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Special Issue in Memory of Late Professor Dr. Habibur Rahman

The July, 2011 issue of *Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Journal* is dedicated to Late Professor Dr. Habibur Rahman, a renowned pharmacist and educationist of Bangladesh. The more enjoyable element of publishing this memorial issue comes from the recognition and tribute made to an exceptional individual by many former students and colleagues who are authors of the papers in this issue. Indeed, Professor Habib has played a key role in the development of pharmaceutical sector of Bangladesh.

We are thankful to the authors who have contributed some of their finest work within a timeframe that has been quite challenging, and to the manuscript reviewers for their help in making this issue a great success.

Finally, on behalf of the members of Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society, the editorial board would like to pay their tribute to the scientific and mentorship roles of Professor Dr. Habibur Rahman. Truly, his pursuit of scientific knowledge concerning pharmaceutical technology and his dedication to his students and colleagues make him an exceptional individual worthy of our admiration, emulation, and the homage being paid to him in these pages of *Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Journal*.

Professor Dr. Md. Anwar Ul Islam
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- Obituary



Professor Dr. Md. Habibur Rahman
(1960-2011)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Renowned Pharmacist and educationist, Professor Dr. Md. Habibur Rahman, died on February 18, 2011 at United Hospital, Dhaka (Inalilahi-waina-Ilahi-raji'un). He was 50 and had been suffering from long-term congestive heart failure and type II diabetes.

Professor Dr. Md. Habibur Rahman was born on December 31, 1960 in Bogra. He passed SSC and HSC from Rajshahi Cadet College with first division and completed B. Pharm. (Hons.) in 1982 and M. Pharm. in 1983 securing first class 1st and 4th position, respectively from the University of Dhaka. Later on, he earned Ph.D. degree in 1994, from the Faculty of Pharmacy, Kumamoto University, Japan and also conducted Post Doctoral Research at Sunderland University, UK in 2003.

Dr. Habib joined the Department of Pharmacy, University of Dhaka on August 08, 1989 as Lecturer. He became Professor on 22 September 2002. He rendered excellent service as the Chairman, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology and Director, Biomedical Research Centre. He also served as the elected Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Dhaka, unfortunately for a very short time due to sudden cardiac problems, from October 13, 2010. In addition to excellent human qualities he had some extraordinary capabilities such as excellent teaching performance in Pharmaceutics and Biopharmaceutics, remarkable research aptitude in Biopharmaceutics with especial interest in Drug-

Drug/Protein interactions, development of controlled release dosage form. He was invited several times to deliver lectures on GMP training organized by WHO and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

In his eventful life Professor Dr. Md. Habibur Rahman performed different significant duties for the country. He successfully served as the Director, Directorate of Drug Administration (National Regularity Authority for drugs and medicines) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh from 14 April 2004 to 13 April 2007.

Professor Habib was the author or co-author of a good number of research papers published in different peer-reviewed journals, notably International Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, Therapy and Toxicology, Journal of Pharmacodynamics, Biochemical Pharmacology, Fitoterapia. These journals are acknowledged as the leading scientific journals in the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

Beside his academic activities Professor Habib was engaged in different social and cultural organizations, where he proved his excellent organizational capacity. He worked as the Cultural Secretary of the Pharmacy Graduates Association, Bangladesh from September 1995 to January 1998, Chief Editor of Bangladesh National Formulary (BDNF) and Executive Editor of Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Journal. He was the Member of the

Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh, Member of governing bodies of different private medical colleges, Member of Ex-Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA), and many more. He also served as the General Secretary of Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society. He attended more than 20 seminars and symposia in home and abroad. In addition, he participated several times in national debate competition. He spent time with us smiley at the last moment of his life.

He was highly-respected and admired in life and now remembered fondly by his former students, mentors, and friends. Often seen as brash and outspoken, he pushed his students and all concerned to strive for the highest degree of academic and professional excellence. He was a man who was seen by his colleagues and students as extraordinarily generous with his time and whole hearted personal support.

Professor Habib was a force of nature – a man with incredible energy and profound and endless commitment to the field of pharmacy. He was like a father figure to his students, creating a family who are now working in many institutions around the globe. No matter how busy he was–

he would always make time to talk to students and fellow colleagues.

When we heard the news of his expire our breath almost stopped, heart was sinking. We never experienced this feeling before. We wanted to scream at the top of our voice and say that it was not true. We don't have any blood relation with him but we feel we lost someone very near and dear to us.

Dr. Habib performed Hajj, Omrah and also Etekaaf in the holy mosque of Madinah. We, members of the Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society, and sure many like us felt in the same way. We will always have him in our prayers and we are sure many more will also pray for his departed soul for a long time.

Dr. Habib is survived by his devoted wife, two daughters, six brothers, two sisters, colleagues and thousands of friends and well wishers.

May Allah rest his soul in peace along with his companions in Al-Zannat and give his family courage and patience to put up with the loss-Ameen.

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