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## A TRIBUTE TO (LATE) PROF. DR. MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM CHAUDHARY

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Chaudhary was born on 1st November 1946. He was awarded, with distinction, the degrees of M.Sc.(Hons.) Agri. Hort. from University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan in 1969 and then American University of Beirut, Lebanon in 1975. On his return to Pakistan, he joined University of Agriculture Faisalabad as faculty member and completed his Ph.D in 1988. His areas of interest remained plant production, nutrition and postharvest physiology of horticultural crops.

He started his career as Research Officer from Ayyub Agriculture Research Institute in February 1970. Then, he joined Department of Horticulture, University of Agriculture Faisalabad in February 1977 and provided his services as director/chairman, research scientist and teacher till the end of his life. During this time, he produced one Ph.D and 33 M.Sc. scholars. He contributed two book chapters in the book '*Horticulture*' (M.N. Malik, ed.), published in 1994 by National Book Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan and edited two proceedings. He has more than 65 research publications in national and international reputed journals. He also served at Al-Fateh University Tripoli, Libya from September 1979 to December 1982. During this time, he visited Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Libya, USA, UK, Yemen and Australia to quench his thirst of knowledge.

During his thirty five years' of practical experience in the field of horticulture as a research worker, University teacher, orchard and nursery manager, consultant and administrator, he made significant contribution to each area of responsibility.

He also worked in various national and international research projects including projects on control of citrus decline, overcoming low-yield problems in sweet orange, understanding mango physiology and controlling its reproductive malformation. Furthermore, he conducted consultancies/surveys in various government or NGOs' programs like AKRSP, PARC, NESPAK, EPB, OPCV (Australia) and FAO.

After organizing an international conference on citriculture in 2004, he had a deem desire to provide a platform for eminent scientists of the world to share the knowledge about mango and date's culture and export on the initiative of Dr. Saeed Ahmad, President, The Horticultural Foundation of Pakistan. He started making preparation for organizing this conference, but on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2005, he suffered from fatal disease of 'Blood Cancer'. However, he advised his team that, *The Show Must Go On*, and his team members made this event successfully happen to pay tribute to their leader. During his illness, he remained in-touch with updates of conference. Even intense care, ultimate therapies, best wishes and prayers from his well wishers could not heal him from this disease and just five days after the conference, he died on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2005. On this sad demise, every body including his relatives, students, friends, colleagues and well wishers were very grieved and sent 'messages of condolence' from every corner of Pakistan and all around the world. University of Agriculture Faisalabad arranged a 'Reference Seminar' on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2005 in which condolence messages were comprehended and Engro Chemicals Pakistan Ltd awarded him with 'Life time achievement award'.

In tribute of his life time efforts in field of horticulture, this *Proceedings* is dedicated to this 'man-of-honour'. May his soul rest in peace! (Ameen).

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