

Upon hearing the sudden news of the passing of Professor Amares Chatt

We have been working day and night to prepare for APSORC25, and we were very shocked to hear the news. We heard that he passed away on his way back from China.

Chatt-sensei (Professor Amares Chatt) has been working for many years as Vice-chair of APSORC-International Committee (IC) for organizing APSORC. We, the executives of APSORC25-LOC, are very grateful for his support on APSORC21 (22), APSORC25, and Hevesy Medal Award selection (<https://akcongress.com/hevesy/>). Professor Chatt was born in southern India in 1942. He studied at Calcutta University and Roorkee University before coming to Canada, where he was a professor in the Department of Chemistry at Dalhousie University, working in the fields of radiochemistry, analytical chemistry, and environmental sciences [1]. He was named Amares Chattopadhyay in the early years of his career, but changed his last name to Chatt when he became a citizen of Canada. His research interests are wide-ranging, including analytical chemistry, nuclear chemistry, materials chemistry, bioanalytical chemistry, trace elements, toxic elements, bioaccessibility, speciation, and bioanalytical chemistry, neutron activation, research reactors, radioactive waste management, reactor decommissioning, synchrotron, nanoparticles, etc. (<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/science/chemistry/faculty-staff/our-faculty/adjunct-professors/amares-chatt.html>). He has published over a hundred original papers [2] and received the Radiation Science and Technology Award from the American Nuclear Society in 1996 and the Hevesy Medal Award in 2001 for his academic research. The 2001 APSORC was held in Fukuoka, Japan, and the award ceremony was held there. Although the award ceremony was not held in his native India, he was very pleased that it was held in Japan, a country in Asia. In July of the same year, he came to Japan as a JSPS Fellowship Fellow (short-term) and gave lectures and seminars at many universities and research institutes in Japan. In addition, he served as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Radioanalytical and Nuclear Chemistry* for many years, to which many people contribute, and has traveled around the world to work on radiochemistry-related projects.

Professor Chatt was a very positive person with a rich personality, and an outstanding leader in the global radiochemistry community, and his absence will be greatly missed. We had been exchanging e-mails until the other day. Therefore, the shock among the LOC members is also great.

We will continue to work towards the success of APSORC25, carrying on the legacy of Professor Chatt. Dear Chatt-sensei, please rest in peace.

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At the 2001 APSORC Hevesy Award Ceremony Second from left is Prof. Chatt,
Rightmost is Prof. Kishikawa, founder of APSORC