

## Professor Jalil Afshar; The Founding Editor of Pharmaceutical Sciences

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Prof. Jalil Afshar (Figure 1) obtained his PharmD degree from University of Tabriz in 1965, then joined the Faculty of Pharmacy at University of Tabriz in 1968 as a lecturer. In 1970, Prof. Afshar passed a short course at the University of Bordeaux, France and then got a scholarship from the Iranian Government in 1975 to continue his postgraduate studies. He obtained his 1<sup>st</sup> MSc in phytopharmacy from the University of Lyon, France, the 2<sup>nd</sup> MSc in chemistry of natural products and his DSc degree from the University of Paris XI, France in 1983, and re-joined the Tabriz Faculty of Pharmacy in 1983.

Prof. Afshar was the founding editor and editor in chief of Pharmaceutical Sciences which was launched in 1994 in Persian language with abstracts in English language and mainly published the research and review articles of Iranian pharmaceutical researchers. After 6 years, Prof. Afshar left the editor in chief position of the journal. In year 2012, the publication of the Pharmaceutical Sciences continued as an English language journal. It was indexed in Chemical Abstract since 2005, in Scopus since 2009, and in Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) since 2019. The acceptance rate in 2021 was 18%.

In addition to launching and editorship of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof. Afshar was one of the pioneering academic staff in the field of Pharmacognosy and established the PhD course of Pharmacognosy in some of Iranian pharmacy faculties including Tabriz

Faculty of Pharmacy, when he was the director of National Board of Pharmacognosy (1987-2004). With his efforts, all required instrumental setups of Tabriz Department of Pharmacognosy were refurbished including 60 and 200 MHz NMR and preparative liquid chromatography setups. Beside his academic activities, Prof. Afshar was also a professional painter and we have a number of his paintings in the Department of Pharmacognosy, Faculty of Pharmacy (see Figure 2 as an example of his paintings).

Prof. Afshar promoted to assistant professor position in 1972, associate professor position in 1988, and got his professor position in 1995 and was formally retired from professional academic activities in 2004. He continued the



Figure 1. The latest photograph of Prof. Afshar



Figure 2. A photograph of a painting of Prof. Afshar

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research activities as a responsible pharmacist in Dineh pharmaceutical company (Tehran, Iran) from 2004-2021, and formulated and registered more than 50 herbal drug formulations which now are marketed in Iranian pharmaceutical market.

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