



Dr. K. H. Hoever and Prof. Golam Abu Zakaria in Bangladesh

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of Karl Heinz Hoever, a renowned medical physicist who dedicated his career to advancing the field of medical physics in Germany. Karl-Heinz Hoever was born in 1940 in Datteln, Germany. He studied physics at the University of Heidelberg, where he earned his doctorate in 1981 with a thesis on the biophysical basics of therapy with fast neutrons.

Dr. Hoever was an accomplished medical physicist known for his pioneering work in radiotherapy medical physics and his tireless efforts to improve patient care through innovative technologies and techniques. He spent most of his professional career as the head of the dosimetry group in radiation therapy at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), where he worked from 1971 to 1998. Later on, he served as the radiation protection and operations manager of the research reactor from 1999 to 2005.

Dr. Hoever was the first chairman of the German Society of Medical Physics (DGMP) working group K16 'Medical Physics in Developing Countries' (1993-2001). In addition to his contributions to medical physics in Germany, Dr. Hoever also made significant contributions to the development of medical physics in Bangladesh and other developing countries. His expertise and guidance were instrumental in establishing medical education and training in Bangladesh. Along with Prof. Golam Abu Zakaria and other colleagues, Dr. Hoever was actively



The 1st meeting with Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury (Founder of Gono University) in 1999 to start a Medical Physics Department

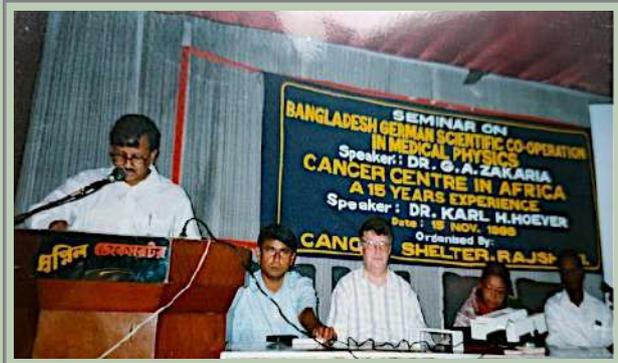
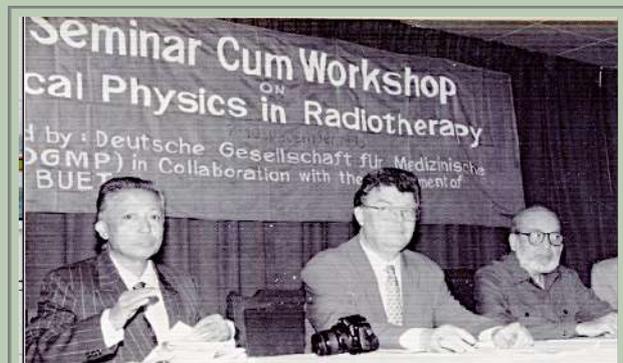
## A Farewell to a Legend: Remembering Dr. Karl Heinz Hoever and His Dedication to the Development of Medical Physics in Bangladesh

involved in organizing several seminars cum workshops (1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, and later) in Bangladesh on the importance of medical physicists in radiotherapy.

These efforts led to the establishment of the Department of Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering (MPBME) at Gono University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, in 2000.

His colleagues, students, and patients in both Germany and Bangladesh will forever remember him as a visionary and a dedicated mentor who was deeply committed to advancing the field of medical physics and improving patient outcomes. He was a true leader in his field and will be deeply missed.

On behalf of the entire SCMPCR team and Bangladesh Medical Physics Community, we extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. His legacy will continue to live on through his impactful work and the many lives he touched. Karl Heinz Hoever's death is a huge loss for the medical physics community. His contributions and dedication to the field will always be remembered. May his soul rest in peace.



Karl Heinz Hoever in the several sessions of the seminar at BUET and Rajshahi