

ASHOK MISRA – Brief Profile

Prof. Ashok Misra is currently National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) Distinguished Professor at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Earlier he was Chairman-India of Intellectual Ventures from 2008-16; Director of IIT Bombay from 2000-08; at IIT Delhi from 1977-2000 and at Monsanto Chemical Co. from 1974-77. He is Adjunct Professor at the Univ. of Massachusetts and was a Visiting Fellow, Trinity College, University of Cambridge on three occasions. He obtained his B.Tech. from IIT Kanpur, M.S. from Tufts University and Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts. He was conferred the Doctor of Science by Thapar University, Patiala.

He has held several responsibilities with MHRD, Govt. of India including Chairman, Standing Committee of the IIT Council from 2015-17; Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Roorkee; Chairman 2014-17; Chairman, Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Apex Board from 2012-18 & 2019 to date; and Member Board of Governors, IIT Delhi from 2012-16.

Prof. Misra is an Independent Director on the Board of Directors of Kirloskar Electric Co. Ltd. since 2014; Jubilant Life Sciences Ltd. since 2014, Jubilant Pharma Ltd. since 2019; and Higher Education Funding Agency since 2017. Earlier he was an Independent Director on the Board of Directors of Reliance Industries Ltd. (2005-18), National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (2002-09), Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (2002-09); and Jubilant Industries Ltd. (2012-14). In addition, he is on the Advisory Board of IvyCap Ventures Pvt. Ltd., Log9 Materials Scientific Pvt. Ltd.; and NeuroEquilibrium Diagnostic Systems Pvt Ltd.

Prof. Misra is a Fellow of National Academy of Sciences India (NASI) and was its President from 2006-08; a Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE). He is the founder President of the Polymer Processing Academy; former President of the Society of Polymer Science, India and founder President of the IIT Alumni Centre, Bengaluru.

He has received several awards including: Distinguished Service Award, IIT Delhi; Distinguished Alumnus Awards from all his Alma Maters – University of Massachusetts, IIT Kanpur and Tufts University; Distinguished Service Award, Polymer Processing Society; Indian Chemical Council Lifetime Achievement Award for Education & Research; National Systems Gold Medal; Qimpro Platinum Standard Award (Education); Bhatnagar Memorial Award at 94th Indian Science Congress; Chemtech CEW Awards (Education) and Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray Memorial Award of Indian Chemical Soc. He has guided 22 doctoral students, co-authored a book, has 16 patents and over 182 international publications.