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Tribute



Prof. Dr. Hossein Sepasgosarian
(1929–2025)

A tribute to an outstanding pioneer acarologist of Iran, Prof. Dr. Hossein Sepasgosarian

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Here with our sorrowful hearts, we announce the devastating news of death of our emeritus and pioneer professor, Dr. Hossein Sepasgosaria, an outstanding acarologist.

Prof. Hossein Sepasgosarian (or Sepasgozarian) was born in Tehran in 1929. He completed his primary and secondary education at Soraya Elementary School and Darolfonoon High School, respectively. He then enrolled in the Faculty of Agriculture in Karaj and graduated in 1952 with a M. Sc. degree in Entomology. In the same year, he traveled to Germany to continue his studies, and in 1956, he earned a doctorate in Plant Protection and Acarology, from the Hohenheim University of Agriculture. From September 1956, he began working as an Agricultural Management Expert in the Planning and Budget Organization. Furthermore, Dr. Sepasgosarian began his activities as an Associate Professor of the Plant Protection at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tehran, from February 1958. From September 1964, he continued his work as a full Professor. He served as the Administrative and Financial Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tehran from February 1972 to October 1974.

From 1974 to 1979, when Dr. Sepasgosarian honorably retired, he held various positions,

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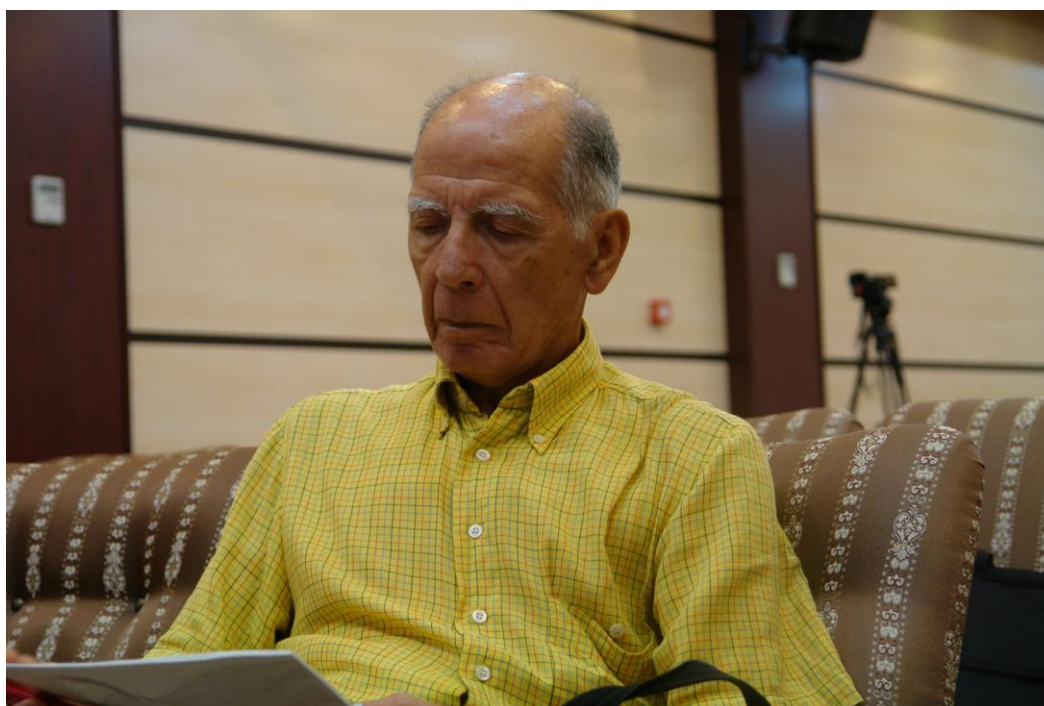
including Head of the Plant Protection Department at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tehran, Head of the Founding Board of the University of Guilan, and Head of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee of the Iranian Issues Study Group. After retirement, Dr. Sepasgosarian collaborated with the University of Hamburg, Germany, as a visiting professor, lecturer, and researcher until the age of 65, during which time he supervised several master's theses. Furthermore, during his scientific career, he introduced one family, two genera, one subgenus, and 35 new species records to the Iranian water mite's fauna. He has authored numerous publications, including five books and 90 articles in Persian, English, French, and German. His publications include the books "Herbicides", "Chemical Herbicide and Their Application in Iran," and "Morphology, Biology, and Distribution of Marine Mites". He also translated the book "Principles of Acarology" in collaboration with Dr. Ahmad Daftari. In line with his scientific and research activities, Dr. Sepasgosarian actively participated in many scientific societies and journals, including the Publications Council of the University of Tehran, the Central Board of the Iranian Engineers Association, the Iranian Physiological and Pharmacological Society, the Supreme Council of the Faculty members of University of Tehran Community, the Entomological Society of Iran, the Iranian Plant Pathology Society, the German Plant Protection Society, the Editorial Board of the *Acarologia*, the Editorial Board of *Acta Oecologia Iranica*, and the Editorial Board of the Scientific and Technical Journal. In recognition of his tireless efforts in advancing science, he has received several awards and honorary degrees, including the Grand Merit Cross from the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Acarological Society of Iran held a commemorative ceremony on 28 September 2014, attended by professors and pioneers of the Department of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tehran, as well as members of the Acarological Society (see figures).

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Prof. Dr. Hossein Sepasgosarian

“Commemorative ceremony on 28 September 2014”



From left to right: Dr. Ali Ahadiyat, Prof. Dr. Khalil Talebi-Jahromi, Prof. Dr. Aziz Karazi-Pakdel, Prof. Dr. Hossein Sepasgosarian, Prof. Dr. Parvaneh Azmayesh-Fard, Alireza Saboori.



From left to right: Dr. Shahrooz Kazemi, Prof. Dr. Hossein Sepasgosarian, the late Dr. Hamidreza Hajiqanbar, Dr. Ali Ahadiyat.



Professors, students and member of the Acarological Society of Iran.



Top from left to right: Dr. N. Saberi-Riseh, Prof. Dr. H. Saremi, Prof. Dr. K. Talebi-Jahromi, Prof. Dr. A. Kharazi-Pakdel, Prof. Dr. P. Azmayesh-Fard, Prof. Dr. H. Sepasgosarian, Alireaz Saboori, Prof. Dr. R. Talari-Hassanloui.
Down from left to right: student, student, Dr. M. Farjamfar, H. Mohammadi, Dr. T. Abramishvili, Dr. A. Ahadiyat, Dr. S. Kazemi, late Dr. H. Hajiqanbar, student, student.