



# Biography Profiles

## **Dr. Muhammad Munir Chaudry**

Dr. Muhammad Munir Chaudry is a Founding Board Member and President of the Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®), an internationally respected not-for-profit halal-certification organization. Featured in various media such as The Wall Street Journal, Prepared Foods, and CNN, Dr. Chaudry is a pioneer in the field. Under his guidance, IFANCA has become a world leader in halal certification, with more than 22,000 certified products for 2,200 companies. Clients include industry leaders such as Nestle, PepsiCo, Abbott Nutrition, Mead Johnson, Firmenich and Hershey International, in industries as diverse as flavors and pharmaceuticals. IFANCA halal certified products are sold in every nation. Besides IFANCA, Dr. Chaudry is a food industry veteran with expertise in various technical and management positions. Here he has been responsible for quality assurance, human resources and employee training. He is the author of several papers and co-author of Halal Food Production, the single most widely used text on halal certification. He is a member of the Institute of Food Technologists and an expert consultant to the World Organization for Animal Health. A delegate for the UN International Trade Center and the American Spice Trade Association, he has conducted food safety workshops internationally. He has his PhD from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in Food Science.

## **Dr. Muhamed Sadek**

Dr. Mohamed Sadek is an accomplished professional with a background in Food Science, Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry. In 1966, he served in Malaysia's Veterinary Services Department as a Veterinary Officer/Doctor. In 1970, he proceeded to U.K. for postgraduate studies and graduated with Master's and Doctorate degrees in Food Science. Upon returning to Malaysia, he joined the Mara Institute of Technology at Shah Alam as Head of Food Technology Department in 1974. From 1982 to 1998, he served as Technical member of Malaysia's Halal/Haram Committee. He assisted Malaysia's Religious Affairs Department (JAKIM) from 1992 until 1998; a position which led him to conduct halal audits in Europe, South America and the U.S.A. During this time, he was actively assisting the Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA) with his expertise in halal certification, audits, and conferences. Dr. Sadek was appointed as IFANCA's Director of International Affairs in 1996. In 1999, he was appointed as Vice President of the World Halal Food Council; while later serving in the Secretary General position of the organization from 2004 to 2006. Dr. Sadek is also visiting professor of Food and Nutrition at the Management and Science University (MSU) in Malaysia. From 2002 onwards he is Chairman of Islamic Food Council of Europe (IFCE), as well as Vice President at IFANCA since 2004.

### **Dr. Ahmed Sakr**

Dr. Ahmad Sakr's career consists of being an educator, field worker, scout leader, public speaker and an Islamic Scholar. Dr. Sakr has been affiliated with Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®) since its inception and he is a member of IFANCA's Board of Directors. He spent a large part of his life teaching Food and Nutrition in American Universities and was selected as an Outstanding Educator of America in 1973. Dr. Sakr was educated at the American University of Beirut and the University of Illinois where he received his doctorate in Food Science and Nutrition. He also received his theological training from the late Grand Mufti of Lebanon and from several other notable Muslim Scholars. He served as Director of the Islamic Center of Beirut. During his student years in the US, he co-founded the Muslim Students' Association in North America in which he led for some time. This organization later formed the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA); one of today's most prominent Muslim organizations in North America. Dr. Sakr is a founding member of the World Council of Mosques headquartered in Mecca, as well as the first director and representative of the Muslim World League to the U.N. Featured in ABC's "Nightline", as well as the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), Dr. Sakr is known for discussing global Islamic issues on Islam, food, health, behavior, terrorism, and fundamentalism. Currently, he is the President of the Foundation for Islamic Knowledge; Director of the Islamic Education Center in Walnut, California; Member of Operation Safe Community; and member of the Walnut Interfaith Council in California. At last count, he has written over 65 books (in English and Arabic) and booklets, not counting the innumerable articles he has authored. Dr. Sakr's approach is to build a bridge of understanding thru commonalities with Muslims and non-Muslims alike. He recently visited the Vatican in Rome, Italy, where he participated in interfaith dialogue with Bishops, Cardinals and the Pope.

### **Dr. Syed Jaafar Al-Quaderi**

Dr. Syed Jaafar Al-Quaderi has been Religious Advisor to Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®) since 1982. Dr. Quaderi is a graduate of Nizamia University, Hyderabad, India, and a recipient of Doctoral degree from Al-Azhar University, Egypt in 1970. His PhD researched the Resolutions and Permissions in Islam at the Faculty of Shariah and Law, in USUL al-Fiqh. His command of Arabic language is outstanding, evidenced by his 11 years as a Radio Cairo Announcer. Concurrently, he taught Arabic at the American University, Cairo, and also conducted classes at the Indian Embassy in Cairo. Dr. Quaderi also worked at the Osmania University in India as an editor of Arabic manuscripts of historic significance. After moving to the USA in 1980, Dr. Quaderi taught Arabic at Chicago's North-Eastern University, and American Islamic College for 6 years. Since 1986, he has been teaching Arabic, Islamic Studies, as well as leading congregations in two of Chicago area's Islamic Centers. Dr. Quaderi is well-versed in comparative knowledge of Islamic schools of thought. His command of languages is excellent; especially in Arabic, Urdu and English.

### **Dr. Javed Rashid**

Dr. Javed has 26 years of experience in Quality Control, Quality Assurance, and Product Development in South Asia, Middle East, Far East, United Kingdom and the United States. He has 20 years of experience in auditing of food processing and packaging operations in various countries. He has affiliated with IFANCA® for the past 15 years, and provides guidance in plant inspection related matters as a Director of Halal Audit for food, cosmetic, pharmaceutical and non-food manufacturing industries. Presently, Dr. Javed is Vice President of Technical Services in a liquid condiments, sauces and salad dressings manufacturing company in North Carolina, USA. He

serves as a Resident Practitioner of SQF 2000 Global Food Safety Initiative. During his career, Dr. Rashid also received food production and quality assurance related training from Brabender Food Testing Training Center, Germany and American Institute of Baking, USA. Dr. Javed Rashid obtained his Master's degree in Nutrition from the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan; as well as a Master's degree in Food Science from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom. He received his Ph.D. in Cereal Science from Kansas State University, Manhattan, USA. He holds Certified HACCP audit certification from American Society for Quality, as well as GMA-SAFE auditor status to assess food ingredients and finished product suppliers for food excellence. He is a Professional Member of the Institute of Food Technologists and Senior Member of American Society for Quality/Food Drug and Cosmetics Division.

#### **Dr. Sabir Ali**

Dr. Sabir Ali is a Food Scientist with over 25 years of Food Industry experience in Quality Assurance, Product Development and Manufacturing. He is senior food inspector, and member of Technical Committee, at Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®) since 1999. Previously, he was Director of Technical Services at Canadian Wise Foods Inc., and North American Tea & Coffee Inc., Canada. Dr. Ali has also spent several years at Cargill Foods, Canada; Mitchells Fruit Farms, Pakistan; and CPC International, Pakistan, managing Production and Quality Assurance. Author of several Microbiology related publications and Food Technology Workshops, Dr. Ali is also a member of Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), Institute of Packaging Professionals, and Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology.

#### **Dr. Mujahid Masood**

Dr. Mujahid Masood has over 25 years of research and specialized professional experience in Poultry Processing. As senior auditor at Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®) for the past 10 years, Dr. Masood oversees halal audits at production sites throughout North America. Using his specialization in poultry product flavor chemistry, poultry food safety, processing, distribution and utilization of poultry and egg, Dr. Masood supervises entire procedure and process of food production. The scope of this review includes monitoring equipment, cleanliness, sanitation, contamination, packaging, labeling, storage and even transportation. Dr. Masood also identifies and solves specific communication problems using halal technical presentations to educate the food industry. Dr. Masood's illustrious career includes overseas teaching positions at the National Institute of Food Science and Technology, University of Agriculture; and Assistant Research Officer and Food Scientist at Ayub Agricultural Research Institute in Pakistan. He has authored and collaborated in several articles and papers in published in Poultry Science, Pakistan Journal of Medical Research, Journal of Food Processing and Preservation, as well as IFANCA's own globally distributed Halal Digest. Dr. Masood holds special training in HACCP, and holds Food Science BSc. (Hons.) and MSc. (Hons.) from Pakistan's University of Agriculture; and his Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology from Mississippi State University.

#### **Dr. Farhat Quadri**

Dr. Farhat Quadri is the Director of Community Services to Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®) since 2009. Besides serving as a liaison to all Civic Organizations, as well as Islamic Community Centers, Dr. Quadri conducts educational seminars and workshops on halal. He also responds to various queries from Muslim inmates and correctional institute authorities about halal food and the establishment of halal kitchens in prisons. Dr. Quadri's career has dealt with laboratory sciences for over 30 years. Dr. Quadri holds a

B.Sc. from India's Marathwada University in Agricultural Sciences, as well as M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Food Sciences and Nutrition from Kansas State University. From 1975 to 2008, Dr. Quadri served as director/manager of Radiochemistry and Endocrinology Laboratories in three major hospitals in the Chicago area: Lutheran General, Michael Reese, and Cook County Hospital. Dr. Quadri has collaborated and contributed research to numerous publications, including: The Journal of Nuclear Medicine; Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention; American Journal of Clinical Oncology; Clinical Chemistry; Journal of the International Medical Association; International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology and Physics; and Nuclear Medicine: Principles and Practice.

### **Mr. Roger Othman**

Roger M. Othman holds Bachelors of Science Degrees in Aerospace and Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan. He has spent much of his career in the oil industry in domestic and foreign assignments in process operations; technical services; total quality management and economic and strategic planning. Mr. Othman has served on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Mosque Foundation and the Board of Directors of IFANCA®. Mr. Othman has been very involved with IFANCA. He served as the first Managing Director of IFANCA, and helped establish the procedures and systems that helped evolve IFANCA into the organization it is today. In the area of publications, he served as the editor of the Islamic Perspectives newsletter; creator and editor of the Halal Consumer© magazine and the Halal Digest© webzine, and has contributed numerous articles to each publication. In the area of halal certification, he has conducted halal inspections of client facilities and supervised the production of halal certified products. Mr. Othman has been a presenter at several halal food conferences, including IFANCA Halal Food Conferences and the 2001 Halal Food Conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Othman continues to guide IFANCA's long-term vision, and currently serves as the IFANCA Webmaster.