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Book Review

# An AIM's New Published Book

A Collection of Essays on the History of Medicine in Iran Vol 3

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The third volume of a book entitled "A Collection of Essays on the History of Medicine in Iran" has been published in November 2020 by the Archives of Iranian Medicine (AIM). Since the launch of AIM in 1998, a section has been devoted to the history of medicine in Iran and until now, 125 peer reviewed papers have been published in this regard. In 2014 and 2018, the previously published articles in the AIM monthly journal on the history of medicine in Iran were organized into two volumes; in 2020, the third volume has also been published.

The three-volume set of "A Collection of Essays on the History of Medicine in Iran", spanning 894 pages in total, has been published with support from the "Ministry of Health and Medical Education's Deputy for Research and Technology". The third volume is dedicated to the memory of Professor Ismail Yazdi (1931–2020), a maxillofacial surgeon and oral pathologist of Tehran School of Dentistry who passed away on March 12, 2020 in Tehran due to COVID-19 and Professor Hassan Farsam (1932–2016), a faculty member of Tehran School of Pharmacy. Both were influential members of the Editorial Board of the Archives of Iranian Medicine (Figure 1).

In the beginning pages of the book, a quotation from Blaise Pascal (1623–1662), the French scientist, is presented, *"If we examine our thoughts, we shall find them always occupied with the past and the future"*. This quotation demonstrates the significance of history including the history of medicine.

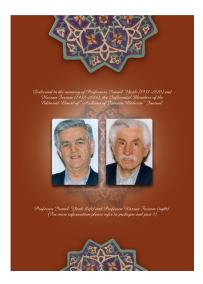
In the current book, in addition to a preface by

Professor Reza Malekzadeh, the editor –in-chief of AIM, and a prologue by Professor Moslem Bahadori, the AIM's associate editor, the third volume consists of two parts. The first part contains four articles dealing with the life and career of Professors Yazdi and Farsam. Part two consists of 13 papers discussing various topics on the history of medicine in Iran (see the following list of contents). In the appendix of the third volume, the list of articles appearing in the previously published books (volumes 1 & 2) has been presented.<sup>1</sup> All papers in these three volumes are peer reviewed and available on the AIM website (http://www.aimjournal.ir/Archive) as well as PubMed database.

## The Third Volume Contains

Part 1

- In Memory of Professor Ismail Yazdi (1931-2020), Mohammad Hossein Azizi MD
- A Brief History of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology in Iran, Moslem Bahadori MD, Mohammad Eslami DMD, Mohammad Hossein Azizi MD
- The Five Decades of Academic Services of Professor Hassan Farsam (1932–2016) to Modern Pharmacy in Iran, Mohammad Hossein Azizi MD, Moslem Bahadori MD
- Glimpses of the Contemporary Pharmacy in Iran:



**Figure 1.** The book is dedicated to the memory of Professor Ismail Yazdi (1931–2020) and Professor Hassan Farsam (1932–2016).





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"Dar al-Fonun School; the Cradle of Modern Pharmacy in Iran", Mohammad Hossein Azizi MD

• Addendum: Professor I. Yazdi and H.Farsam's papers indexed at the Pub Med

### Part 2

- The Influence of Gondeshapur Medicine during the Sassanid Dynasty and the Early Islamic Period, João Alcindo Martins e Silva MD, PhD
- Razi and His Concepts on Bone and Joint Disorders, Ahmadreza Afshar MD, Ali Tabrizi MD
- Cyril Elgood "A Medical History of Persia": A Critique, Touraj Nayernouri MD
- Fatal Infectious Epidemics in Iran in the Last Two Centuries; What Lessons Can We Learn from Preceding Outbreaks? A Brief Historical Review, Mohammad Hossein Azizi MD, Farzaneh Azizi DVM
- Contagious Diseases and its Consequences in the Late Qajar Period, Mashhad (1892–1921), Jalil Ghassabi Gazkouh PhD, Hadi Vakili PhD, Seyyed Mehrdad Rezaeian MA, Seyyed Alireza Golshani PhD, Alireza Salehi MD, MPH, PhD
- Louis-Pierre Delpy: A French Scholar and Former Director of the Razi Institute of Iran (1931-1951)
- Asadollah Hosseini Chegeni PhD, Ehsan Mostafavi DVM, PhD
- In honor of Dr. Abdul Hussein Taba: Iranian Physician and the Former Director of the Eastern Mediterranean Region of the World Health Organization, Leila Mounesan, Ehsan Mostafavi DVM, PhD
- Dr. Hossein Malekafzali: A Pioneer in Iran's Health Evolution and Development, Safoora Gharibzadeh

PhD, Ehsan Mostafavi DVM, PhD, Abolhassan Nadim MD, PhD, Kazem Mohammad PhD, Bijan Sadrizadeh MD, PhD, Alireza Mesdaghinia PhD, Mohammad-Mehdi Gouya MD, PhD

- History of Multiple Sclerosis in Iran, Abdorreza Naser Moghadasi MD
- A Biographical History of Some Iranian Pioneers in Medical Immunology and Allergy, Reza Jafari PhD, Ali-Reza Ranjbar MD, Reza Farid Hosseini MD
- Professor Kamaleddin Armin (1914–1995); a Superb Mentor with High Morals, Mohammad Hossein Azizi MD, Moslem Bahadori MD, Shahriar Dabiri MD
- The Role of Professor Khosrow Nasr (1937-2020) in Academic Promotion of Shiraz, University School of Medicine, 1968 to 1987, Mohammad Hossein Azizi MD
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