

## PROFILE OF MEMBERS OF PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL BOARD

### K Kasturirangan, Chairman



*Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan* is presently the Director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) at Bangalore and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). Dr. Kasturirangan has steered the Indian Space programme gloriously for over 9 years as Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation, of Space Commission and Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Space. He was earlier the Director of ISRO Satellite Centre. Dr. Kasturirangan took his Bachelor of Science with Honours and Master of Science degrees in Physics from Bombay University and received his Doctorate Degree in Experimental High Energy Astronomy in 1971 working at the Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad. He has been conferred Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan.

### Louis Currat, Member



*Louis Currat* is currently Adviser in Health Economics and International Development. He was the first Executive Director of the Global Forum for Health Research, an international Foundation located in the offices of the World Health Organization in Geneva with the objective of helping to correct the 10/90 gap in health research, i.e. the fact that less than 10% of health research in the world is devoted to 90% of the world's health problems. A graduate in economics from the University of Michigan and an MBA from the University of Geneva, he became a research associate at the Center for Research on Economic Development at the University of Michigan before joining the World Bank as an economist between 1970 and 1977. He also served as Director of the Technical Department, at the Swiss Development Cooperation Agency (SDC) in Bern. Responsible for policies in the field of economic development, health, agriculture, environment and education he ensured technical soundness of projects financed by SDC in these sectors in about 40 countries.

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**Asis Datta, Member**

Prof. Asis Datta is the Director, National Centre for Plant Genome Research. He has been Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Dean, School of Life Sciences, JNU, New Delhi. His field of specialization is molecular biology, genetic engineering and biotechnology. He has occupied a large number of positions in professional bodies notably the General President, Indian Science Congress; General President, Society of Biological Chemists. He is Fellow, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi; Fellow, Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore; Fellow, National Science Academy, Allahabad; Fellow, Third World Academy of Sciences (1998); among positions he has occupied. Dr. Datta is recipients of several prestigious awards including Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award of CSIR, G.D. Birla Award for Science & Technology, Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award, and “Padma Shri” for his contribution in the field of education.

**Gerald Keusch, Member**

*Gerald Keusch* is currently Professor of International Health and Medicine and the first Provost and Dean for Global Health at Boston University Medical Campus and School of Public Health. A graduate of Columbia College and Harvard Medical School, trained in internal medicine and infectious diseases, his career spans clinical medicine, teaching, and laboratory and field research on the major health problems of developing countries, for which he has received the Squibb, Finland, and Bristol Awards from the Infectious Diseases Society of America. He is a member of American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, where he serves on the Board on Global Health. He was Professor of Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, MA and Chief of Geographic Medicine and Infectious Diseases at New England Medical Center from 1979-1998, and Associate Director for International Research and Director of the Fogarty International Center at the National Institutes of Health from 1998-2003.

**G Padmanabhan, Member**

*Prof Govindarajan Padmanaban* is currently Honorary Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science. Earlier he was Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. He specializes in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology & Malaria. He was INSA-CV Raman Research Professor (1991-1996). He was awarded Visiting Fellowship: Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary (1991); and was recipient of S.S. Bhatnagar Medal (1999). Padma Shri 1991; Padmabhusan 2004; Ambedkar Award of ICMR; Distinguished Biotechnologist of the DBT at Indian Institute of Science, 2002. He is also a Fellow of All Academies of Science in Indian and Third World Academy.

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