

Sadreddin Mohseni Ardehali (1941-2002)



Sadreddin (Sadri) Mohseni Ardehali, the late professor of parasitology, was born in Tehran, Iran on March 15, 1941. Following graduation from high school, he attended San Diego State University where he obtained his B.S. degree in microbiology in 1965. In 1966, he was awarded the California Clinical Laboratory License and Certificate in Medical Technology. He served as a medical technologist in Mercy Hospital, San Diego, California from January to August 1966. From 1967 to 1969, he was employed as a clinical bacteriologist in Isfahan Public Health Laboratory center and later in 1969 as a bacteriologist in Tehran Reference Laboratory. In October 1969, he enrolled as a graduate student in the Microbiology Department of Shiraz University where he was awarded an M.S. degree in 1971. Sadri obtained his Ph.D. degree in Microbiology and Immuno-protozoology from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1974. His major Research interest during his Ph.D. program was to study the effect of humoral factors on *Leishmania* organisms. In 1974, he returned to Shiraz as an assistant professor of Microbiology where he became a full professor in 1991. After the expansion of the microbiology department into Bacteriology, Immunology, and Parasitology departments, Sadri served as professor of parasitology at

Shiraz University of Medical Sciences until his death, due to a prolonged heart problem, on July 6, 2002. His extensive research work in Leishmaniasis and other parasitic diseases prevalent in Iran resulted in publication of more than 40 articles. He was not only a competent investigator, but also an excellent teacher.

During his service at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, he had spent his sabbatical leaves in Switzerland, United States and Great Britain doing Research on the Immunology of infectious and tropical diseases. He has co-authored three scientific books. Sadri was a member of the editorial board of several scientific journals such as the Iranian Journal of Medical Sciences and the Iranian Journal of Veterinary Research. His Research grants from World Health Organization brought great prestige for Shiraz University of Medical Sciences. Sadri was the true example of a University professor. He was a distinguished scientist whose loss did not only affect the family and friends, but also did deprive the University of a Great Scholar.

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