



The 15th Mohammed Aziz Memorial Lecture

Shortly before his death, Dr. Mohammed A. Aziz was honored for his leadership role in the development and clinical evaluation of ivermectin. The directors of Merck & Co., Inc., awarded him their prestigious scientific award. As part of this award, Dr. Aziz endowed a lectureship on "Blindness in the World." Dr. Aziz was a graduate of the Universities of Dacca, Minnesota, and London. He was at the World Health Organization before joining Merck where he was Senior Director of Clinical Research. He was the driving force behind the development of ivermectin for the treatment of onchocerciasis, one of the leading causes of blindness in the tropics. He conducted the first human trials and was closely involved in the subsequent work that led to registration of this drug.

PREVIOUS LECTURES

- 1988 Barrie R. Jones, F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.
- 1989 Carl Kupfer, M.D.
- 1990 Fred C. Hollows, M.D., Ch.B (NZ), D.O. (LOND),
F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.O.
- 1991 Mr. Timothy Ffytche, F.R.C.S., F.C., Ophth.
- 1992 Allen Foster, F.R.C.S., F.C., Ophth., D.O.
- 1993 Alfred Sommer, M.D., M.H.S.
- 1994 Hugh R. Taylor, M.D., F.R.A.C.O.
- 1995 Bjorn Thylefors, M.D.
- 1997 Gordon Johnson, M.A., M.D., Bchir.,
F.R.C.Ophth., D.C.E.H.
- 1999 Akef El Maghraby, M.D.
- 2000 Poul Alsbirk, Dr. Med.
- 2002 Dr. Ramachandra Pararajasegaram, M.D.,
DSc.FCRS>, FRCP, FRCOphth.
- 2005 Dr. Tom Lietman, M.D.
- 2006 David Green, MacArthur Fellow, Ashoka Fellow
- 2010 David Friedman, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.