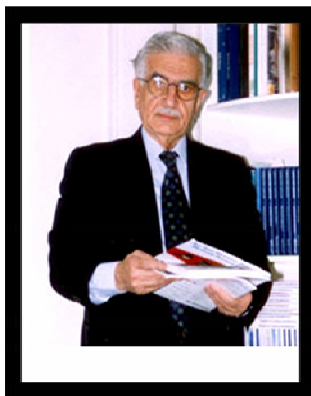


Condolence

Sad Loss of Dr.Zia-Zarifi



We are deeply grieved to inform you the sad demise of Dr. Abolhassan Zia- Zarifi, (20 August 1926- 4 October 2010), **The Honorary Member of the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (IUATLD)**.

We NRITLD family conveys our heartfelt condolence on this very sad demise. We pray that the departed soul finds eternal peace and that the bereaved family finds the strength to overcome this tragic loss.

Abolhassan Zia-Zarifi began his public health career in 1952 with the Iranian Ministry of Health, and culminated with his position as the Director General of Iran's Laboratories (1975–1979) and his establishing and directing Iran's National Reference Laboratories, equivalent to the Centers for Disease Control (1965–1975).

Moreover, he became a consultant to the World Health Organization in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, including stints working against cholera in Saudi Arabia in the early 1970s, in Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, and Congo (1972). He remained a proficient member of the WHO's Emergency Team from 1974 to 1996.

His crowning success was the establishment of Iran's National Reference Laboratories as a center for epidemiology and national standard setting. The Reference Laboratories significantly modernized Iran's public health system and were recognized internationally as a model for maintaining rigorous scientific principles in difficult ground conditions.

He acted fervently as member of many international committees e.g.

British tuberculosis association (since 1967)

IUATLD Paris (since 1963)

IUATLD bulletin authors council (1974 to 1991)

American Society of Microbiology (ASM) (since 1973)

New York Academic of Science Association (1991)

Dr. Zia-Zarifi was a prolific author. He has written, edited, and contributed to dozens of books, pamphlets, and scientific articles.

Above All, He was a dedicated combatant in the struggle against tuberculosis to the last hours of his productive life.

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Dr. Abolhassan Zia-Zarifi, (20 August 1926 - 4 October 2010), The Honorary Members of the Union, IUATLD.

The world lost; one of the most important Iranian Scientists and a model for maintaining rigorous scientific principles in difficult ground conditions.

"A politician who fought for the Iranian people rights, fought for Democracy and Development, for Iranian women rights, and for Human rights in all corners of the world"

We indeed lost a writer, an artist, a concerned author and on the top scientist who was voted an Honorary Member of The International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung (The Union).

- Director General of Iran's Laboratories (1975-1979)
- WHO consultant in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa including stints working against cholera in Saudi Arabia in the early 1970s.
- The crowning success of the establishment of Iran's National Reference Laboratories as a center for epidemiology and national standard setting.
- Some of his publication: The story of Life (2006), Biosafety Guidelines for Health Care Workers against Viral Hepatitis and AIDS (2001), Unanswered Questions in Extraordinary Years (Autobiography; editor)(1997), and the Bacteriology of TB.

Expert Reviewer of Anti-infective Therapy 6:5, 713-724 Abolhassan Zia-Zarifi, Ali Akbar Velayati, and a number of other articles.

I had the honor of meeting him and enjoying a chat with a moving encyclopedia. God bless his soul, and I hope his name be given to the street where he was born and the lab where had worked and indeed by all of us.

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