

Prof. Dr. Edathil Vijayan FNASc., currently President, Society for Biotechnologists India(SBTI) born in Thrissur, Kerala had B Sc (Hons.), M Sc. and Ph.D. from Banaras Hindu University in 1971. Immediately after Ph D he joined Dept of Zoology, Center for Advanced Studies in Endocrinology, Delhi University as Faculty. Awarded Ford Foundation post-doctoral Fellowship with Dr S M McCann at Univ of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, USA 1974-78. On return selected as Associate Professor, School of Life Sciences in newly established Hyderabad Central University and rose to the rank of full Professor shortly. He was awarded Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship at Max-Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry Gottingen, Germany (1981-83). He was invited as Prof. and Head, Dept of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Dean, School of Life Sciences, Pondicherry Central University in 1988 and continued in that position till 2006. His research interests were Neuroendocrinology/mammalian reproduction, Neuropeptides and Neurotransmitters, generously supported by DST grants. Published over 105 papers in International Journals of repute including Nobel Foundation Symposium Volume and contributed Chapters in several Books. Supervised 12 Ph.D., and 15 M.Phil Scholars and served as Chairman, Board of Studies, Member Academic Council and Executive Council of several Universities and Expert Committees of DST, ICMR, CSIR, UGC and UPSC and NAAC. He is also Ph.D. examiner for over 40 Indian and foreign Universities. Life Member of several Professional Societies including Endocrine Society USA and Max-Planck Alumni Association Germany.

Receipient of several Awards including Dr Subhash Mukherjee Memorial Infar India Oration Award; Physiological Society of India Oration Award; President, Endocrine Society of India; Council Member International Neuroendocrine Federation (INF), Emeritus Member Endocrine Society USA and served on the Editorial Boards of several Journals in Endocrinology, Physiology, Neuroendocrinology and Immunoneuroendocrinology. He is widely traveled across the world, participated as invited speaker in numerous National and International Conferences/Symposia.

On superannuation in 2006 Dr. Vijayan was selected as ICMR-Emeritus Medical Scientist and joined the Dept. Biotechnology, CUSAT and continued as UGC visiting Professor till 2013. Settled in Kochi he keeps very active and

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