well-written primary information on databases, gene and protein models.

Cyberbotanica forms the second stop of the tour and provides information about botanical compounds used in cancer treatment. It contains links to a detailed description of plants, photographs and the active chemicals. More than 70 of these plants are listed along with a comparison of their chemical properties, approval status and major indications. The section is referenced and has links to various sites on ethnobotany, plant databases and chemotherapy websites.

The next part is the searchable Life Science Dictionary which contains more than 8000 terms related to biotechnology. The search capability is further enhanced by performing a lookup, by plant, animal or chemical subtype database. The fourth stop is an Introduction to Glycolysis that describes the glycolytic pathway and is replete with reactions, practice questions and a test.

The website has a number of dead links which hamper smooth navigation. The search facility cannot be invoked from most of the pages and is not very well evolved. There is a lack of good graphics and color which could make the site even more informative.

BioTech will serve as a useful a tool to anyone interested in learning about biotechnology, teaching or using it in research. It addresses traditional as well as newer applications of the biological sciences and very skillfully interfaces computers, technology and the vast resources of the World Wide Web.

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Obituary

Prof. Asis Kumar Nag Chaudhury
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With great shock and grief, we record the sudden and untimely demise on March 19, 2004, of Prof. Asis Kumar Nag Chaudhury of the Division of Pharmacology, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Prof. Nag Chaudhury was born on July 7, 1949. He obtained his M. Sc. (Physiology) degree in 1970 and Ph. D. degree (working under the supervision of the renowned Prof. S. C. Lahiri) of the University of Calcutta in 1977. Beginning his career as Lecturer in Pharmacology at the Jadavpur University in 1976, by dint of dedicated work, he steadily rose to become Professor in 1999. He was also nominated as the Director of the School of Natural Product Studies of the University. During his tenure, he guided more than 10 Ph. D. scholars and acted as dissertation guide for more than 30 M. Pharm. students. Over 60 papers in international and national journals bear testimony to his work and he was an active member of many scientific bodies, including the local chapter of the Indian Pharmacological Society.

Prof. Nag Chaudhury visited Germany, England and Italy many times, presented papers and also chaired sessions in various national and international conferences. He successfully undertook multiple research projects sponsored by national bodies like the ICRR, UGC, CSIR, AICTE and NTRF.

As a person, Prof. Nag Chaudhury endeared himself to pharmacologists, pharmacists, and physiologists, not just in Kolkata but all over the country. He was ready to help all students and many outside his University sought his assistance and were never disappointed. Work consumed him to the last day. Indeed, just on the day before his demise, he attended an Organizing Committee meeting of the 37th Annual Conference of the Indian Pharmacological Society. His life is a rare example of courage, determination and dedication, which will inspire us all. He is survived by his wife and son and we stand by his family in their hour of grief.

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