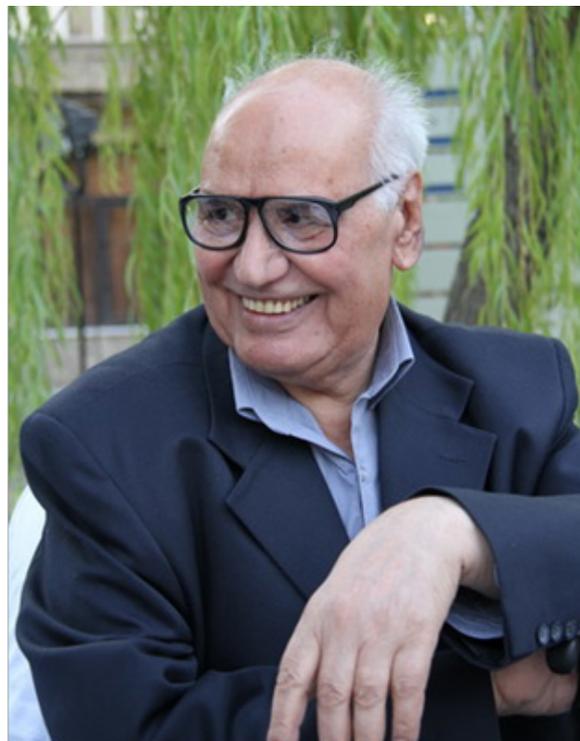


## In memory of Professor Shams Shariat Torbaghan (2014 - 1926)

On May 27, 2014, our colleague, and Editor-in-Chief of the journal of *Basic and Clinical Cancer Research*, Shams Shariat Torbaghan passed away aged eighty-seven. His sudden death has left a void in the lives of colleagues and Iranian medical community has lost one of its most dedicated teachers and researchers.

Doctor Shariat was born in 1926 in Torbaghan, a village near Kashmar in north-eastern Iran. After completing high school, he enrolled in Medical Faculty of Tehran University and received his MD degree in 1953. He attended in pathology residency program in 1956 and immediately after that he started as assistant professor at Medical Faculty of Tehran University. In 1961, he attended in cancer pathology training program at the Lyon Cancer Center. Dr Shariat became full professor in 1970.



Professor Shariat was an influential pathologist and a creative scholar in the field of medicine. He has been the co-founder of the Cancer Research Institute of Tehran and his main interest was bone and soft tissue. He was co-author of several Persian books on pathology of bone, salivary gland and breast tumors. He published over 80 Persian and English papers in academic journals. He retired in 1996, but continued as the Head of “The Iranian National Museum of Medical Sciences History” until the end of his life. In 2008, he was honored in the annual ceremony to honor influential contemporary Iranian scientific and cultural pioneers for his nearly 55-year full-time medical career devoted to promotion of education, research, professional ethics and patient care.

As Editor-in-Chief of *Basic and Clinical Cancer Research* he was successful in boosting the journal’s reputation by integrating the work of promising young scholars. His understanding of personal and professional issues was both sensitive and thoughtful. We offer our sincere condolences to his family. With a terrible feeling of pain and loss, we say goodbye to our friend. We shall treasure his memory.

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