



ANIL BHUSAN BISWAS

(1917-1979)

Professor A. B. Biswas obtained his Ph.D. degree in 1945 working with Professor Sir J. C. Ghosh at the Indian Institute of Science. He later carried out post-doctoral work with Professor Linus Pauling. On his return to India he joined the University of Delhi and later the National Chemical Laboratory where he headed the Physical Chemistry Division for several years. He then moved to the Chemistry Department of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. Professor Biswas guided over 50 Ph.D. students during his career and published over 150 research papers. His areas of research cover surface chemistry, crystallography, solid state chemistry and general physical chemistry. He had wide interests in chemistry and physics and was a great advocate of inter-disciplinary research. He was a fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences and the Indian National Science Academy.

Professor Biswas passed away unexpectedly on October 22, 1979 leaving behind a large number of colleagues and friends in great sorrow. His warmth, cheerful disposition and enthusiasm which had endeared him to so many in the scientific community will be badly missed.