

Obituary

Dr. Agha Ikram Mohyuddin (1932–2016)

We are grieved on the sad demise of an eminent scientist and a senior Fellow of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences, Dr. Agha Ikram Mohyuddin, who breathed his last in Islamabad on Wednesday, 10th February, 2016. He was elected Fellow of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences in 1992.

Dr. Agha Ikram Mohyuddin was born in Jullundur, British India on 21 September, 1932. He obtained his BSc in 1953 and MSc (Zoology) in 1956 from University of the Punjab, Lahore. Later, he earned PhD from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Ikram Mohyuddin was one of the founding members of Eco-Conservation Initiative (ECI). He served as Chief Consultant, Integrated, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Project and Chief Executive, Integrated Pest Management Consultants; Principal Investigator and Coordinator of all the IPM Projects in Pakistan, appointed by Govt. of Pakistan, 1993-1994; Scientist-in-Charge / Director, PARC-IIBC Station, International Institute of Biological Control (IIBC), 1980-1994; Principal Entomologist IIBC, 1960-1979; Lecturer, Zoology Department, Government College, Lahore, 1956-1960; Adviser on IPM of Sugarcane Pests, Gunung Madu Plantations Bandar Lampung, Sumatra, Indonesia, 1982-1995; Consultant, Malakand Fruit and Vegetable Development Project (Pakistan-Swiss Joint Venture), 1989-1990; Consultant, US-AID Funded Project on IPM of Horticultural Crops in Sri Lanka as Sta□ of Oregon State University/Development Alternative Inc., MD, USA, 1990-1992.

Dr. Ikram Mohyuddin was Member, FAO/UNEP Panel of Experts on IPM, 1982-1986; Member, Panel of Experts, University of

Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan; Member Advisory Committee, Museum of Natural History, Islamabad, 1987-1991. He published Two Books and a Monograph; awarded several Patents and worked on 54 projects in Canada, Uganda, Turkey, Rumania, Bulgaria, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Sultanate of Oman.



In recognition of his significant contributions in the field of agriculture, Dr. Ikram Mohyuddin was conferred President's Award for Pride of Performance, 1996; Ismail H. Zakria Gold Medal (by Pakistan Society of Sugar Technologists), 1997; Open Gold Medal, Pakistan Academy of Sciences, 1990; Dr. Norman Borlaug Award, by Govt. of Pakistan, 1988; and Ghulam Muhammad A. Fecto Gold Medal, 1986, 1983.

His areas of research were Biological Control and Integrated Pest Management.

Dr. Ikram Mohyuddin possessed a pleasing personality; he was a kind and humble person. In the death of Dr. Ikram Mohyuddin, Pakistan in general and the Pakistan's plant protection scientific community in particular have lost a committed and accomplished research leader.

May the Allah Almighty rest his soul in eternal peace and give fortitude to his family to bear this irreparable loss! Aameen.

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