

DR. K. E. VAIDYANATHAN MEMORIAL LECTURE



Dr. K.E. Vaidyanathan, a distinguished demographer and former President of IASSH, passed away on 4th June, 2014. He was a faculty at the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai during 1968-1971. In 1971, he joined the Institute of Rural Health and Family Planning, Gandhigram, as Head of the Department of Population Studies and also served as its acting Director for a short period. Later, he joined the UN system as a Demographer in Cairo Demographic Centre, which is the regional centre for Africa and the Middle-East. In 1976 he moved to Syria as an UN Adviser to help establish the Centre for Population Studies and Research and to advise the Planning Commission of Syria. This was followed by a posting in Uganda to serve as a faculty in the Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics in Makerere University, Kampala. In 1979, he became the UNESCO Regional Advisor for Population Education in the Arab region, and in 1982 he moved to ILO as the Regional Expert for Household Surveys under the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP) in the Arab region. He later served during 1992-96 as the Chief Technical Adviser for the Sudan Population Census of 1993, which was acclaimed as the most successful census ever held in that vast and complex country. In 2001, he helped plan and implement the Living Standards Measurement Survey (LSMS) in Bosnia- Herzegovina and in 2005 he went back to Sudan to plan the 2007 Population Census. He was the President of the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) from 2007 to 2011 and was mainly responsible for the growth and expansion of the Association to its present form. In his demise, we lost an outstanding scholar, an excellent teacher, an expert health and census professional, and above all, a fine human being.

Considering his significant contributions, IASSH instituted a memorial lecture in honour of Dr. K.E. Vaidyanathan from 2014 conference onwards. The Third Prof. K. E. Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture will be delivered by well known expert on Gender and Reproductive Health, Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy (formerly with Population Council) on the theme: “Unmet need for reproductive health services for newly married adolescent and young women in India”, at 6 pm on 23rd September, 2016 at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed University), Pune.