

**BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF
THE CHANCELLOR'S COMMISSION
MEMBERS**

SAHABZADA YAQUB-KHAN

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Aga Khan University.

Lt-Gen Sahabzada Yaqub-Khan, who was appointed Foreign Minister of Pakistan on March 21, 1982 and held that post for nearly nine years under six different governments from 1982 to 1991, has had a distinguished military and diplomatic career. He attended the Royal Indian Military College and Indian Military Academy Dehra Dun. Later, he attended the Ecole Supérieure de Guerre, Paris and also the Imperial Defence College, London. He served in the Second World War in the Middle East including the siege of Tobruk in 1941. He later served on the personal staff of Lord Wavell and Earl Mountbatten when they were Viceroys of India and Mr. M. A. Jinnah, the founder and Governor-General of Pakistan. Sahabzada Yaqub-Khan was appointed Chief of General Staff of the Pakistan army in 1966 and was promoted Lieutenant-General, Corps Commander and Commander, Eastern Zone from August 1969 till March 7, 1971. He was also Governor, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

He has held several ambassadorial posts : Ambassador to France, to USA and to USSR; Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Western Sahara.

He speaks French, Russian, German and Italian, in addition to English, Urdu and Bengali, also reads Persian and Arabic. He has wide intellectual interests specially in philosophy and literature. He has lectured extensively on strategy, security issues and international affairs. He has been an international polo player.

SHAROM AHMAT

Professor Sharom Ahmat was born in Singapore in 1939. He obtained a B.A. (Hons) in Singapore (1962), an M.A. in American History at Brown University (1963) and a Ph.D in South Asian History in London (1969). His academic career began at the University of Singapore where he rose through the faculty to become the Deputy Dean of Arts and Social Science in 1973. From 1975 to 1985, he was professor of history at the Science University of Malaysia, where successively he held administrative posts as Dean of Humanities and

Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, Academic Affairs and Research and Development. From 1985 to 1994 he has been Academic Adviser at the University of Brunei where he has helped in the formation of that new university. His writing has centered on South East Asian history and on higher education policy and planning. He served as the chairman of the Southeast Asian Studies Programme at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore) from 1980 to 1987. The University of Sheffield has awarded him an honorary doctorate.

DAVID E. BELL

Professor David Bell was born in North Dakota in 1919 and obtained a B.A. from Pomona College in 1939 and an M.A. in Economics from Harvard in 1941. After serving in the United States Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945 he worked in the United States Bureau of Budget. From 1947 to 1952 he served in the White House and was Administrative Assistant to President Harry S. Truman. From 1954 to 1957 he worked in Pakistan as field head of a Harvard-organised team of advisers to the Planning Board (later Commission).

On his return to the United States he was lecturer on Economic Development at Harvard and in 1961 joined the US Government as Budget Director under President John F. Kennedy. From 1963 to 1966 he was administrator of the USAID programme under Presidents Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. From 1966 to 1981 he served as Executive Vice-President of the Ford Foundation in charge of international programmes. From 1981 he has been Professor of Population Sciences and International Health and Director of the Centre for Population Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health becoming emeritus in 1988. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Aga Khan University since it was formed and is a member of the Board of the International Food Policy Research Institute.

VARTAN GREGORIAN

Vartan Gregorian is the 16th President of Brown University. He was born in Iran of Armenian extraction, and was educated in Lebanon and the United States. He received his B.A. degree in History and the Humanities

with honours from Stanford University in 1958 and his Ph.D. in History and Humanities in 1964 from Stanford University as well. He has taught European and Middle Eastern History at San Francisco State College, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Texas. In 1972 he joined the University of Pennsylvania faculty where he was appointed the Tarzian Professor of History and Professor of South Asian History. In 1974 he became the first Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania and in 1978 he became the 23rd Provost of the University. In 1981 Vartan Gregorian assumed the Presidency of the New York Public Library, an institution with a network of four research libraries and 83 circulating libraries. In 1989 he assumed the Presidency of Brown University. Mr Gregorian is the author of, among other things, The Emergence of Modern Afghanistan, 1880-1946. He is a member of the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He serves on the Boards of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, the Brookings Institution, the Institute for International Education, the Aaron Diamond Foundation and the Getty Trust, among others. He has been decorated by the French, Italian and Austrian governments and he is the recipient of many civic and professional honours including some 37 honorary degrees.

FATIMA MERNISSI

Fatima Mernissi was born in Fez at a time when she could benefit from the decision to admit girls to the national schools of Morocco. She went on to Muhamad V University in Rabat, the Sorbonne, and received a Ph.D. at Brandeis University in Massachusetts. She has been professor of sociology at Muhamad V University and currently holds a research appointment at Morocco's **Institut Universitaire de Recherche Sociologique**. She has also been a visiting professor at Harvard and the University of California, Berkeley. Among her many books in French and English are Beyond the Veil, Le Maroc raconté par les femmes, The Veil and the Male Elite/A Feminist Interpretation of Women's Rights in Islam, Islam and Democracy/Fear of the Modern World and Dreams of Trespass.

J. FRASER MUSTARD, M.D.

Dr. J. Fraser Mustard has been President and Senior Fellow at the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research since 1982. He was born in Toronto in 1927, received his M.D. from the University of Toronto in 1953 and a Ph.D from Cambridge University three years later. In 1966, after several years on the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto, he moved to Hamilton, Ontario where he became the Chairman of the Department of Pathology at McMaster University and one of the founders of the new medical school. In 1972 he became Dean of Health Sciences and subsequently Vice-President of Health Sciences at McMaster. In this role he helped initiate the involvement of McMaster University's School of Nursing in the establishment of the School of Nursing at the Aga Khan University.

Dr. Mustard has been President of a number of national and international scientific organisations, including the Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation, the American Society of Haematology and the International Society for Haemostasis and Thrombosis. He has received the Gairdner Foundation International Award for Medical Research, and since 1976 has been a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Aga Khan University since it was formed. He has received many awards and honorary degrees for his work in education and medical research. For his work in creating the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research he was made a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1994.

FRANCIS X. SUTTON

Francis X. Sutton spent most of his career at the Ford Foundation where he served as programme officer (1954-62), representative for East and Central Africa (1963-67), deputy vice-president and acting vice-president (1967-1983). Born in 1917 he studied mathematics and social sciences at Temple (B.Sc 1938), Princeton (M.A. Maths 1940) and Harvard (Ph.D, Sociology, 1950). He was a member of the Society of Fellows at Harvard from 1946-49 and taught there to 1954. Since retiring from the Ford Foundation, he has been Acting President of the Social Science Research Council (1985-86), member and chairman of its board (1985-92); consultant to the World Bank,

USAID, and the Rockefeller Foundation, where he served recently as interim Director of its Rockefeller Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy (1991-92). He is the author of The American Business Creed (1956), Ideology and Social Structure (1991) and editor of A World to Make/Development in Perspective (1990). He was the chief consultant and principal draughtsman for the Harvard Committee Report on the AKU (1983).

OBSERVERS

JOHN H. DIRKS, M.D.

Dr. John H. Dirks joined the Aga Khan University in March 1994 as Chief Academic Officer and holds the position as the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Acting Rector of the University. Dr. Dirks was born in Winnipeg, Canada and he is a medical graduate of the University of Manitoba, 1957. He has received his Fellowship in internal medicine and nephrology from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, 1963 and was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1982. He was Director of the Renal and Electrolyte Division at the Royal Victoria Hospital and McGill University in Montreal between 1965 and 1976; during this period he also became Professor in the Department of Medicine at McGill University. In 1976, he joined the University of British Columbia as Professor of Medicine, and Head of the Department of Medicine. In 1987 he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto and Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Dirks' distinguished career covers the full spectrum of academic medicine. He has been a successful practitioner, teacher, administrator and researcher, and has earned a high international reputation. He has published widely in the field of nephrology. He has had a number of national and international leadership positions, such as his current presidency of the Gairdner Foundation. Before joining the Aga Khan University he was Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and Special Adviser to the Ministry of Health and Council of Ontario Universities, in Canada and Chair of the Ontario United Nations University Study for Water, Environment and Health.

DAVID W. FRASER, M.D.

Dr. David W. Fraser is a medical epidemiologist with a particular interest in infectious diseases and epidemiologic training. After graduation from Harvard Medical School, he trained in internal medicine and infectious diseases at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. In nine years with the Centers for Disease Control he was involved in the early investigations of Legionnaires' disease and toxic shock syndrome. He was President of Swarthmore College from 1982 through 1991, where he taught epidemiology to liberal arts undergraduates. Currently, he is head of the Social Welfare Department at the Aga Khan Secretariat, overseeing health, education and housing activities in Asia and Africa. He serves on the Board of Directors of INCLEN, Inc. and of the Textile Museum of Washington, D.C.

SHAMSH KASSIM-LAKHA

Shamsh Kassim-Lakha was born in East Africa in 1938. He received his undergraduate education in the United Kingdom and, in 1960, obtained a master's degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota. He is the President of the Aga Khan University Centre, which includes a major \$ 300 million academic medical centre. Under the direction and vision of the University's founder and Chancellor, His Highness the Aga Khan, he has had the rare opportunity of leading the overall planning, construction, commissioning, and now in the administering of this largest private health sciences complex in the developing world. A founding Trustee of the Aga Khan University, Mr. Kassim-Lakha has had a distinguished professional career with the Aga Khan Development Network, spanning over 34 years. His assignments during this period included serving as the Managing Director of the Industrial Promotion Services, Pakistan, an AKFED-affiliated development corporation employing a work-force of 20,000 in its industrial units. Mr. Kassim-Lakha has served on the boards of several governmental, professional and research organisations, including the Pakistan Medical Research Council, as well as on numerous senior government advisory panels in such diverse areas as finance, energy, health and education.

As President of the Aga Khan University Centre, Mr. Kassim-Lakha has spearheaded efforts to build long-term institutional relationships with national and international agencies, such as the Pakistan Science Foundation, Canadian International Development Agency, Overseas Development Administration, major international foundations, as well as with components of the Aga Khan Development Network. Mr. Kassim-Lakha has successfully led the fund-raising efforts of the Aga Khan University, which has raised over \$ 150 million in Pakistan and overseas.

In recognition of his leadership and extensive contribution towards the cause of higher learning in the developing world, the McMaster University of Canada recently conferred upon Mr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

GUILLAUME DE SPOELBERCH

Mr. de Spoelberch obtained his secondary education in Belgium and the United States, studied at Princeton University, at Harvard College where he was Phi Beta Kappa and was a Harvard Scholar in modern European history and at the London School of Economics.

For several years he was a Representative of the Ford Foundation, at various times serving in Cairo, Jakarta and Tunis. He was the United Nations Development Program Deputy Resident Representative for Europe in Geneva and with the United Nations Special Fund was a Programme Officer and Assistant to the Managing Director. From 1981 to 1989 he was the General Manager of the Aga Khan Foundation and is currently the Executive Director of the Foundation as well as a Board member of the Aga Khan Trust for Culture and of the Aga Khan University.