

Editorial

Honour the Scientist

As the recent death of Prof. Ajit Padhy begins to sink in we have all been thinking of different ways in which we can honour his memory. It is hard to think of someone who has not influenced the nuclear medicine community world-wide in the last 2 decades.

Many will remember Ajit the friend, the teacher, the organiser but we must also remember Ajit the scientist. At the heart of what he achieved over the past 30 years has been a commitment to science.

With his colleagues at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences he performed a prospective trial showing that post thyroidectomy ablation could be achieved with much lower activities of I-131 than previously thought^[1] -a concept which is now rapidly gaining ground in the developing world.

Ajit was always concerned that all should have access to radionuclide therapy and at his time in the IAEA he set up a funded project to develop and trial ¹⁸⁸Re-lipiodol for hepatocellular cancer.^[2]

These are but 2 examples of his work. He has a great influence on scientific researchers across the world.

As a consequence the editors of the World Journal of Nuclear Medicine would like to collate a special issue of the journal where those of you who have unpublished scientific work linked to Ajit's work or inspired by Ajit present their work. We would like all such papers submitted by July 1st 2014 for a special issue to be published later that year. To ensure inclusion in the special edition please ensure that this is noted in the paper itself or in a covering letter/E-mail.

Let us all honour Ajit the scientist.

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