

NICED Award 2010



Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis, a pediatrician and a clinician scientist *per-excellence* is the Founder-Director of the Society for Applied Studies, Kolkata, West Bengal. He obtained his degree in medicine from the Calcutta University and took training in Pediatrics at Medical College, Calcutta, Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children, London and Johns Hopkins University, USA. His seminal works include the first definitive field trial of Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) under the most difficult field situation during a massive outbreak of cholera among the millions of Bangladesh refugees taking shelter in India in 1971. This work formed an important basis for the Global Programme of Diarrhoeal Diseases Control of WHO and UNICEF. He held many responsible positions throughout his career. As a staff member of WHO in Geneva (Headquarters) in 1983 he was responsible for promoting ORT globally. He has trained several clinician scientists from many developing countries. He has to his credit 175 scientific research papers and his contribution of chapters in several books and monographs is well known. He is a member of several Academic Societies and has received many honours which include being elected as a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in 1994. This prestigious Academy is directly responsible for awarding three of the five Nobel Prizes. He has received many awards for his seminal work on ORT including among others the Pollin Prize in Pediatric Research on November 15, 2002 by the University of Columbia and Cornell, USA and the Prince Mahidol Award 2006.