Obituary

Dr. PJ Geevarghese

Dr. PJ Geevarghese, eminent diabetologist of international reputation and one of the pioneers of diabetes research in India passed away on 19-12-2003 at the age of 78 following subarachnoid haemorrhage. He was the President, Kerala Diabetes Foundation and executive patron of RSSDI (Research Society for Study of Diabetes in India). He was formerly Director and Professor of Medicine at Medical College, Kottayam and during his long tenure in Government service has graced almost all the then medical colleges in Kerala. In addition he has been visiting Professor at foreign university schools of New York, Marseilles and California. He has done a lot of research work on “Pancreatic Diabetes” which won international recognition and has authored many monographs like “Pancreatic Diabetes” (1968), “Calcific Pancreatitis and Diabetes in Tropics” (1992), “A Handbook for Diabetics” (8 editions) and “Recent Progress in Clinical Diabetes” (2002). A spiritual book “Holy Trinity and the Apostolic Church” was also written by him.

After retirement he was practising as Consultant Diabetologist at St. Mary’s Diabetes Centre and Krishna Nursing Home in Cochin. During his long and fruitful career, Prof. Geevarghese has been President, Scientific Section, Diabetic Association of India and Indian Society of Pancreatology. He has received a number of awards like “Boehringer-Knoll Award”, “Silver Jubilee Oration Award” by Trivandrum Medical College, and the “Lifetime Dedication to Diabetes Care award by Novo-Nordisk.

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Announcement

Second Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) - American Diabetes Association (ADA), Postgraduate Course on Diabetes, at Chennai, India, September 2004. The second MDRF-ADA Postgraduate Course on Diabetes will be held from 24th to 26th September 2004 at Chennai, India. The meeting will be hosted by the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Chennai.

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