

On hearing the above news, the IJA Board felt it imperative to promptly honor Dr. Ehara. IJA planned to present an award to him with the help of Dr. Gotoh, who flew from Ibaraki to Tottori, visiting him in the hospital on 4 October, and who had hoped to present the award on 13 or 26 October. On his return, Dr. Gotoh wrote to Dr. Prasad: "Dr. Ehara's condition is very serious and he is not likely to survive. I could not take any photo as he was so very ill and had lost too much weight." Soon thereafter, Dr. Ehara's condition worsened, and he died before receiving his award. A posthumous award presentation is being planned, involving Dr. Ehara's wife, who still lives in Tottori. His funeral service was held on 9 October. Numerous condolences from acarologists the world over, including wired condolences from IJA, were read by his pediatrician son, Dr. Hiroaki Ehara, his only son and chief mourner, who represented the family at the funeral. Dr. Hiroaki Ehara wrote to Vikram: "On 4 October when I visited him at the hospital, Drs. Tetsuo Gotoh (acarologist, Ibaraki University), Fujio Kadono (researcher, Chiba) and Nobuo Tsurusaki (entomologist, my father's successor, Tottori University) visited him. They told my father that Dr. Prasad was planning to honor him for his 34 years of achievement with the International Journal of Acarology. He was very glad to hear that. He checked his galley proofs using a dictionary of acarology in Japanese. When leaving the room, I held his hand and said goodbye. He said, 'I do not die yet' (meaning it is not soon before I die). After several hours, his respiratory condition exacerbated suddenly, he lost consciousness and died three days later at 21:37 on 7 October 2008. Your expression of concern about my father gave our family hope and encouragement in this time of sorrow." Dr. Shōzō Ehara leaves two granddaughters, ages 18 and 12 years, children of Dr. Hiroaki Ehara.

Another letter reads: "Korean eriophyoid (hushi dani) fauna was first studied by Huang Tsan of Taiwan, and about 20 some years ago, when even the BITNET was not widely available, I desperately needed his article. I wrote many letters to Taiwan to obtain the article with no luck. Then, one day, I had lunch with Dr. Ueno Shun-Ichi in Seoul, and he gave me Dr. Ehara's name along with the city name Tottori, which led me into the Japanese Cultural Center the next day, searching for his address. Dr. Ehara Shozo, now I spell his name in his way, sent me many additional articles with his encouragement of my study. He will be missed by many around the globe. My sincere condolences to his family." - Cheol-Min Kim (USA). Numerous similar expressions of sympathy have been received from acarologists worldwide and have been forwarded to Dr. Ehara's family.

EXPLANATION OF COLOR PHOTOS:

Photos on page 442 - ADF annual fund-raising dinner meeting on 27 September 2008 - top to bottom, left to right: Vikram Prasad, M.D., Founder and Managing Editor of IJA, describing the contributions of acarologists and the IJA and holding the most recent issue of IJA; Dr. Prasad introducing the Chief Guest, Dr. Richard G. Robbins, Washington, D.C., Associate Editor of IJA and first President of the Acarology Development Foundation; Dr. Prasad with Dr. James W. Amrine, Jr., Morgantown, West Virginia, Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Vice-President of ADF; Dr. Prasad introducing other guests; acarologists and friends at the meeting.

Photos on page 443 - ADF annual fund-raising dinner meeting on 27 September 2008 - top to bottom, left to right: Dr. Richard G. Robbins praising the contributions of IJA and ADF; Santosh Rastogi, M.D., talking about his friend, Vikram Prasad; Mr. Dean Teaster of Fowlerville, Michigan, movie actor, story writer, producer and director (known for his film "Dean Teaster's Ghost Town," which had its American release on 28 October 2008), and a friend and supporter of the work of Vikram Prasad; Mr. Sam Logan Khaleghi of West Bloomfield, Michigan, another movie actor, story writer, producer and director (known for his film "Love is a Thieves' Game," released in September 2008), and also a friend and supporter of the work of Vikram Prasad; Richard G. Wandzel, D.O.; Anil and Reva Shrivastava; Rupesh and Prativa Shrivastava; Richard G. Robbins; participants enjoying the dinner prepared by Indira Prasad, Business Manager, IJA, and Vice-President and Treasurer, ADF Local Working Committee, including Dr. Robert W. Husband, ADF Member (third row, second photo), Bill Heugel, ADF Member (fourth row, second photo) and Dr. James W. Amrine, Vice-President, ADF, with Vikram Prasad, Richard G. Robbins and Robert W. Husband.