

*Maqsood Siddiqi*  
CHAIRMAN

Cancer Foundation of India

Prof. Siddiqi is a **Research Scientist**, having over 35 years **Scientific Research, Teaching, Public Health and Institutional Management experience** in India and abroad (8 yrs) and held academic and research positions / fellowships at **S.K. Institute of Medical Sciences and the University of Kashmir, Srinagar (India), German Cancer Research Centre (DKFZ) in Heidelberg, (Germany), International Agency for Research on Cancer (WHO), Lyon (France) and Paterson Institute for Cancer Research in Manchester (U.K.) and M D Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, USA .**

In addition to a long academic career in research & teaching in the institutions mentioned above, he has been the **Director of two major research centres in India** for over 10 years (1994 – 2005) where he guided and administered a large number of research projects in diverse areas such as preventive cancer research, epidemiology, cancer registration, life-style risk factors and several other topics in clinical research. **His discovery of Caffeine-derived N-nitroso compounds and their implication in high incidence of cancer Esophagus and Stomach in Kashmir has been internationally acclaimed. He has more than 50 research publications in peer reviewed international research journals and books with high citation rating.** He is a co-editor of a recently published book “Protective Effects of Tea on Human Health” CABI International, London, UK, 2006.

He was the **Director of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI), Calcutta, India** from December 1994 to October 2001. The CNCI is an autonomous institution under the *Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India* and also the largest Regional Cancer Centre in eastern India and country's second largest **Comprehensive Cancer Centre** having a dedicated Cancer Hospital with a 200-bed indoor facility, a well-developed **Research Centre for Basic and Clinical Research in Oncology** and an exclusive centre for **Preventive Oncology** which carries out cancer public health work in the state of West Bengal. He led a team of about **30 scientists and 50 clinicians** towards new and holistic approaches in **research, diagnosis, treatment and community health in cancer** with financial support from government of India and several national and international health agencies such as WHO and IARC, Lyon.

In October 2001, he accepted the challenging offer of **Director of Bose Institute at Calcutta, India**, one of the premier multidisciplinary research centre in the country founded by Sir J.C.Bose in 1917 and now an autonomous institute under the *Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India*. He has led the institute capably and during his tenure not only scientific research flourished at the institute, but the institute received a new direction where 4 Centres of Advance Research were established in the fields of **Bioinformatics, Plant Molecular Biology, Structural Biology and Drug development and Astrophysics, Space & Environmental Sciences.**

Besides, he is the **Founder of Cancer Foundation of India (CFI)**, a national organisation, with headquarters at Kolkata. The CFI is a Registered voluntary organization dedicated to campaign towards cancer control in the country. The CFI is a

knowledge based organisation generating population-based information on *Preventive* aspects of human cancers for the benefit of promoting *Cancer Public Health* in the country. The Foundation has collaborative agreements with several Academic, Medical Research and Treatment as well as S & T institutions in the country. The Foundation that was conceived and started by him in 2002 has already undertaken projects from World Health Organisation (WHO), Geneva, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), Lyon, France, the Government of India, Ministry of Science & Technology and Health and American Cancer Society (ACS), Atlanta.

Prof. Siddiqi has been a **Member** of a large number of **professional organizations** and **committees in Cancer Research and Control** in addition to the **membership** of several **policy making, regulatory and advisory committees in field of medical science, cancer and health care in India and abroad**. He **represented** the country in various **International meetings and conferences on cancer research and management**. He is **Member of the Research Advisory Committee at Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Centre, New Delhi, Nargis Dutt Cancer Institute, Barshi**. He has served / Serving as a member on the **Senior Selection Board or Senate of 13 Universities in India**. He is a **life member of** Indian Association of Cancer Research, elected member of **European Association of Cancer Research, Advisor, Asia-Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention and Vice-President of International Society for Tea Science**. Prof. Siddiqi is also the **Fellow of West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology**.

He is recipient of **Life-time Achievement Award for cancer research** by the Prime Minister of India at the *International Breast Cancer Conference, Nagpur, India, February 2000*; **Appreciation Medal** for outstanding research in Cancer from the **Province of Pisa, Italy**, at the *International meeting on Genotoxicity of Diet and Cancer Prevention, September 1997*; **American Cancer Society, News Services, Media Mention** for selected cancer research work from developing countries at the *2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference of Cancer Organisations, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, May 1999*.

He delivered some prestigious Orations in India such as the **Subodh Mitra Memorial Oration**, of CNCI, Kolkata, 2007; **D.M.Bose Memorial Oration** of the Indian Science News Association, 2003; the **Anmolratan Lectureship** of Calcutta University, 2003; the **Shakuntala Dasgupta Oration** of the Physiological Society of India, 2002 and the **Debidas Bhattacharya Oration** of the Visva-Bharati University, 2002.

## **Personal Information**

### **Education**

PhD (1971); M Phil (1969); MSc (1966) in Biochemistry  
All degrees from Aligarh University, Aligarh, (UP) India

### **Professional Experience**

Over 35 years in Scientific Research, Teaching and  
Institutional Management in India and abroad

### **Last Position & Address**

Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata  
P-1/12 CIT Scheme VII M, Kolkata – 700 054  
(October 2001 – December 2005)

### **Immediate Past Position**

Director, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI), Calcutta  
(December 1994 – October 2001)

## *Career History*

### **India**

**Since January 2006**  
Chairman  
*Cancer Foundation of India*

**October 2001- December 2005**  
Director  
*Bose Institute, Kolkata*

**December 1994 – October 2001**  
**Director**  
***Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI), Kolkata***

**1984 - 1994**  
**Professor and Chairman,**  
***Department of Biochemistry, University of Kashmir, Srinagar (J&K)***

**1981 - 1984**  
**Senior Consultant / Associate Professor and Chairman,**  
***Department of Clinical Biochemistry,***  
***S K Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar (J&K)***

### **International**

**Guest Scientist**  
***German Cancer Research Centre (DKFZ), Heidelberg, Germany***  
**(1987-88; 1990; 1992-93) – 5 yrs.**

**Visiting Scientist (CRC)**  
***Paterson Institute of Cancer Research & Christie Hospital & Holt Radium***  
***Institute, Manchester, UK, (1973 – 1976) – 2 yrs.***

**Visiting Scientist (NIH, USA)**  
***M.D. Anderson Cancer Institute, Houston, USA* (June 2007)**

**Senior European Commission (CEC) Fellow**  
***International Agency for Research in Cancer (WHO), Lyon, France* (1991) – 1yr**

**IARC Senior Scientist Award Fellowship**  
***International Agency for Research in Cancer (WHO), Lyon, France* (2007-08)**  
**4 months** (Dec '07 – Mar '08)