

OBITUARY



DR. P. SIMHADRI
(July 1, 1920 - January 1, 1987)

Contributions of Dr. P. Simhadri, M. D. to the growth and development of speciality of Physiology in India and enforcing standards in Medical Education are significant and unforgettable. Born at Rayadurg, graduated at Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam, (A.P.), he taught Physiology at Guntur, Kurnool, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Wardha. He had keen interest in Neurophysiology and received his training with Professor J.M.R. Delgado at Yale School of Medicine, U. S. A. His work on effects of photic stimulation on brain neuropeptides and studies on behaviour using chemitrode was recognised all over the world.

He provided an inspiring leadership and support to the activities of A. P. P. I. He was member of the Editorial Board of I. J. P. P. (1971-1984), Conference Secretary (1972) and General Secretary of A. P. P. I. (1973-1974). It was due to support of stalwarts of his status that A. P. P. I. was able to host the International Congress of Physiological Sciences at Delhi in 1974.

He was working as Medical Adviser and Chairman of Biotechnology Division of Instrumental Techniques (P) Ltd. when he was snatched away from us on 1.1.1987. The speciality of Physiology in India has suffered a great loss in passing away of Dr. Simhadri. Men of head and heart of his Calibre, are rare to come by. Our biggest tribute to his memory would be to dedicate ourselves to his ideals in raising the standards of teaching and research in the speciality of Physiology in India and build A. P. P. I. as a strong organization to undertake the tasks to which he so fervently dedicated himself in his life time.