

## Obituary

### Dr. H. Srinivasan (1929–2015)



Dr. Hariharan Srinivasan, the well-known leprosy reconstructive surgeon, passed away on 21 December 2015 at Chennai, India, after a long illness affecting his kidneys.

Dr. Srinivasan spent most of his working life in correcting the deformed hands and feet of leprosy-affected persons. During his active period he was highly regarded for his academic and research work in the management and prevention of deformities and disabilities in persons with insensitive and paralysed hands and feet in general and the leprosy-affected in particular. He graduated from the Madras Medical College receiving his MBBS degree in 1952. He got his FRCS (Edinburgh) in 1957 and FRCS (England) in 1958. Later he became a full-time orthopaedic surgeon at the Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute in Chenglepet, Tamil Nadu, India. He was also the Director of the Central Jalma Institute for 3 years. Dr. Srinivasan was the editor of the Indian Journal of Leprosy from 1990 to 2001. He became a member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel for leprosy in 1985. He has published approximately 90 papers in medical journals, authored three books, and contributed chapters in ten textbooks on leprosy, dermatology and surgery. He retired from active work in 2008.

Dr. Srinivasan has received various awards, including the Padma Shri from the President of India in 1984, the 'JALMA Trust Fund Oration Award' in 1979, and the 'International Gandhi Award' in 2004. Dr. Srinivasan was awarded 'Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa)' by the Medical University of Tamil Nadu in 2004. The International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand awarded him 'Pioneer of Hand Surgery' in 2007.

Dr. Srinivasan was a remarkable person in many ways and had a large number of admirers among leprosy workers everywhere. He was also a writer of fiction in Tamil language with a very good reputation.

May his soul rest in peace.

**Dr. Shaik K. Noordeen**