

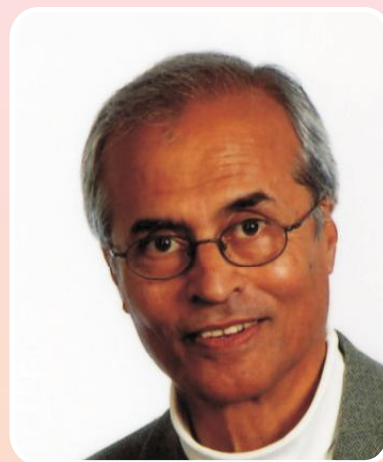


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Dr. Abul Iqbal completed his M.Sc. from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1961. His thesis work was the Chemistry of Peat and Coal. In 1966, he did his Diplomchemiker-Hauptprüfung (Graduation) from the Technische Hochschule Technical University) Aachen / Germany. The subject for his thesis was Cationic Polymerisation of Olefins. In 1968/69, he became the Scholarship holder of the Fraunhofer Institut, Germany, for his work on Synthetic Lubricants based on polyesters. In 1969, he was awarded the Dr. rer. nat. (Ph.D.) from the Technische Hochschule Aachen, Germany for his work on hydrohydroxymethylation of higher olefins.



His distinguished professional career included stints as a (1969-75) Research specialist with Monsanto Research, Zurich / Switzerland where he worked on Transition metal catalysis, a protracted stint at Ciba-Geigy (1975-2000) where he worked in various senior capacities heading pioneering works in the Pigment Division. He is currently the CEO of IQChem Inc, Basel, Switzerland.

He has been the recipient of the "Springorum Memorial Medal" of the University of Aachen in 1966, Borchers Medal of the University of Aachen in 1969, "Roon Award" of the Federation of Societies for Coating Technology, USA in 1987, "Ciba-fellow" award in 1993 and "Perkin Medal" of the Society of Dyers and Colourists, U.K. in 1994. He has over 100 patents and publications, and is the co-author of several book chapters on pigment chemistry and pigment technology. He is the co-inventor of a new family of commercial pigments based on diketo-pyrrolo-pyrroles (DPP). He has been a Technical programme committee member of the European Conference on Smart Structures & Materials at the University of Strathclyde / Scotland. He has been an invited lecturer and keynote speakers at numerous international conventions on pigments and colourants. He is a Member of the editorial Advisory Board of Surface Coatings International Part B : Coatings Transactions.