

Editorial

***On the memorial of Dr. Mohammad Nabi Sarbolouki,
A member of the Editorial Board of DARU***

It is hard to believe and sad to write on the memorial of Dr.Sarbolouki who passed away on 9/1/2009.

*Dr.Sarbolouki was a distinguished Iranian Biophysics and Polymer Chemist who had numerous publications and patent on Dendrosome (a DNA vehicle), Structural Biology, Biomaterials, Membranes and Chromatography. He was born in 1949 and obtained B.S degree in Chemistry from Tehran University in 1966 and Ph.D degree in Macromolecular Physical Chemistry from Polytechnic University of New York in 1972. He then spent two years at Michigan State University as a postdoctoral fellow before joining to NASA where he worked as a group leader until 1981.

Dr.Sarbolouki started working in Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics of Tehran University as an Assistant Professor in 1981 and since then he supervised 20 M.SC, 12 Ph.D theses, and published more than 60 articles in international and 40 articles in national journals. He was the founding members of Iranian Society of Nanotechnology, Iranian Society of Proteomics, Iranian Chemical Society, and established the first Biomaterial Research Center and National Research Center for Genetics Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) in Iran.

Dr.Sarbolouki was the editor of *Molecules*, chief editor of Iranian journal of Chemistry & Chemical Engineering, and a member of the editorial board of DARU.

He had a nice personality, well liked by faculty and students and was always willing to help.

It is with great pleasure but also with sadness that the volume 17 (4) of DARU is dedicated to Dr. Sarbolouki.

*Information about Dr.Sarbolouki's academic career are from Wikipedia and remarks of Dr. Hamid Mobasher assistant professor of the Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics (IBB) of Tehran University.