training course), St. Helena (silvicultural research) and Sri Lanka (research). Have also visited professionally all western European countries, including six professional visits to Portugal.

1966-1980 Forest Officer in Northern Ireland Forest Service, first as District Forest Officer and in planning and soil survey branches, then (1970-1980) with responsibility for most aspects of silvicultural research primarily on Sitka spruce and lodgepole pine (trials involved nutrition, spacing, thinning, provenance, weeding/herbicides, ground preparation and problems of crop stability).

1962-1966 Assistant Conservator of Forests in Sierra Leone (research, management and inventories of rain forests).

Other relevant activities:

Organisations:

- i) Fellow of Institute of Chartered Foresters. Council member 1982-87; convenor of the Institute's Part 1 Examinations Board. 1991-94; co-editor of *Forestry* 1995-2003.
- ii) Currently Chairman of Royal Forestry Society's local branch. Awarded Gold Medal of RFS in 2007.
- iii) Deputy Chairman of IUFRO Group concerned with Genetics and Breeding of oaks.
- iv) Member of Forestry Commission's Advisory Committee on Forest Research from 1996-2004.

Publications and reports

Publications and reports	Number
Books	4
Book chapters	2
Publications mostly in refereed journals	80
Government or International Agency reports	4
Reviews	20
Proceedings edited	6