

## **BIOGRAPHY**

BIOGRAPHY of late Professor Tarek Mahfouz (1954-2010)  
Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, Assiut Faculty of Medicine, Egypt



**Dr. Mahfouz** graduated from Assiut Medical School in 1977 which is one of the highly appreciated and recognized faculties in Egypt, he served his internship and subspecialty training in Pulmonary medicine from 1978 to 1986 and pursued his doctorate degree in United Kingdom on interventional laser bronchoscopy.

While in Egypt he escalated in his academic career to be the Head of the Chest Department Assiut University from 2006 to 2009.

**Professor Mahfouz** was a member and fellow of many scientific and international organizations including the European Respiratory Society (ERS), the World Association for Bronchology and the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP); however he was one of the major pillars in founding the Egyptian Scientific Society of Bronchology in 2001. His activities and role in this Society were great as he organized and was the head of the Scientific organizing committees of many Regional conferences in Assiut, Luxor, Istanbul and Dubai. He worked very hard in the CME programs in different avenues of the Respiratory field from Upper to Lower Egypt and organized as well a lot of workshops including Hands on experience in Fiberoptic and interventional bronchoscopy as well as thoracoscopy, sleep functions, radiology, intensive care and PFTs.

**Professor Mahfouz** was behind the establishment of the bronchoscopy and interventional Unit at Assiut Chest Department by fund raising; he was able to upgrade the service with autofluorescence for early diagnosis of lung cancer, Argon plasma, cryo, electro, endobronchial US and stenting. He established and supervised the PFT unit, the Sleep lab, and the ICU. He was starting to plan for the Pulmonary hypertension unit as a diagnostic and therapeutic centre in Upper Egypt. He had as well being involved in the establishment and supervision of many Respiratory Units in Upper Egypt such as El-Minia, Qena and Sohag Universities. He supervised a large number of Masters, MD. thesis and published many papers in different regional and international journals.

In addition to his university appointments and role in international societies, **Professor Mahfouz** had a busy private pulmonary medical practice in Assiut, he was extremely recognized and appreciated by his colleagues and was an authority in the field. More recently he had successfully focused his efforts on creating avenues for CMEs and had been instrumental in organizing numerous national and international postgraduate courses and hands-on training workshops for Chest physicians in Egypt and Regional.

Contributions of late Professor **Tarek Mahfouz** in the field of Pulmonary medicine both nationally and regionally were remarkable, may God bless him and his family, and may his soul rests in peace.

#### **Editor in Chief**

**Tarek Safwat**



Losing a loved one is one of the most difficult things we can possibly go through. **Professor Tarek** was a kind man of great energy and activity, dedicated to his work, day and night. A well-loved and distinguished professor, he was supportive with his colleagues and helpful to his students. His patients always received his devoted care. Most importantly, he was a dear friend, beloved by many, and his absence will be deeply felt.

And what is to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered.

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.

And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb (**Khalil Gibran**).

May Allah have mercy on his soul, and may he send patience and tranquility to **Tarek's family** and friends, Amen.

**Radwan Nouby**

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### إلى أستاذي ومعلمي وعالمنا الجليل المرحوم الأستاذ الدكتور/ طارق محفوظ

يعجز قلبي أن يعبر عن مدى الحزن والألم الذي أصابنا بوفاتك ولكن علمك وعملك سيظل خالدًا مدى الحياة بإذن الله ونعدك أن نحافظ على عهدنا معك في استمرار مسيرة العطاء.  
ودعائي لأستاذي (اللهم اغفر له وأرحمه وعافه وأعف عنه وأكرم نزله ووسع مدخله لا إله إلا أنت يا حنان يا منان يا بديع السموات والأرض تغمد أستاذي الفاضل الدكتور/ طارق محفوظ برحمتك يا أرحم الراحمين).

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### To my teacher and our late Prof. / Tarek Mahfouz

My own words are unable to express the sorrow and the pain that affected us by your death. But your knowledge and work will live for life, and we promise you that we will keep our covenant with you to continue your path. My prayer for my teacher (God forgive him and have mercy on him, Originator of the heavens and earth, may my teacher Prof. / Tarek Mahfouz, rest in peace.)

Your student, Amany Omar Mohamed

Prof. of Chest Diseases, Assiut University



### أستاذي الفاضل/الأستاذ الدكتور طارق محفوظ

رثيتك بباقة ورد ترويهها الدموع  
لتبقى ذكراك خالدة بيننا  
سبقي صوتك نابضا في قلوبنا دوما  
يا من كنت الأب والمعلم والناصح  
تغمدك الله برحمته وأثابك عن كل شيء تعلمناه منك

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