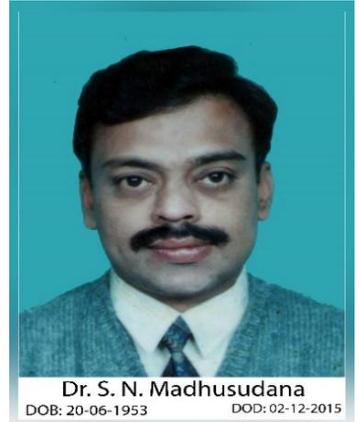


Obituary

Prof. S.N. Madhusudana

Prof. S. N. Madhusudana, a distinguished rabies researcher, Professor of Neurovirology and Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Rabies at National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, India and Advisor, Rabies in Asia Foundation passed away on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at his residence in Bangalore, India.



Dr. S.N. Madhusudana was born on 20th June 1953 and obtained his basic medical degree (MBBS, 1976) and post graduation MD (Microbiology, 1984) from Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore, India. Later from 1985 to 1993 worked as Assistant Director (Rabies division) at Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, India. Subsequently he joined the Department of Neurovirology, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, India and established full-fledged rabies diagnostic laboratory and later on become Head, WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Rabies at NIMHANS, Bangalore, India till his end.

He had experience in rabies vaccine production and quality control, rabies diagnostics, clinical trials of new vaccines and had done significant research in pathogenesis of rabies. He was a pioneer in development of intradermal vaccination for rabies prophylaxis. Dr. S. N. Madhusudana has guided 7 PhD, 15 MSc and 01 DM student for their thesis work. He had delivered more than 100 guest lectures at various national and international forums. He had more than 100 publications in the field of rabies and other vaccines and one national patent for “Development of rabies vaccines in tobacco plant” and an international patent covering 136 countries on the use of a new chemical called Dendrimer for gene delivery. He had written a comprehensive book on Rabies published by MacMillan Publishing Company. He had organized 02 International conferences on rabies, 10 National and 04 International workshops on rabies diagnostics. He was working on immuno-pathology of rabies and on antiviral herbal product for rabies.

Dr. S. N. Madhusudana was a WHO consultant on rabies since 2000 and had taken part in several WHO and national consultations on rabies. He was a member of the WHO task force for control of rabies in Asia. He was also on the panel of national experts on rabies and a member of ICMR Task force on rabies. He was a Founder member of Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI, 2000), Editor of APCRI Journal (2000-2003) and involved in many activities of APCRI.

He was also a Founder trustee of Rabies in Asia (RIA) Foundation and officiated as Director-Publications (2006-2013), Vice-President (2011-13), Chairman, RIA-India Chapter (2006-2013), Advisor, RIA Foundation (from 2013) and actively involved in many activities including organizing 1st RIACON 2007 at NIMHANS, Bangalore.

Dr. S. N. Madhusudana was awarded with prestigious “European Community Fellowship” to do research in rabies at Pasteur Institute, Paris, France in 1993 and Louis Pasteur Oration (10th APCRICON, Lucknow, 2008) and “APCRI Life Time achievement Award” (14th APCRICON, Kolkata, 2012).

In his demise, India has lost a great and devoted rabies researcher. May his soul rest in peace.