

## About Prof. Alfred A. Christy



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Prof. Alfred A. Christy entered the then University of Ceylon (Peradeniya) and obtained a Bachelor degree in Chemistry (B.Sc., University of Peradeniya, 1976). The first position held by Professor Christy was as a Demonstrator/Assistant Lecturer in Chemistry at the University of Jaffna in Sri Lanka (1976-1977). He then moved to Nigeria, where he worked first as a teacher and then as senior master in Chemistry at a local college (1977 - 1983) in Ondo State, Nigeria. He then moved to Bergen, Norway. In Bergen, he commenced furthering his education at the University of Bergen, while acting as a teaching assistant (1983-1987) and then as lecturer at the Department of Chemistry (1987-1991). He was awarded a master degree in Physical Chemistry in 1987 and Dr. Scient. Degree in 1990. He then worked first as a research Scientist (1991-1992) and later as a laboratory manager/research scientist in the FT-IR laboratory he built up at the department (1992-1998). He assumed a professorship in Chemistry at the Department of Chemistry, University of Agder in 1998.

Professor Christy has accumulated an impressive list of scientific achievements during his career. He has published over 150 papers in scientific journals and presented more than 100 lectures at conferences, institutions of higher learning and industrial establishments around the world. Professor Christy has authored several book chapters and reports. He co-authored a book entitled "Modern Fourier transform Infrared Spectroscopy" (A. A. Christy, Elsevier-2001). He has also been a co-editor of a second book "NIR spectroscopy in Food Science and Technology" (Wiley, 2006). The breadth and depth of this work is well seen in the fact that Professor Christy has acted as a referee for some 25 different International Journals across a wide spread of disciplines related to chemistry.

Professor Christy's international standing earned him respect in his discipline and this fact is clearly reinforced by his appointment in the "Research Proposal Reviewer" for the National Science Foundation-Division of Earth Sciences, Instrumentation and facilities Program, USA. Furthermore, Professor Christy has been included in the "Marquis who's who in the world" and several other directories from 1991 onwards. He has also received several awards such as "Man of the Year 1994", "20th Century Achievement Award (1995)" and several other honours such "Five hundred leaders of influence in the world". Prof. Christy chaired the "First Scandinavian Conference on Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy" in 1994. Since then he has been in the steering committees of several international conferences in Chemistry and material science. He is also listed in the Stanford University's top 2% scientists in Material science in the world.

Prof. Christy has also been involved in International education as a Consultant & Co-ordinator for students in Norway, training Science teachers in Uganda on behalf of U.N.; serving in the scientific Committees for evaluating PhD theses from Universities in Pakistan and as an adviser and visiting professor at the University of Petroleum (Beijing) and Thammasat University in Thailand to name a few.