

In memory of professor Tomio Tada

A pioneer of FIMSA and Past President of IUIS passed away on April 18, 2010

1. April 19, 2010 by Chowdhury R. Ahsan, Bangladesh

I am writing this on behalf of the Bangladesh Society for Immunology.

We just heard that Professor Tomio Tada, one of FIMSA and IUIS's past presidents, has passed away yesterday. He was not only a great Immunologist, but a great NOH (a traditional Japanese drama) writer and also wrote several books.

He was present at the inaugural ceremony of the Bangladesh Society for Immunology (1999) and encouraged all of us to build a strong base of Immunology in the country.

I take this opportunity to share this sad news with all of you and request the FIMSA council to arrange a condolence meeting in any of FIMSA's next get-together.

Thanking you.

Sincerely yours,

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2. April 22, 2010 by Narinder Mehra , India

Dear All

Sorry to learn about this extremely sad news.

Tomio was indeed associated with the establishment of FIMSA right from the early days. He was personally present during the 'planning meeting' in New Delhi in February 1992 when the concept of the Federation was first discussed and he indeed played a very important role towards its realization. He was elected as 'Vice President' of the IUIS in 1995 at the ICI Congress in San Francisco and took over the IUIS Presidency during the New Delhi Congress in 1998. For the next three years, he was a source of tremendous guidance and encouragement to us for the 10th International Congress of Immunology that we eventually organized in New Delhi in Nov. 1998. He visited us in Delhi several times between 1995 and 1998 to oversee the arrangements. I always enjoyed a personal and a special relationship with him.

Besides the above, Tomio played a great role in spreading the message of Immunology in the region. He regularly organized the highly successful 'WACID Winter Schools in Immunology' in Japan and encouraged young students and researchers, several of whom greatly benefitted from them. Again I had the privilege of attending a few of these meetings.

I'll pass on the information to several of his admirers in India and elsewhere. On behalf of the President and Secretary of the Indian Immunology Society and on my personal behalf, I offer our heartfelt condolences which may be conveyed to the family. Tomio was surely a 'jewel' in the field of Immunology.

Narinder Mehra

3. April 22, 2010 from DN Rao, India

The Indian Immunology Society feeling sad regarding the sad demise of Prof. Tomio.

He is an active member of FIMSA and spread the message of immunology to the world. I pray God almighty to give peace to his soul. Please convey our condolences to the beavered family.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

DN Rao

4. April 22, 2010 from Pakleong Lim, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Society of Immunology joins in and mourns the great loss of a distinguished immunologist and gentleman.

Pakleong

5. April 22, 2010 from Sita Naik, India

As President of the Indian Immunology Society, i would like to convey the condolences of all the members on the passing away of one of the "greats"

Sita Naik

6. April 22, 2010 from Stefan H.E Kaufmann, Incoming President of IUIS

dear all,

I heard with great sadness that Prof. Tomio Tada passed away yesterday. Tomio was not only associated with the establishment of FIMSA but also

IUIS President. Moreover, he was outstanding scientist who had formed tremendously my own way of approaching immunology.

On my personal behalf and as Incoming President of IUIS and Past President of IUIS, let me express my heartfelt condolences.

Yours sincerely,

Stefan H.E Kaufmann

7. April 22, 2010 from Nicholas King, President of FIMSA

Dear Colleagues,

I know I speak for all of us in our region, about the sorrow we feel at the passing of Professor Tomio Tada. He was indeed one of the greats.

Our heartfelt condolences go to his family, and to those who have lost a personal friend.

With our best wishes,

Nicholas King