

**DR. S. MOOSA HASANY**

(1942-2007)

“Death is a recess of life - that is, we would proceed further after a short restful pause”  
(Mir Taqui Mir)

On Thursday, 20 September 2007, Dr. S. Moosa Hasany left us according to his pre-destined schedule, on the 7<sup>th</sup> Ramzan-ul-Mubark, 1428. “Death of an ‘Alim’ (Scholar) is the death of ‘Aalam’ (world)”. However, according to great Persian poet, Hafiz, “People who are endowed with the faculty of love do not die as their name is inscribed permanently in the annals of the universe” and Dr. Moosa Hasany is one of them.

Dr. Moosa Hasany was honestly and purposefully involved in Radio, Analytical and Physical Chemistry till the very end of his life; only a week before he was an active participant in the 12<sup>nd</sup> International Seminar on Analytical Sciences, organized by National Center of Excellence in Analytical Chemistry, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, (September 6 ñ 8, 2007). He belonged to that class of novel people who believe in *Ilm-un-Nafe*, the knowledge which is pragmatically beneficial to humanity. An example of his endeavor is provided in his illuminating last lecture presented in this seminar.

Dr. Moosa Hasany was born in Tonk, British India, on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1942. Genealogically he was connected with the family of great Islamic Scholar, Syed Ismail Shaheed. He received his education at the University of Karachi, Pakistan (B.Sc Hons., 1963, M.Sc. 1964) and at the University of Adelaide, Australia (Ph.D 1971). He was a Colombo Plan Postdoctoral Fellow at the Australian Atomic Energy Commission Research Establishment, Lucas Height, Australia (1971).

Likewise, he was an Alexander von Humboldt Post-doctoral Fellow, Nuclear Research Center Karlsruhe, Germany (1973 - 1974).



Dr. Moosa Hasany started modestly as a Lecturer in Chemistry at the University of Karachi (1964-65) and then served at Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, Islamabad, in various positions from Assistant Scientific Officer (1965) to Advisor (2004). Dr. Moosa Hasany held many other positions such as: HEC Eminent Researcher, Visiting Professor, at National Center of Excellence in Analytical Chemistry, University of Sindh, Chief Scientist, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), Associate Director General, PINSTECH, Head, Nuclear Chemistry Division. He was Editor-in-Chief of *Nucleus* from 2001 ñ early 2007, and also a member of the National Core Group in Chemistry.

Dr. Moosa Hasany received many awards such as Pride of Performance (2001), Pakistan Academy of Science and INFAQ Foundation Joint Gold Medal in Chemical Sciences (1995) and PINSTECH Performance Gold Medal (1994). He was chartered chemist and Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, UK (1992), Fellow of the Chemical Society of Pakistan (1994) and Fellow of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences (2002).

During his short stay of six years at NCEAC as a visiting faculty, Dr. Hasany produced 3 Ph.D's with a significant number of publications in peer reviewed journals. He introduced the field of material science - the adsorption technology in this Center for the people to follow. With the death of people like him a vacuum is created and it takes long to fill the gap with some one equally learned and devoted. He was perhaps the last eminent chemist who was endowed with highly sophisticated literary taste particularly his profound love for Urdu Poetry, reminiscent of his

prestigious peers namely Prof. Dr. Salimuzzaman Siddiqui and Prof. Dr. Zafar H. Zaidi. Beside his family the mourners also include a number of his students, colleagues and friends from all walks of life. May Allah bestow his blessings and forgiveness to the departed soul, ameen.

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