It is with deep sorrow that we learnt the sad demise of Dr. B. Bhar, who breathed his last on 1 December 2004 at his Kolkata residence. Dr. B. Bhar has made great impact on occupational health in India and abroad. Dr. Bhar was a core member of Howrah Branch, served the Indian Association of Occupational Health with distinction as General Secretary (1958–1959), as associate editor of Indian Journal of Industrial Medicine (1959–1968) and rose to become the national president of IAOH in the year 1970. He took over as editor of Indian Journal of Industrial Medicine in the year 1975 and served as editor till 1982. He was a distinguished central council member till 1998. He believed in democratic functioning of the association and supporting the right cause, man with human touch arousing both friendship and respect around him. The IAOH shares in the grief of all those close to Dr. B. Bhar and our condolences to his family members.

We regret to inform that Dr. J. K. Mahapatra passed away on 22 February 2005 at Rourkela. He was Head of Occupational Health at SAIL Corporate office Ranchi from 1986 to 1998. He was the leader behind establishing OHS Services in SAIL. He has served IAOH with great dedication and passion as general secretary of Indian Association of Occupational Health (1983–1986) and subsequently as national president of IAOH in the year 1992. Dr. Mahapatra, a cultured man with great compassion for workforce, who deeply cared for preventing occupational ill-health. He was a true professional and role model for many of us. Our condolences to Mrs. Jyoti Mahapatra and family members who have been a source of great strength and support during his career and the latter days of his illness.