

Short Bio – Jean Fotie

Professor Fotie obtained his PhD in Medicinal Chemistry and Natural Products from the University of Yaoundé I in Cameroon (2004), after completing most of his research work as a visiting PhD student at Potsdam University in Germany, under a DAAD scholarship. He completed his postdoctoral work in Bioinorganic Chemistry at McGill University in Montreal, Canada under Prof. Scott Bohle (2004 – 2006), before moving to the Ohio State University School of Pharmacy as a World Health Organization (WHO) Research Scholar (2006 – 2008) under Prof. Karl Werbovetz, working on the development of potential therapies for neglected diseases. He began his independent career at Southeastern Louisiana University in 2008, with his primary interests being green and sustainable catalysis, and organosilicon medicinal chemistry. He is currently a professor of organic chemistry and holder of the Edward G. Schlieder Endowed Professorship of Environmental Studies and Sustainability.

Since 2014, he has been serving as a Scientific Advisor for the International Foundation for Science (IFS), a non-governmental organization based in Stockholm - Sweden which supports promising young scientists from developing countries to do research in such countries. He also served as a member of the Science Advisory Group of the Louisiana Governor's Climate Initiatives Task Force, designed to provide both general and specific guidance for emissions reduction strategies, with the goal of enabling Louisiana to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

