

RAIS AKHTAR - BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Rais Akhtar holds M.A., M.Phil and Ph.D. in Geography and teaching as Professor at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar, India. Before joining the University of Kashmir, Rais Akhtar has taught at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and University of Zambia, Lusaka. He was Head, Dept. of Geography from August 1987 to April 2001, and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kashmir from 1998-2001, and Dean, College Development Council, University of Kashmir from July 2003 to December 2004.

He has published 61 papers in national and international Journals including :International Journal of Environmental studies, Social Science and Medicine, Health Policy and Planning, the Lancet and GeoJournal and have 11 books to his credit - one each from London and New York on Health and Disease in Tropical Africa (1987) and Health Care Patterns and Planning in Developing Countries (1991) and eight were published in India.

Prof. Rais Akhtar was invited to deliver lectures in about 52 Universities (Medical Institutes and Geography Departments) in the United States, Japan, Hong Kong, The United Kingdom, Belgium, France and Italy. World famous Medical Institutes where Rais Akhtar lectured, includes, Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene, Baltimore, School of Public Health, Honolulu, Hawaii, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, and Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital, Bologna, Institute of Pathology Pisa, Institute of Hygiene, University of Camerino and Perugia, Italy, Institute of Hygiene, University of Bonn, Germany, and Nuffield Institute For Health, University of Leeds. U.K.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ASSIGNMENT

Nominated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Planning commission, Government of India, on the working Groups on Population Projections and Family Welfare, and on Communicable Diseases, (New Delhi, 1988-89). Rais Akhtar's suggestion on the need for locational health care planning was incorporated in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Planning Commission's Plan Document.

UNITED NATION'S ASSIGNMENT

I was nominated on the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as Lead Author on the Chapter on Human Health during 1999-2001 and 2004-2007

HONOURS AND AWARDS:

- Recipient of a number of international fellowships:
- Belgian Government Fellow, 1980.
- Leverhulme Visiting Follow, the University for Liverpool, 1981.
- French government Fellow, 1984
- Henry Chapman Visiting Fellow, University for London, 1987.
- Visiting Fellow, University for Sussex, Brighton, U.K., 1989.