



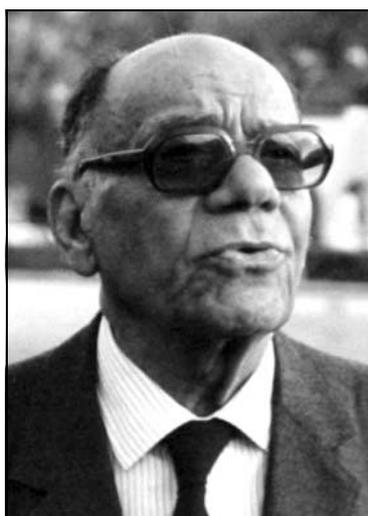
obituaries

Abbas Helmy Hassan

Formerly Professor in the Ain Shams University School of Medicine, Egypt

Professor Abbas Helmy Hassan was born in Cairo on 9 November 1913 and died there on 22 March 2003. He earned several degrees from Cairo University: Bachelor of Science in Medicine and Surgery in 1938, Diploma of Neurology in 1942 and MD in General Medicine in 1944. He was elected to the Foundation Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1971.

At Ain Shams University School of Medicine, Professor Hassan founded the Department of Neuropsychiatry in 1954 together with its specialist MD in Neuropsychiatry and was the head of the department from its creation in 1954 until his retirement in 1973. He also established



the clinical neurophysiology and physiotherapy units in the Neuro-psychiatry Department in 1961 and 1963, respectively.

Professor Hassan was the President of the Egyptian Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery for 6 years during which he was involved in establishing the Pan African and Pan Arab Unions of Neurological Sciences and presided over their first meetings. He also was a member of the World Federation of Neurology. He published *Neurology in Medical Practice* (for undergraduates) in 1960 and *Clinical Neurology* (for postgraduates) in 1964. He was awarded the Arab Republic of Egypt's First Degree Medal in Science and Arts in 1981.

Professor Hassan was a remarkably accomplished physician, teacher and researcher whose life was dedicated to neurology. He will long be remembered for his role in the establishment of neuropsychiatry in Ain Shams University in Egypt.

Nasser Loza

Lalit P. Shah

Formerly Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry, Seth G. S. Medical College and King Edward Memorial Hospital, Bombay, India

Dr Shah died on 31 March 2004 at King Edward Memorial Hospital, the hospital he had served for more than 40 years.

Dr Shah completed his medical training at Seth G. S. Medical College and King Edward Memorial Hospital, Bombay, India. He later trained in psychiatry and completed his DPM in 1962 at the same institute. He was elected a Foundation Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1971 and was later promoted to fellowship.

His academic career began as a lecturer in psychiatry at King Edward Memorial



Hospital, where he worked for over 30 years until his retirement as Emeritus Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry. He developed the in-patient and out-patient psychiatric services at the hospital and was the founder of the Deaddiction Centre in Mumbai for which

he received a national award for clinical excellence in 1990.

He helped to revive The Indian Psychiatric Society, which he served as secretary and subsequently as president. He also presided over the Indian Association of Social Psychiatry and later the Indian Association of Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

Dr Shah had several dozen publications to his name, including the co-authorship of a textbook, *Handbook of Psychiatry*, with his wife, Hema Shah.

Over the past two decades, despite losing his vision, he remained a keen learner, teacher, philosopher and friend to many.

Dr Shah was awarded the prestigious Dr D. L. N. Murti Rao Oration, the Drishti Gaurav Award by the Lions Club in 2001 and the Dr V. N. Bagadia Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

Rajesh Moholkar