



Professor Dr. S.M. Imamul Huq was born on 5th January 1950 in Faridpur, Bangladesh. He graduated in Soil Science from the University of Dhaka and obtained M.Sc. degree in 1971. He did a second M.Sc. in the year 1980 from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand in Agricultural Soil and Water Engineering. He obtained his D. Engg. from the University of Nancy I, France in 1984 with specialization in stress metabolism in higher plants.

Prof. Imamul Huq joined the University of Dhaka in 1973 as a Lecturer in Soil Science. He is now a selection grade Professor since 1992 in the Department of Soil, Water and Environment of the University of Dhaka. Prof. Imamul Huq is a bilingual. He teaches French language as a part-time teacher in the Institute of Modern Languages of the University of Dhaka.

Prof. Imamul Huq's field of interests include, soil fertility and plant nutrition, soil stress and plant nutrition, environmental pollution and soil-plant-water relationship, salinity and plant nutrition, symbiotic system, soil fertility evaluation methods, problem soils and land capability evaluation, water quality, biodiversity, Arsenic and heavy metals transfer in water-soil-plant system, waste management.

As a leading scientist of the country, Prof. Dr. S.M. Imamul Huq is involved in research on transfer of Arsenic from groundwater to the food chain. He has a well equipped laboratory with all facilities to work on problems related to Arsenic as well as different heavy metals. His extensive research in this field has been recently addressed by the Department of Physics, *University of Harvard*. Prof. Imamul Huq is the founder director of the *Bangladesh-Australia Centre for Environmental Research* at the University of Dhaka. This centre caters to the research, training and promotion of environmental problems of the country. The centre is a self financed one and has linkages with many national and international organizations.

Prof Imamul Huq is now working as the Chairman, Bangladesh Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR). He has been chairing the Department of Soil, Water and Environment of the University of Dhaka from 18 August 2005 to 17 August 2008. With more than **200 publications** to his credit in various International and National Journals, Prof. Dr. S.M. Imamul Huq has been awarded the prestigious **Bangladesh Academy of Sciences Gold Medal** for his outstanding contribution to the Agricultural and Biological Sciences. He has been awarded the 2007 **Bangladesh UGC Award** in the Physical & Biological Science/Agricultural Science for his work on *Bioremediation of arsenic toxicity by algae in rice culture*. He has also been honored as the best educationist by a local monthly magazine "Protifolon" in 2007. He has been elected as a "Distinguished Alumni" by the AITAA 2008. He has been awarded the "Bangabandhu Krishi Padak 2008" (Bangabandhu Agriculture Trophy) in the discipline of Soil and Environment by the Bangabandhu Diploma Agriculture Association of Bangladesh. He has been awarded the "Bangabandhu Swadhinata Padak 2009" (Bangabandhu Independence Award 2009) in the discipline of Environment by the Bangabandhu Diploma Agriculture Association of Bangladesh.

Prof. Imamul Huq is also actively involved in research related to solid urban waste management. Another group of researchers are working on the effectiveness of composts made from urban wastes by different methods on soil productivity and soil quality. Prof. Imamul Huq has been rendering consultancy services to various national and international organizations like FAO, UNDP, DANIDA, IUCN etc.

Prof. Imamul Huq has been the Chief Editor of Dhaka University Journal of Biological Sciences, Joint Editor of the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (Science), member of the editorial board of the Journal of Soil Science Society of Bangladesh and reviewer of many national and international scientific journals. He is the President of Soil Science Society of Bangladesh (SSSB) and the President of the Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of science (BAAS).

Prof. Imamul Huq has excellent supervisory and managerial experience in various Local and international projects funded by **World Bank, ACAIR** (by Australian and Bangladesh Govt.) and many other prestigious agencies. With excellence in conceptual thinking, problem-solving skills and common sense/pragmatism, Prof Imamul Huq has good communication skills, able to communicate effectively in writing and verbally and to explain complex concepts and analytic techniques. He has very good ability to work independently as well as in a team environment. He is accurate, organized and has proven ability to meet deadlines.

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