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Citation

PROF. DR. SURESH KUMAR GOVIND

Professor Dr. Suresh Kumar Govind finished his primary and secondary education at the Jalan Kuantan School (I) and Victoria Institution respectively, completed his Diploma in Science in Tuanku Abdul Rahman College and obtained his Bachelors of Science (Bio) (Chem) from Campbell University North Carolina USA in 1985. He obtained his Diploma In Applied Parasitology and Entomology (DAP & E) at the Institute Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, MSc in Medical Parasitology from University of Malaya and his PhD from the National University of Singapore in 1994. He became a lecturer at the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya, and Associate Professor in 2001 and a full Professor in 2006. Currently he serves as the Head of Department.

His special focus is dedicated to a protozoan parasite, Blastocystis and for the past 25 years has generated more than 110 scientific papers, presented more than 250 conference papers, and written several chapters in publications by World Health Organization. He has supervised more than 100 elective, diploma, graduate and post-graduate students including at doctorate level. His expertise in Blastocystis has led to him being appointed as reviewer for internationally refereed journals and is responsible for placing the organism for the first time in the fact list of the WHO publication on the drinking water guidelines. He was the winner of the National Young Scientist Award, Malaysian Toray Grant Award, Commonwealth Scholarship Award, Gold Innovative award at the national level as well as the winner of GOLD medal at the international ITEX exhibition. He has also won the Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine Silver Medal, the Prime Minister's Productivity award and the prestigious Malaysian Toray Science award as well as winning a few times the University Malaya excellence award.. He was conferred the global Malayalee Award for research in 2015 and the National Educators Award from the Association of Private Institutions. In 2016 won the Parija Oration Award from the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology for outstanding contribution to the field of Parasitology. He was conferred a Fellow to the Malaysian Academy of Science in 2015.

He has served as an expert member for the Drinking Water guidelines committee for the WHO since 2004. He has also served as an International Consultant for Indian Ocean Center for Education in Human Values, Mauritius. He has also been appointed by the Prime Minister of Malaysia to be a member of the National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) and the committee for inter-faith promotion (JKMPKA) a board member to IKLIN and a board member of the Yayasan I Malaysia.

He is a member of several professional societies such as the Life member of the Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine where he also served as the secretary and the President, Institute of Biology, United Kingdom (which carries the title CBiol, MIBiol), Malaysian Scientific Association (which carries the title A.M.S.A), Member of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and Life member of the Indian Society of Parasitology.

Prof. Dr. Suresh Govind was the former President of the Sathya Sai International Organization, Malaysia, an organization dedicated to the promotion of human values, service and national unity. He has been instrumental in many nation building programmes in the country and have, travelled extensively around the world upon invitation to speak to youth, educators and members of the organization on human values and selfless service. He has authored 7 books mainly on human values and the universal teachings of Bhagavan Baba.

He is currently the International coordinator for community engagement for 121 countries for the world SSIO as well as the Coordinator for the Friendship Group of Inter-Religious Service, consisting of members from all the major religious groups in Malaysia. The Malaysian Society of parasitology and Tropical Medicine is proud to present Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar Govind with the prestigious Sandosham medal for 2016.