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Dr Jimoh participated in Training Workshop for Cataloguers of Islamic Manuscripts organised by Al-Furqān Islamic Heritage Foundation held at the National Library, Rabat, Morocco between June and July, 2001. He also participated in Cataloguing and Preservation of Arabic Manuscripts at Mama Haidara Library, Timbuktu, Mali between November 2006 and January 2007 under the University of Ibadan 2005-2007 MacArthur Grant for Staff Development.

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