

supplying quality animal protein to millions of countrymen, but for meeting the projected target of 22.4 million tonnes of fish for feeding the 1.7 billion population by 2060. It would not have been possible to achieve the present level of fish production (9.54 million tonnes) had the induced breeding technology not been developed by Chaudhuri and his associates. Indian major carps rohu, catla and mrigal could not have contributed to the

tune of 85% of the fish production from freshwater aquaculture in India, had the induced breeding technology not been developed by Chaudhuri.

Chaudhuri's demise is a great loss to the entire fisheries fraternity, aquaculture world and his family. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

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Brian F. C. Clark (1936–2014)

Brian F. C. Clark, one of the pioneering researchers in molecular biology passed away on 6 October 2014. Clark obtained M A, Ph D and Sc D from the University of Cambridge, UK. He went on to do his postdoctoral works at MIT, NIH and later worked for MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, UK before joining as a professor at Aarhus University, Denmark in the early 1970s. His research converged on the molecular mechanisms leading to protein biosynthesis and later he took up ageing as one of his primary research areas. His work focused on the tRNA-binding proteins which are an overture for G-protein coupled receptors (GPCR), a remarkable modular system inside the cells and a drawing card for a Nobel Prize outside. What is more engrossing is that he had collaborators who won Nobel Prizes. Notable among them was Francis Crick, who joined his laboratory for a brief stint in Aarhus University. Clark served as a Vice President of the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB) and board member of a host of organizations, besides actively organizing several symposia and workshops which benefited many researchers. He received esteemed accolades for his works from different acad-

emies, societies and institutes. Nevertheless, his greatness attribute to mentoring young researchers and graduates in formulating a solid problem. The excerpt in a review about the 3D structural determination of a tRNA shows how much integrity and respect Clark had for science and his fellow scientists¹: 'Although it did not gain anyone a Nobel Prize, possibly because too many people were involved and the methods used turned out to be relatively standard, but it gave us enormous satisfaction at the time. And, I am happy to add that Aaron Klug, who led the crystallographic analysis at the LMB, did win the Nobel prize for the year 1982.'

In August 2004, we attended a functional genomics workshop organized by Clark in Aarhus University². It was through discussions with him that we got to learn the involution of making a problem formulation for protein biology studies as a part of our Ph D beholden to use salutations, which he smilingly renounced. Apart from his humble esteem, Clark had a great sense of humour. The discussions with him ranged from our acclimatization to a new place to the research topics we have chosen. We also got acquainted with wide range of topics

that included tRNA, crystallography, mitochondria and ageing.

Though we did not have the luck of sitting in his class, we had learnt so much about Clark from his rattling list of publications, mentees and colleagues, that we could easily imagine him to be the best educators besides one of the best scientists. The couple of hours we spent with him changed our thought process and one could overtly imagine what would it be like for those who finished graduate school and Ph D in the laboratory of Brian Clark. With his demise, we have indeed lost a great scientist.

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