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Professor Ramachandran, Dean of the School of Biological Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Pulau Pinang, is known to his many friends as C.P. He was the head of the Filariasis Division of the Institute for Medical Research for a few years before going to Universiti Sains Malaysia. He was awarded the D.Sc. degree by the University of Tokyo in 1968, this being the highest degree awarded by that University in Medical Sciences. Prof. Ramachandran entered the domain of Parasitology through the portals of Medical Entomology. He has 67 publications to his credit. These are primarily in the field of Filariasis and well demonstrate the breadth of his research ability. His work include research on laboratory experimental studies, field studies, methodological contributions, descriptive studies and research syntheses and reviews as well as applied research directed to the control of filariasis. It is indeed appropriate that a new filarial worm, *Dunnifilaria ramachandrani*, was named in his honour. Professor Ramachandran is well-recognised in Malaysia as well as the Southeast Asian region. He has been a visiting Professor and External Examiner in Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand. He holds the post of Associate Editor of the Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health. He has gained recognition in the international scene by representing Southeast Asia on the Council of the International Filariasis Association, and by being the Local Secretary to the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London. The latest honour was being elected to represent South and Southeast Asia in the Executive Board of the World Federation of Parasitologists. Given his outstanding achievements, Prof. Dr. C.P. Ramachandran was chosen as the Sandosham Medal recipient which is the highest award for excellence and contributions to Parasitology and Tropical Medicine.