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IMR HONOURS DECADES OF SERVICE FROM DR ADOLF SAWERI

The PNG Institute of Medical Research (IMR) is today honouring Dr Adolf Saweri, who has stepped down after more than thirty years of service as Chairman of the IMR Council.

Dr Saweri, a leading medical researcher and academic with the University of Papua New Guinea, has a long history with IMR.

He was elected Council Chairman in 1980 and has served continuously in that role with dedication and distinction until retiring at a Council meeting on 4 May 2012.

IMR Director Professor Peter Siba thanked Dr Saweri for his tireless years of work at a gala function for staff and guests at the IMR headquarters in Goroka.

“Dr Saweri worked with us at a time of great change for Papua New Guinea and for the Institute,” Professor Siba said.

“His research and academic background, especially in medicine and biomedical sciences, ensured he could expertly guide us, both as a leading research institution and as individual scientists seeking excellence in our chosen fields.

“We will honour Dr Saweri over the coming decades as best we can, by continuing the work of IMR along the path he has lit so brightly for us,” Professor Siba said.

IMR will hold a presentation for Dr Saweri at their Goroka headquarters, followed by a celebratory lunch for staff and guests. On the menu is goat, pig, chicken and local vegetables and fruit, and staff have decorated the compound with brightly-coloured flowers.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: 12.30PM, FRIDAY 4 MAY 2012 AT IMR GOROKA

Dr Saweri and Professor Siba will be available for a brief photo session.

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