

REMINISCENCE

R. Balasubramaniam: Professor of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering at IIT Kanpur and a scholar of eminence, Balasubramaniam expired on 9th December, 2009 at the age of 48. Prof. Bala (as he was fondly known) has produced excellent work in the area of metallurgical research and is widely known as an expert in the field of archaeo-metallurgy, metallurgical history and corrosion science. He had a deep interest in the field of history of science in general which is reflected in his contribution to Indian wootz steel, corrosion study of famous Delhi Iron Pillar, study of Taj Mahal, Catalogue of Cannons in India for the last several years. Prof. Bala, an INSA Young Scientist Awardee (1993), was associated with many research programmes of History of Science of the Academy.

He was a member of the Research Council, National Commission for History of Science and Editorial Board (*IJHS*). He was also a most active contributor to the *IJHS*. His untimely death is indeed a great loss for History of Science in India.

S. Sriramachari: Founder Director, Institute of Pathology, Honorary Advisor (ICMR), Sriramachari expired on 25th December, 2009 at the age of 84. He specialized in medical research, educational technology, hepatic pathology, toxicology and was also associated with Bhopal gas disaster relief programme. He was recipient of **Pitambar Pant Fellow, INSA Senior Scientist** (1989-92) and delivered prestigious lectures like B N Chopra Memorial (1983), S K Mitra Memorial (1998) etc.

Dr. Sriramachari was very closely associated with History of Science activities of the Academy and was himself working on a project on *A Historical Appraisal of Indian Childhood Cirrosis*. He was a member of INSA Council (1981-82), Vice-President (1983-84) and also editor of the *IJHS* during 1994-1999 for two terms. He was a source of knowledge and inspiration for scholars of all disciplines and a great human being.