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**EVENTS AT IBN SINA ACADEMY
(July – September 2013)**

Books Exhibition on Independence Day

The Indian writers played a significant role in the struggle of country's freedom; their vision of freedom, strengthened the concept of self-sovereignty as well as awakened the whole community. Revolutionary freedom fighters kept the national struggle alive until mid of August 1947. On the occasion of India's 67th Independence Day, the Academy paid a rich tribute to these scholars and writers and arranged a book collection on India's freedom struggle.

Safar Guzar Released

On Sunday (7.7.2013), Prof. Akhtarul Wasey (Delhi) released *Dewan-e Rahi*, namely, *Safar Guzar* of a noted Urdu poet Jamuna Prasad Rahi. This second collection of poetry was released in a glittering function organized by Ibn Sina Academy. A large number of people from all walks of life attended the function.

Raghib Kakralvi (Delhi), Prof. Sirajuddin Ajmali, Prof. Saeeduzzafar Chaghtai, Prof. Chawla and many others presented their overviews about the book. Ms. Afshan Malik conducted the programme.

In the end, Jamuna Prasad Rahi thanked all the persons especially Padma Shri Prof. Akhtarul Wasey who all the way came to Aligarh from Delhi and Ibn Sina Academy, which organized this special function.

To name a few persons, who attended the function were Syed Maqsood Hussain Taj, Dr. Prof. S. Zillur Rahman,

Dr. Babar Ilyas, Dr. Farid Faridi, Dr. Zoya Zaidi, Prof. Anis A Ansari, Dr. Abdul Latif, Prof. Asghar Abbas, Dr. Abdur Rahim K, Ms. Sabiha Sumbul, Dr. Tassuduq Hussain, Dr. Ahmad Ashfaq, Dr. Mujeeb Shahzar, Dr. Rizwanullah, Dr. Masroor Ahmad, etc.

Official Visit of Staff Members to Hojai, Assam

A team of two staff members working at Ibn Sina Academy under the scheme of Ajmal Foundation comprising of Dr. Masroor Ahmad and Dr. Rizwanullah visited Hojai, Assam during 22-30 September 2013. It is recalled that Ajmal Foundation of Hojai has very kindly arranged some computers for routine works and allotted 3 posts at Ibn Sina Academy. These 3 staff members have no specific responsibility, but the fact is that the whole academy is running over the shoulders of these 3 dedicated workers. It is satisfying that the Academy is being progressed gradually with this kind courtesy and collaboration of the Ajmal Foundation. These staff members met authorities of Ajmal Foundation and apprised with all activities done so far for the last 3 years.

Ajmal Foundation asked these staff members to submit the triennial report of the last 3 years, which is being prepared and soon would be dispatched.

Condolence Meeting for Hakim Abdul Qavi Khan (1926-2013)

It is very unfortunate that Hakim Abdul Qavi Khan passed away today on 25 August 2013, exclaimed Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman, President Ibn Sina Academy. He briefed about his life in a

condolence meeting held immediately after his burial. Hakim Abdul Qavi Khan, born on 20 May 1926, belonged to a family of Unani physicians from Shahjahanpur. His grandfather Hakim Abdul Qadir Khan was *Afsar al-Attiba*, of Bhopal State during the era of Nawab Sultan Jahan Begum. His cousin Hakim Abdul Muqtadir Khan was also *Afsar al-Attiba* of Bhopal State. He was a student of BUMS of 1946–batch and was later appointed as lecturer at the Department of Ilmul Advia from where he retired in 1986. After retirement, his services were hired as a consultant (of Unani medicine) at Dawakhana Tibbiya College. Hakim Zillur Rahman Sahib further stated that as a colleague in the same Department and on behalf of Ibn Sina Academy he shared the grief of his family members and sends this note of sympathy to the bereaved family. He is survived by his wife and one son Faisal and two daughters Darakhshan and Afshan.

The condolence meeting was attended by Dr. Abdul Latif (Associate Professor, Ilmul Advia), Dr. Abdur Rauf (Assistant Professor, Ilmul Advia), Mr. Mohd. Nafees, Dr. Tassawwer Hussain, Dr. Masroor Ahmad, Dr. Rizwanullah, Dr. Yasir Alvi, Dr. S. Ziaur Rahman, Mr. Zahoor Mohammad and Mr. S. Zahid Jamal.

VISIT OF DIGNITARIES

1. A team of students of public health and human rights from different universities of United States of America visited Ibn Sina Academy on 18.9.2013. These students came under university exchange programme of India-Health and Human Rights, SIT Study Abroad and World Learning of USA. They assessed the different levels of health care delivery systems in India.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman on behalf of the Ibn Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine and Sciences welcomed the visiting students and presented a brief introduction of the Academy and highlighted its role in the advancement of public health.

The students viewed both museums of Ibn Sina academy and praised the collections extant in its library. The students found the tour highly informative and knowledgeable. Dr. Azim A Khan, Professor and Academic Director, World Learning USA presented a brief overview of the activities carried out under the exchange programme and objectives of the visit.



A team of students from USA with President of Ibn Sina Academy

2. The Director of Qaumī Council Barā'ē-furōgh-e-Urdū-Zabān (National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language), Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India), Dr. Khwaja Ikram, visited Ibn Sina Academy on 28th August 2013. A programme in his honour was arranged where a large number of participants attended the function.

It is to be remembered that NCPUL has been sponsoring to hold Annual Ibn Sina Memorial Lecture for the last seven

years. The Academy gratefully acknowledges its kind contribution.

3. 'Educational Tour' for Delegates, Subject Refresher Course in Business Studies, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, July 6, 2013.
4. 'Educational Tour' for Delegates, Subject Refresher Course in History, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, July 10, 2013.
5. 'Educational Tour' for Delegates, Subject Refresher Course in Research Methodology in Oriental Studies, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, August 24, 2013.
6. 'Educational Tour' for Delegates, Orientation Programme (OP-127), UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, August 27, 2013.
7. 'Educational Tour' for Delegates, Orientation Programme (OP-126), UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, September 11, 2013.
8. Two separate educational tours for delegates, Subject Refresher Course (SRC) in English and Human Rights, UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, September 23, 2013.

On these educational tours, Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman addressed the participants and gave an account of the History of Unani Medicine and about the values of culture and heritage. He showed them also the Museums of the Academy.

MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy) attended following important meetings.

1. Working Committee (Markazi Majlis-e Amla), All India Muslim Majlis-e Mushawarat, Delhi, 19.10.2013.
2. Review Meeting of the Panel on "Unani Medicine" regarding the progress

of work and to finalise shape of Unani text, 8.7.2013.

3. Member, Advisory Committee, International Al Zahrawi Conference, Institute of Objective Studies, December 13-15, 2013.

The New Delhi-based Institute of Objective Studies, (IOS), has decided to organize an international conference on "Revisiting Abul Qasim Al-Zahrawi's Legacy in Medicine and Surgery" on December 13-15, 2013, to mark the 1000th death anniversary of the pioneer physician and surgeon and highlight his wide-ranging contributions to medicine and surgery.

This was decided at the 27th annual meeting of Governing Council, (GC), of IOS held on August 31 last which was later endorsed by the General Assembly at its meeting on September 1 last. Eminent doctors, surgeons, medical scientists and experts of Tibb from within and outside the country are expected to participate in the conference.

Prof. Rahman has also been appointed as Chairman of the Literary Research Sub Committee, Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Dept. of AYUSH, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi, dated 3.09.2013. The Committee is constituted for literary research programme of the Council and to advise the Director General as well as Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), CCRUM, on related technical issues including visit of centres as and when needed. The members of the Committee are Hakim Khalid Zaman Khan (Aligarh), Dr. Ashhar Qadeer (New Delhi), Dr. Shafqat Ahmad Azmi (New Delhi), Dr. Waseem Ahmad Azmi (Lucknow), Dr. A. K. Bag

(INSA, New Delhi) and Dr. Mohd Fazil Khan (New Delhi).

Prof. S.M. Razaullah Ansari (General Secretary, Ibn Sina Academy) had attended successfully the 24th International Congress of History of Science, Technology and Medicine (ICHSTM), held in Manchester (UK), during July 21–28, 2013. He had been one of the Organizers of the Symposium on Ancient and Medieval Astronomy, and chaired one session also. As the Leader of the India Delegation to the Congress, he attended the General Assembly of the Executive Council of the IUHPS (International Union of History and Philosophy of Science). This Congress is sponsored by IUHPS every four years. The next Congress will be held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). The Manchester Congress was extremely well planned. For the importance of the Congress, cf. the brief report by S.M.R. Ansari in 'documents' pp 6-11.

Prof. Ansari has also been invited to attend the "100th Anniversary of the Birth of Aydin Sayili, International Symposium on Ottoman Science and Philosophy in XVI Century", to be held in Kastamonu University, during Nov.13-15, 2013, in Turkey. He will be reading his paper on "Astronomical Writings in Medieval Persian Sources, A case of Comparative Studies between India and Turkey".

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Honorary Treasurer, Ibn Sina Academy) has been appointed as:

1. Felicitator, Committee for Assessment & Accreditation of the University by NAAC, Department of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh, with effect from 29 May 2013.

2. Member Review Committee, Evaluative report of the Departments, Committee for Assessment & Accreditation of the University by NAAC, AMU, Aligarh, 15.4.2013

3. Member, Committee on Study Team for Consolidation and Up gradation of the existing curriculum and syllabi, Identification of new courses which can be instituted, Feasibility of introducing Inter-disciplinary programmes, Excellence in research by way of collaboration programs and projects and Exploring avenues of Executive Education, Aligarh Muslim University, Faculty of Medicine, AMU, Aligarh, October 12, 2013

4. Member, Annual Report of Aligarh Muslim University 2012-2013

5. Deputy Medical Superintendent, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College Hospital, AMU, Aligarh.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES AT IAMMS

Guest Lecture Series 34

The forthcoming guest lecture on "History of Cancer: From Demons to Genes" will be held on 10th October 2013. For this Guest Lecture series # 34, Prof. (Dr.) Ashraf Khan (FRCPATH), an alumnus of JNMC and presently Director, Surgical Pathology, University of Massachusetts Medical School, USA, is requested, which he kindly agreed.

Annual Mehfil-e Mushaira

The Annual *Mehfil-e Mushaira* under the aegis of Ghalib Study Centre will be organized on 12th October 2013. A large number of local and non-local poets are expected to participate in the event.

IOS meet to commemorate Al-Zahrawi on 1000th anniversary

The Institute of Objective Studies has decided to organise a three-day international conference on Abul Qasim

al-Zahrawi, to mark the 1000th death anniversary of the pioneer physician and surgeon. The conference will be held from December 13 through 15, 2013 at New Delhi.

The above decision was taken at a consultative meeting held at the Institute which was attended by experts of surgery, medicine and Tibb. The Institute's Chairman Dr. Mohammad Manzoor Alam said that the conference is being organised to highlight the wide-ranging contributions of Abul Qasim al-Zahrawi to medicine and surgery. Eminent doctors, surgeons, medical scientists and experts of Tib from within and outside the country will participate in the conference.

Those who participated in the meeting included Dr. Ahmad Abdul Hai (Patna), Dr. Fakhruddin Mohammad (Hyderabad), Prof. Dr. M. Amanullah Khan (Aligarh), Prof. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman (Aligarh), Dr. M. Farooque, Al-Shifa Hospital, Delhi; Dr. Shakeel Tamanna, Majeedia Hospital, Delhi; Dr. Altaf Ahmad Azmi, Delhi; Prof. A.R. Momin, Mumbai; Prof. Z.M. Khan; Prof. Rifaqat Ali Khan, Prof. Ishteyaque Danish; Dr. Ausaf Ahmad and Prof. Sanghasen Singh (all from Delhi).

Books Exhibition on the occasion of National Workshop cum CME on Alternatives to Animal Experimentation in Medical Science

Animal experiments are an integral part of pharmacology teaching at medical colleges. But because of recent guidelines by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, to stop experimentation on animals for training undergraduate and post-graduate students in colleges and as a substitute use alternatives such as computer-aided simulators. Both UGC

(D.O.F.1-1/2009, CPP-II) and MCI (dated, 7.5.2013) are also recommending not to sacrifice animals for teaching purpose in the UG classes (MBBS, BDS). Various medical schools in India, and rest of the world, have either introduced alternatives to these experiments or are debating the issue.

Department of Pharmacology, J. N. Medical College, A. M. U., Aligarh, has already established a separate laboratory on "Alternatives to Animal Experimentation" way back in 2006. Moreover, it has now become difficult to do animal experiments because of issues related to procurement of animals, strict regulations, ethics, change in attitude for animal experiments and finances. Consequently, teachers and researchers are bound to adopt and implement these recent guidelines by various agencies and ministries.

Because of the local expertise in this field of simulations and alternatives, it is thus aimed to organize a workshop from 24-25th February 2014 on such a topic to train and instill confidence to others on use of alternatives to animal experimentations, to encourage participants to adopt these alternatives in their teachings and to start similar labs in their colleges and departments. Along with the Workshop cum CME, it has also decided to arrange an exhibition of books and artifacts on alternatives to animal experimentation extant at Ibn Sina Academy.

Agencies, that are engaged in promoting and providing alternative solutions and expertise in the field of 'animal simulators', are requested to please provide useful suggestions and expertise in terms of resource persons, technical support and advertisement of

the products for the souvenir of the said workshop cum CME at the Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, so that it could be planned in a befitting and successful manner.

Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman
(Organising Secretary)

FORTHCOMING BOOK

Hakim Ahsanullah Khan, by Syed Zillur Rahman, reviewed by S. Ziaur Rahman

Hakim Ahsanullah Khan was the physician, diplomat and a very famous personality during the reign of last Mughal emperors. He also remained the prime minister during the royal ministry of Bahadur Shah Zafar. He had a good relation with almost all the literary figures and poets of that era including Sir Syed, Ghalib, Momin and Zafar, etc. He maintained cordial relations with them while serving at the Mughal court. No biography of Hakim Ahsanullah Khan has ever been written; and not even any research work has ever been done on this great figure of the Mughal period. In fact he deserves a comprehensive project dealing with his life and works. He has been falsely charged as an associate of the English government and the same allegation has been repeated by many authors. In the forthcoming book, Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman treated his life, personality and works, in addition to critically examine the allegation that he had been a close accomplice of the British government. According to the author's research, this allegation is totally baseless. The book will be unique in its style and presentation, in which the First War of Independence in 1857 is also dealt with from a historical point of view.

It is also to be noted that the Library of Congress Control Number (LCCN) to the title 'Hakim Ahsanullah Khan' is allotted in a very rare and exceptional circumstance. Current policy of the Library of Congress does not permit pre-assigning of LCCN to non-American titles. Usually, the agency only assigns LCCN once the title is published and acquired by the Library of Congress. Therefore, it is Academy's great achievement to get pre-assigned LCCN for this title prior to its publication.

Following is the detail of the book:

Name of the book: *Hakim Ahsanullah Khan*

Publisher: Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh

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Library of Congress Control Number (LCCN): 2013332987

Number of pages: 175

Language: Urdu

DOCUMENTATION

Enduring Legacy of Muslim Civilization – An Exhibition at AMU

Note: The following news is related to the themes and activities of Ibn Sina Academy.

The library of Ibn Sina Academy possesses a book for which the above exhibition was organized. The book, *1001 Inventions of Muslim Heritage in Our World*, which is a compilation by the leading and award-winning organisation, Foundation for Science Technology and Civilization (FSTC) of UK, was gifted to Ibn Sina Academy by one of its contributors, Dr. Ibrahim Shaikh (a Surgeon from UK), when he visited Ibn Sina Academy and delivered an invited lecture on 27.11.2012.

1001 Inventions is an award-winning international educational project dedicated to the history of science and technology in Muslim civilization during the period known as the Golden Age. The project encompasses online and traditional publishing, films and both static and traveling exhibitions. The 1001 Inventions project was created by the Manchester-based non-profit Foundation for Science, Technology and Civilisation (Source: Wikipedia). Based on the project, AMU organized an "Exhibition on Enduring Legacy of Muslim Civilization".

The Women's College, Aligarh Muslim University, organized a photo exhibition by Mr. Salman Waris on the above theme "Enduring Legacy of Muslim Civilization". The exhibition was inaugurated by AMU Vice Chancellor, Lt. Gen. Zameeruddin Shah at the Women's College Library today. Addressing on this occasion, Gen. Shah appreciated the initiative. He said that the exhibition sought to uncover the thousand years of scientific and cultural achievements in Muslim civilization from 7th century onward and how those contributions helped create the foundations of our modern world.

Prof. Bilqis N. Waris, Principal, Women's College, while welcoming the guests, said that the exhibition will be beneficial to the Women's College students. Prof. Iffat Ara conducted the programme.

Prof. Waris said that Muslim civilization stretched from Spain to China and from the 7th century onward, men and women of different faiths and cultures flourished on the knowledge from ancient civilizations making breakthrough in the development of the modern world.

She said, new that the 'Exhibition of Enduring Legacy of Muslim Civilization' would highlight the most important scientific and technological discoveries of Muslim society during centuries following the fall of ancient Rome - a period known as the 'Dark Ages' in European history. However, while the Western World was in slumber and doldrums, a *knowledge revolution* was occurring in the Muslim world, she added.

Prof. Waris said that the Exhibition of Enduring Legacy of Muslim Civilization showcases a set of 10 displays on Muslim Heritage, specially imported from UK, including displays on "Our History Timeline", "the Muslim Heritage World Map", the Muslim Scholars" and the "7 x Our Zones". These displays are illustrated and provide an insight into everyday life across Muslim civilization and the subsequent growth and progress of Western civilization.

Source: University Press Release by Zeeshan Ahmad, Assistant Public Relations Officer, AMU, Aligarh

Ibn Sina Academy's Profile

A comprehensive profile of Ibn Sina Academy and its founder president Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman has been published in detail as a part of series on 'Aman ki Aasha (Hope for Peace), an attempt by Jang Group of Newspapers (Pakistan) and Times of India (India) by Jang on 21.9.2013

A Brief Report on Twenty Fourth International Congress of History of Science, Manchester, 2013

By S. M. Razaullah Ansari¹

The Twenty Fourth International Congress of History of Science, Technology and Medicine, which was sponsored by the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science (IUHPS), was held in Manchester, UK, during July 22 - 28, 2013. The Congress (or Manchester Congress) was also sponsored and organized locally by the British Society of History of Science (BSHS), Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHSTM), the University of Manchester and Wellcome Trust. BSHS hosted this Congress in UK for the third time. The author had the privilege to attend one of these History of Science Congress also in 1977, held at Edinburg.

The Congress was organized by the Local Organization Committee (LOC), of which Jeff Hughes and James Sumner were the co-chairmen. The theme of the Congress was *'Knowledge at Work'*. This Congress has been the largest congress of history of science, with 1758 registered participants, 411 sessions across 23 parallel tracks, along with about 100 social/public events, i.e., receptions, excursions, walking tours etc. The author, who has been attending these congresses since 1977, held every four years in various countries, was extremely impressed by the high-tech organization of every piece of information concerning the Congress: the total programme, profiles of participants, the abstracts of papers, about evening events, practical tips etc. All this information was available on the Congress website, face book, twitter and also on the smart phones. The spirit behind all this widely spread information

was the co-chair James Sumner, thanks for his genial handling and his team of colleagues.

The opening ceremony of the Congress was held on 22 July at 9 a.m. It was conducted by the Vice-President of the BSHS, Dr. Sally Horrock (Leicester). The president of the IUHPS Council, Liu Dun (Beijing), inaugurated the Congress by a short speech, in which he recalled briefly the role of the city of Manchester in the industrial revolution, contributions of scientistsⁱⁱ, for instance, by Ernest Rutherford [splitting of atom], Bernard Lovell [radio astronomy]. Finally he appreciated the effort of the LOC for the excellent organization of the Congress. Prof. Dun was followed by Dr. Horrock, who described the rich history of the university as the first civil university with a department of engineering, physics etc. She mentioned the establishment of the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester, and especially the Centre for the History of Science, Technology, Medicine and Science Communication with its tremendous progress as the major institution of history of science, since its establishment in 1986. She stressed the importance of history of science-heritage and thanked participants for attending the Congress in so large number. Thereafter she invited the President of the BSHS, Hasok Chang (Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK) to deliver his Keynote Address on "Putting Science back in History of Science".

Stressing the misconception of both 'internalists' and 'externalists' and pronouncing the dichotomies of socio-cultural versus rational and intellectual as false, Chang's thesis was that "there is a distinct set of objectives in the history of science that cannot be met, if

we do not engage with scientific knowledge itself and with the methods used by scientists in pursuit of Knowledge.” Further, he opined that the maturity of the discipline of history of science demands that we engage with science critically and also “seriously both as a socio-cultural phenomenon and as an epistemic practice”.

The opening ceremony was followed by actual sessions of the Congress. To note is that 120 symposia of the 13 historical commissions including those organized by individual historians of science, and 46 sectional meetings for stand-alone papers were held; the actual number assigned to them in the programme is denoted by S and T respectively. 13 Indian participants and their talks are listed elsewhere. Out of them S.M.R. Ansari and Gulfishan Khan were from AMU. In an Appendix , we have listed also elsewhere the titles of the symposia concerning astronomy (4), mathematics (6), Islamic science (3), and some special ones (5).ⁱⁱⁱ These titles and also topics of a few selected talks are adequate to appreciate the significant and innovative contributions of the committed organizers. It is a matter of pleasure that four talks were delivered by Indian historians of astronomy in the symposium on “Ancient and Medieval Astronomy”, rather a total of six talks particularly on Indian astronomy. The author of this report was one of the three organizers of this symposium (S092), he chaired also one of the sessions. Noteworthy to mention is that the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) sponsored the India Delegation to the Congress.

Two IUHPS^{iv} General Assemblies (GA) of the member-countries are held usually during the Congress for business transaction and particularly for

the election of the new Executive Council of IUHPS. They were held on July 24 and 27 respectively. To note is that 44 member-countries/national committees of the IUHPS are on record in 2013. The GA approved the request of New Zealand to be a member of IUHPS. It took notice of the work done by the 13 historical commissions, which are actually working groups of individual historians of science. Moreover, two new commissions were created and approved by the GA. They are Science and Literature Commission and the Commission for the History and Philosophy of Computing.

The highlight of the GA was the election of its Executive Council, the result of which is as follows: *President*: Efthymios Nicolaidis (Greece), *President Elect*: Michael Osborne (USA), *First Vice-President*: Lesley Cormack (Canada), *Second Vice-President*: Jean Gayon (France), *Secretary General*: Catherine Jami (France), *Treasurer*: Jeff Hughes (UK), *Assistant Secretary General*: Annette Vogt (Germany). The newly elected assessors (members) are: Takehiko Hashimoto (Japan), Frank James (UK), Maija Kallinen (Finland), Krishnamurthi Ramasubramanian (India), Luiz Carlos Soares (Brazil), and Sun Xiaochun (China).

The last item at the General Assembly was the approval of the venue of the next History of Science Congress. Two invitations by the national committees of Argentina and of Brazil were considered. Brazil's invitation to be the host of the Congress was approved. That is, the next International Congress of History of Science and Technology (ICHST) will be held in the summer 2017 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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The closing ceremony of the Congress was held on 28 July 2013. It comprised mainly the distribution of "2013 DHST Prize for Young Scholars", for their Ph.D. Dissertations on the history of science, technology or medicine. The prize is awarded every four years by IUHPS (Division of History of Science and Technology, abbreviated by DHST). In fact this prize was initiated for the first time at the 22nd International Congress for History of Science (ICHS), held at Beijing in 2005, to five young scholars, one each for an outstanding dissertation concerning Western, Islamic, East Asian, South Asian or Ancient civilizations. The first prize was awarded at Beijing (2005), and the second prize at the 23rd ICHST, held in Budapest in 2009. However, no award could then be given for any thesis concerning South Asian or Ancient civilizations. Therefore the Award Committee decided for the 2013 Prize that the "entries could be on the history of science, technology and medicine in any part of the world". Five young scholars were awarded the 2013 Prize for their theses, and another five scholars were given "Honorable Mention". The winners are: Michitake Aso (New York, USA), Eugénie Briot (Paris, France), Fabian Krämer (Munich, Germany), Don Leggett (Canterbury, UK), and Mare Oliveras (Barcelona, Spain). The last scholar's thesis dealt with an Arabic text on astrology on which an Islamic Şūfī, Ibn Qunfudh al-Qusantīnī (d. 1407) wrote a commentary. Dr. Oliveras got therefore also a gold medal named after Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu^v, who instituted it for research in Islamic civilization.

This report will not be complete without mentioning the International Academy of History of Science (IAHS) with its secretariat at Paris. It is a matter of

pleasure to add that the author of this report is a full-fledged elected member of this Academy. In fact, IAHS is a sister organization of IUHPS. It has played a very important role initially in the promotion of history of science on international level. In fact the First International Congress of History of Science was organized by IAHS in 1929 in Paris. The Academy held its General Assembly for its business transactions on 25 July also at the Manchester Congress. Of our interest was particularly the following. Its plenary lecture was held by Julio Samso (Barcelona, Spain) on "*Al-Andalus (Islamic Spain) as a Bridge between Arabic and European Science*". He is Professor Emeritus of Islamic Science at the Department of Arab Studies, Faculty of Languages, Barcelona (Spain). He is particularly renowned for establishing a School of History of Science in the Islamic Spain (*Al-Andalus*), for which he received in 1995 the Alexander Koyré Medal. The Academy awarded its prestigious Koyré medal^{vi} for 2013 to David King (Former Professor and Director of the Institute of History of Science of the University, Frankfurt, Germany) for totality of his researches in Islamic mathematical astronomy, geography, astrolabe and other instruments. The author congratulates David King from the bottom of his heart for this renowned prize and is very glad to mention his nostalgic feeling; for he has the privilege of knowing King for the last several decades.

Two medals in the category of 'Young Historians Prizes' for 2011 and 2013 were awarded to the French Marc Moyon and the Italian Metteo Martelli for their researches.

so that readers can visualize adequately how much work and energy was invested in the organization of this Congress by the international community of historians of science and technology in compiling the programme of symposia and technical sections. It is evident that holding the quadrennial International Congress of History of Science (ICHS) is the major contribution of IUHPS for the promotion of history of science and technology (hereafter as HST) on international level.

Since IUHPS (Div. of HS) has been organizing the International Congress for History of Science (ICHS) every four years in various host countries. In almost all countries of Europe these congresses have taken place, in some of them a couple of times; for instance, France (1929, 1968), Spain (1959, 1993), UK (1931, 1977, 2013), USA (1962, 1985). On the other hand, only Japan (1974) and China (2005) in Asia and Mexico (2001) in South America have hosted it and Brazil will host the next congress in 2017.^{vii} To note is that no country of South and South East Asia and of the Islamic world has invited the ICHS till to-date, despite the fact that some of them are elected members of IUHPS, viz., India, Egypt, Iran, Pakistan, Syria, and Turkey.

India's Efforts. To our knowledge, Indian National Commission, New Delhi (INSA) became a member of IUHPS after it adhered to International Scientific Union (ICSU) in 1968. In fact, China was elected as a member of IUHPS at the 17th Congress of HS, held in Berkeley (USA) in 1985.^{viii} Within 20 years of its membership, it hosted the 22nd ICHS, which was held in Beijing in 2005. It may be recalled here that the Indian National Commission for HS under the auspices of INSA was

established in 1989.^{ix} Since its inception, the Commission has been fulfilling its objective for the promotion of history of science very diligently. Besides publications, it has been supporting financially projects in HS and was the pioneer in organizing international and national conferences also. All this work has been carried out singularly by the Unit of HS at INSA. However, it is high time that its work should be supplemented by similar units/departments in the universities. Once this author tried his best to establish a Research Centre for the History of Science and Technology at Aligarh Muslim University during the Vice-Chancellorship of S.M.Khusro, who was quite inclined to that idea. However, unfortunately it could not be materialized on extraneous non-academic grounds.

So far as India's contribution to international level is concerned, Indian historians of science *individually* have not missed any opportunity. B.V. Subbarayappa (Bangalore) was elected an assessor (member) of the Executive Council of IUHPS for 1982-1985 and re-elected for 1986-1989. S.M.R. Ansari (Aligarh) was also elected an assessor for 1990-1993, and re-elected for 1994-1997. He has been also President of a number of IUHPS Commissions: *Islamic Science and Technology* (1993-1997), *IUHPS-IAU Joint Commission for History of Astronomy* (1997-2001), and *Commission for the History of Ancient and Medieval Astronomy* (2001-2005), re-elected for 2005-2009.^x All that Indian contribution climaxed by the election of Subbarayappa as the *President* of the Council for 1998-2001, and as the past president for 2002-2005. It is a pleasure to add that at the Manchester Congress-2013, K. Ramsubramanian (IIT, Mumbai) was also elected an assessor for 2014-2017.

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