

OBITUARY

DR. RANJEET BHAGWAN SINCH
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The Society records, with regret, the sudden death on 13 June 1987, of Dr. Ranjeet Bhagwan Singh.

Dr. Bhagwan Singh was born in 1920 and graduated with the MBBS from the Medical College at Amritsar, Punjab in 1948. After completing his basic medical training, he went on to obtain a Doctorate in Bacteriology from the Edinburgh University. He also studied and gained working experience in India, Britain, the Philippines and Thailand. He was a Founder Member of the Malaysian Society of Pathologists and a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, United Kingdom. He joined the Institute for Medical Research in Kuala Lumpur in 1951 and became its Director in 1971, retiring from that post in 1975.

As a poor student from Malaya attending medical college in India, Bhagwan Singh faced considerable financial difficulties and was unable to pay the fees for his final examinations. An anonymous donor went to his aid and paid those fees. This act of kindness remained a constant source of inspiration for the rest of his life for him to help others. He donated generously to students in various Universities and Institutions through goodwill loans, endowment funds, scholarships and prizes. Over the years, he gave considerable sums of money to the Royal College of Pathologists, United Kingdom to set up an Endowment Fund. The College has decided that this fund, which now stands at ~10,000, be permitted to accumulate until it is sufficient to support, annually, a visit to the United Kingdom by a young pathologist from Malaysia. In 1982, he bequeathed his house in Petaling Jaya and the rest of his estate to the Dr. Ranjeet Bhagwan Singh Medical Research Endowment Fund to be run by the Science, Technology and Environment Ministry.

Dr. Bhagwan Singh was unmarried and lived a simple life, following professional and wide-ranging intellectual pursuits. He died from a heart attack at a dinner held in his honour in Kelab Aman, Kuala Lumpur on 13 June 1987.

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