



**Prof. Atta-ur-Rahman, FRS**

**NI,HL,SI,TL, UNESCO Science Laureate**

Prof Dr Atta-ur-Rahman, is a leading scientist and scholar in the field of organic chemistry from Pakistan, especially renowned for his research in the various areas relating to natural product chemistry. With over 930 publications in the field of his expertise, he is also credited for reviving the higher education and research practices in Pakistan.

Prof. Rahman is the only scientist from the Muslim world to have been elected as Fellow of Royal Society (London) for in recognition of researches carried out within the Islamic world (2006). He is also the only scientist from the Islamic world to have won the prestigious UNESCO Science Prize (1999). The Austrian government also honoured him with its highest civil award ("Grosse Goldene Ehrenzeischen am Bande", 2007) in recognition of his eminent contributions. Successive Governments of Pakistan have conferred four civil awards, including Tamgha-i-Imtiaz (1983), Sitara-i-Imtiaz (1991), Hilal-i-Imtiaz (1998), and the highest national civil award Nishan-i-Imtiaz (2002).

He is President of Network of Academies of Sciences of Islamic Countries (NASIC) and the President of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences.

Prof. Atta-ur-Rahman was the Federal Minister for Science and Technology (2000 – 2002), Federal Minister of Education (2002) and Chairman of the Higher Education Commission with the status of a Federal Minister (2002-2008). Prof. Atta-ur-Rahman was the Coordinator General of COMSTECH, (1996-2012). He is Distinguished National Professor, Professor Emeritus and the Patron-in-Chief of International Centre of Chemical and Biological Sciences at Karachi University.