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DR. IMRAN ALI SIDDIQUI
(2nd April, 1972 – 7th August, 2006)

Dr. Imran died of viral infection on 7th August, 2006 at Liaquat National Hospital, Karachi after short illness. May Allah Almighty bless his soul through his infinite mercy with eternal peace and give courage to members of his family and friends to bear this irreparable loss, Amen.

Dr. Imran Ali Siddiqui s/o Mr. Mohammad Ali Siddiqui was borne on 2nd April, 1972 in Karachi. He received his M. Sc. Degree in Botany from the University of Karachi in 1996 in First Division. He was awarded the degree of Ph.D. from the University of Karachi in 2002 for his work on the “Use of growth promoting bacteria in the control of root-knot nematode and root-infecting fungi of crop plants” under the supervision of Dr. Syed Ehtesham-ul-Haq. He went to UK for post doctoral studies under the British Council Fellowship programme. He worked with Dr. Brian Kerry at Roth Amsted Research Experimental Station, Harpenden, UK from March 2004 – Feb 2005 on the “Biological control of plant parasitic nematodes using selected isolates of *Pseudomonas chlamydosporium*.”

Dr. Imran became interested in biological control of nematodes by fungal parasites and made many valuable contributions on the biological control of root-rot fungi and root-knot nematodes of different crop plants. He also worked on mangroves for the control of soil-borne root-infecting fungi and nematodes.

The late scientist has more than 100 publications. He is author of a book entitled “Essential of Mathematical Ecology”. His research contributions were recognized as he twice bagged the Research Productivity Allowance and 7th position among the Pakistani scientists by Pakistan Council for Science & Technology.

Dr. Imran was a dedicated young researcher and scientist, besides a loving and friendly person. He will always be remembered with intense feeling of grief, sorrow and deprivation.

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