

In Memorium



A Tribute to Osman Galal, MD PhD* (1931 -May 23rd 2016)

Osman Galal, a paediatrician and public health nutritionist, crossed many of the disciplinary, professional, personal, national and cultural boundaries required for leadership and progress in the health and nutritional sciences through his academic and organisational roles. It was possible to learn and admire the values of a life like his as he, as IUNS Secretary-General from 1997-2009, not only championed the Union far and wide, but mentored and supported people like me over the many years of his tenure. In my case, this was first as a Councillor, then as IUNS President-Elect, as President and Past President. IUNS prospered in several ways during his service. It expanded its constituency in Africa and the Middle East, and it instigated leadership and capacity-building programs in these regions (Galal, 2003). One of special significance was a joint IUNS-World Bank project in Iran, linking the food, nutrition, education and health sectors, particularly in Tehran and Rasht. It served as a model for ways in which IUNS could operationalise its science. IUNS strengthened its International Science Council (ICSU) relationships through this period, as it did with the UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN) so that IUNS gained greater international recognition as the principal nutrition science reference agency. The Sciences for Health and Wellbeing initiative (SHWB) became current in the 2001-2005 period and now, with an urban focus, is a major program with its secretariat in China at the Institute for the Urban Environment in Xiamen. In a similar vein, the New Nutrition Science initiative was spawned in Giessen in 2005. These and other developments had the unswerving attention of the Secretary-General. Osman's passing within a year of his partner, Professor Gail Harrison, is a statement of how their synergistic commitment to the science and community that they cared about so passionately was realised. Some places in our lives are irreplaceable – theirs is one such.

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IUNS President 2001-2005

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