A Legendary Physiologist and Humanitarian!

The unforgettable, ever-loving and ever-living Vice Chancellor/Director, Centre for Research in Molecular Medicine, Institute of Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, University of Lahore, closed his eyes peacefully, on 26 January 2018.

Professor Dr Mahmood Hussain Qazi, a senior member of Pakistan Physiological Society, has been showering love upon his visitors and reading books till his last breath. He served as Rector at Dada Bhoy Institute of Higher Education, Karachi, as well as at University of Lahore. He had been Vice Chancellor, Hamdard University, Karachi, Allama Iqbal Open University, and Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad. He was Senior Post Doctoral Award holder by United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan. He had been a visiting Professor at State University of New York, Buffalo, USA and at Max-Planck Institute for Reproductive Medicine, Munster, West Germany. He was a Fulbright Fellow at Louisiana State University, USA (pre-doctoral), Ford Foundation Fellow, Wisconsin University, USA (post-doctoral). He remained Post-doctoral Fellow, Consultant, and Advisor at World Health Organization, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm Sweden. He performed his responsibilities as WHO Advisor, Women Hospital Munster, West-Germany, and as Member/Chairman, WHO expanded Program on Human Reproduction. He became the Professor and Head, Department of Physiology, University of Karachi.

He enjoyed many national and international memberships. He was on Editorial Board of Pakistan Journal of Zoology, University Studies, Islamabad Journal of Science, and Pakistan Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research. He supervised more than 200 theses in his remarkable lifetime in areas like General and Comparative Physiology, Molecular Endocrinology, Protein and Polypeptide Hormones, Vertebrate Zoology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

He was rated as a pious person. He could look into the eyes of the next person with so much love and respect and speak his heart out, without arising resentment, rather promoting good will. When he went to perform Hajj, he raised his hands and said: “O Allah, you have bestowed upon me more than I could ever imagine ... ... ... I have come to your house (کعبہ ﷲ), just to express my gratitude for the respectful life you have blessed me!” His uniqueness will not be forgotten by Allah! May the soul of this mentor and teacher rest in peace and may his students and research papers remain his continuous profit (صدقہء جاریہ) for an even more honourable place in the hereafter. امین، ثم امین!!

Pakistan Physiological Society pays great tribute to the dear departed! Sir, you have left for your eternal abode, but will live in our hearts for ever!