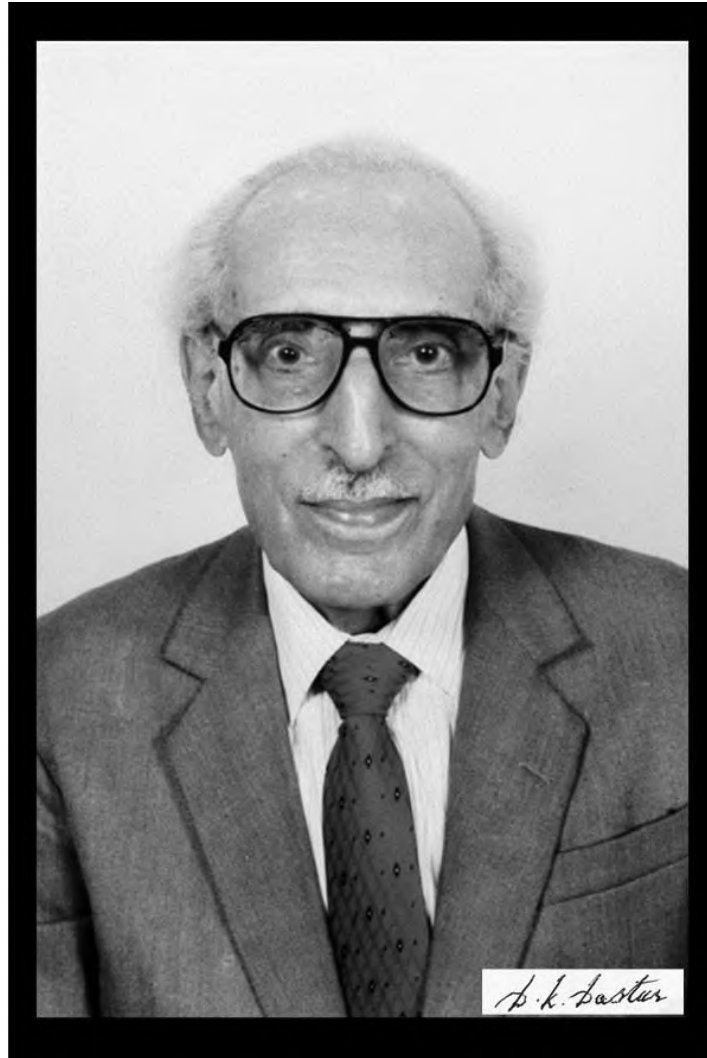


5th ICPATH Oration



Dedicated to Dr. Darab Kersap Dastur

Dr. D.K.Dastur obtained his medical degree in 1949 from Grant Medical College and MD Degree in Medicine from Bombay University in 1952.

While still in the training for MD Degree, Dr.Dastur was inducted to neuropathology by the Doyen of Pathology and First President of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists, Prof.V.R.Khanolkar.

He was assigned to work on cutaneous nerves in leprosy – “Correlation of cutaneous sensibility with histopathological changes in nerves” developed by the British anatomist Dr.A.G.M Widal.

This work immensely enthused Prof.Widal at the Oxford University to visit Bombay and study the preparations prepared by Dr.Dastur.

The study was later published in the prestigious journal, Brain.

Darab Kersap Dastur remains an unforgettable, tall (both in height and stature) Clinician Neuropathologist, Scientist and a gentleman amidst the neuropathologists of India.

Prof. Harry M Zimmerman, a world renowned neuropathologist, named Prof. Darab K. Dastur as one of the thirty neuropathologists of the 20th century, (only one from India to receive this unique honour) in recognition of the land mark scientific contributions to the broad field of neuropathology.

Dr. Dastur was a 'Mumbaikar' in true sense having born and lived life long in Bombay. He was a born Zoroastrian and gained inspiration from Bhagavat Gita with a credo in life "work – as you work so shall you reap