

Dr Ibrahim Farid Durr



Dr Durr is a true model of a Teacher, a Friend, a Father, a Writer and a Scientist. He has touched and influenced the lives of many current Medical Doctors and faculty members at AUB and various American Universities.

Dr Durr was born in Shafa Amr in Palestine, moved to Beirut, attended AUB where he earned a Degree in Pharmacy. He then pursued graduate studies at Case Western Reserve University and attained a Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry. He is the author of many scientific articles in the field of Lipids and intermediary metabolism. Among his pioneering research in the field of lipid biochemistry, he discovered an important enzyme in the mevalonate pathway, an alternative name for the cholesterol biosynthetic pathway. Furthermore he verified its mode and site of action on the substrate mevalonate.

He joined the Faculty of Medicine, served as chairperson of the Department of Biochemistry and taught for many years medical and graduate students. He and other members of the school worked hard to have the first accredited PhD in Biochemistry at AUB that was expanded to include under its umbrella the Basic Medical Sciences.

In addition to his distinguished achievements in the field of Biochemistry, he authored several books in Arabic and English languages. The books' topics diversified to include: Grammar of Arabic language, classical and old Arabic literature, biological determinants of human behavior and many others. His most recent book "I Prevailed" an autobiography published in 2010; a well written documentary describing the search for a future of a stateless Palestinian Arab.

Dr Durr was invited as visiting professor and educator to many universities around the world: USA, Germany, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab emirates. He retired in year 2000 and currently he lives in Tampa –Florida USA with his wife Mrs Loulou Durr, and daughters : Nelly Durr (MD) and Leila Durr (PhD)