



Obituary

Prof. Dr. M. Ataur Rahman (1929-2015)

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Ataur Rahman was born in British India on 24 June, 1929. He obtained his M.Sc. (Hons) in Chemistry from Government College, Punjab University Institute of Chemistry, Lahore; Ph.D. in Biochemistry, University College, London University, and D.Sc. (H.C.) from the Open International University for Complementary Medicine, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Prof. Ataur Rahman spent major period of his career at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi. He also served as Professor of Clinical Biochemistry at Institute of Biochemistry and Genetic Engineering (KIBGE), University of Karachi, Karachi. Prior to that he served as Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi; Professor and Chairman, Department of Biochemistry; Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi; Instructor, Dow Medical College, Karachi. Principal, School of Medical Technology, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi; Coordinator and Head of the Basic Medical Sciences Institute, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi; Chairman, Academic Council, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi; Professor of Biochemistry, Professor of Biochemistry and Dean of Faculty of Science, Hamdard University, Karachi; Professor of Biochemistry and Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Baqai University, Karachi; and Professor of Biochemistry and Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Ziauddin Medical University, Karachi.

Prof. Ataur Rahman won many prestigious

honors and recognitions including President of Pakistan's Award "Pride of Performance" in the field of Medicine and *Hilal-i-Imtiaz* in Medical Sciences by the Government of Pakistan; Gold Medal of Pakistan Academy of Sciences for outstanding



contributions in research; Certificate of Achievement of USAID; Japan Society for Promotion of Science Award of Visiting Professor at Kyoto University Medical Center, Kyoto; Royal Society Visiting Scientist Fellowship, London; First Prize for Meritorious Services in the field of research in Medical Sciences, Government of Pakistan; Appreciation Plaque for Contribution to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi; Dr. Zainul Abedin Commemorative Award of Pakistan Society of Biochemists, Karachi; D.Sc. (HC) from the Open International University, Colombo, Srilanka; and Gold Medal, XIII Star Award, South Asia Publications, Pakistan. He was elected Fellow of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences in 1980.

Prof. Dr. M. Ataur Rahman breathed his last in Karachi on Saturday, 26th September, 2015. May Allah Almighty bless the departed soul with eternal peace. Aameen.

Dr. Abdul Rashid, FPAS