

OBITUARY



PROFESSOR KESAVAN PRATHAP
MBBS, MD. MRCPATH, FRCPA.

We regret to announce the untimely death of Professor Kesavan Prathap on 14th April 1983 at St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

Professor Prathap was born on 7th May 1939 in Penang, Malaysia where he received his schooling at the Francis Light School and the Penang Free School. He then proceeded to the University of Singapore where he graduated with the MBBS in February 1963. As a student at the University he captured the University Silver Medal for best performance in the Third Professional Examination and was the Editor of "Medico", Journal of the University of Singapore Medical Student's Society. After graduation and having served one year as a House Doctor at the Taiping General Hospital, Malaysia, he joined the Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya as an Assistant Lecturer in Pathology (Academic Staff Training Scheme). He then underwent a program of training in Australia. On his return he was appointed Lecturer in Pathology, University of Malaya. In 1972, he was elected to the M.R.C. Path (U.K.) and he successfully defended his M.D. thesis (Malaya) on "Spontaneous and Experimental Atherosclerosis in the Malaysian Long-tailed Monkey" in 1973. In 1973 he was appointed Associate Professor of Pathology at the University of Malaya and Consultant in Pathology to the University Hospital, Kuala Lumpur. From 1978 until his death he was in the Chair of Pathology at the University of Malaya and Senior Consultant in Pathology, University Hospital, Kuala Lumpur. In this year also he was elected F.R.C.P.A. Professor Prathap led a very active life both in the University as well as in various professional societies. He was a Founder Member and Secretary of the Malaysian Society of Pathologists and until his death was Vice-President and Editor of the Malaysian Journal of Pathology. In the University, he was engaged in a wide area of research in pathology including renal pathology, liver cancer, tropical pathology (amoebiasis, pentastomiasis and liver flukes), human arterial disease (atherosclerosis and primary arteritis) and experimental pathology (reactions of foetal and adult tissues to injury and experimental atherosclerosis in monkeys). He excelled in his chosen speciality and his research activities culminated in the publication of over

75 papers in local as well as international journals. He had served as internal and external examiner in pathology at the University of Malaya, the University of Singapore, the Royal College of Pathologists, U.K. and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He was also an active member of various societies including:

1. Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland
2. International Academy of Pathology (British Branch)
3. Association of Clinical Pathologists (U.K.)
4. (Fellow) Royal Society of Medicine (U.K.)
5. Malaysian Society of Pathologists (Founder Member and Vice-President)
6. Malaysian Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
7. Malayan Medical Association
8. Council on Cardiomyopathies, International Society of Cardiology
9. Academy of Medicine of Malaysia

I have known Professor Prathap for many years especially in the Malaysian Society of Pathologists. We have worked together since its foundation and I will miss his quiet counsel. I have always found him extremely modest, considerate and helpful in suggestions and ideas and I will sorely miss him as the Editor of the Malaysian Journal of Pathology. We mourn his loss to the Society and the University. Professor Prathap was a true academician and a gentleman and above all a pathologist to the very end.

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