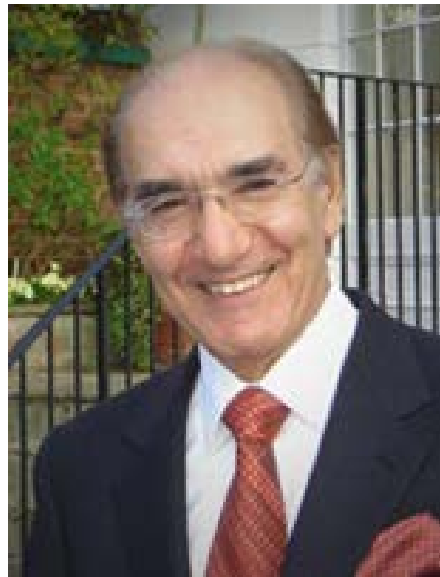


Dr Ali Sattaripour



The Trustees and CEO of the Iran Heritage Foundation announce with sadness the passing of their colleague and long-standing Trustee, Dr Ali Sattaripour, in London at the age of 73.

Upon completing his PhD studies at Purdue University Dr Sattaripour returned to Iran and joined the faculty of the country's prestigious Aryamehr (now Sharif) University. In 1979 he was appointed to the governing board of Sharif and then advised the government on industrial and development policy. He then moved to the United Kingdom with his family and set up and led the highly successful SGC group of companies which operate mostly in the oil and gas technologies field. He remained the active Chair of the company until the on-set of his illness.

Dr Sattaripour was a man of vision, principle and determination. His devotion to the promotion of Iranian studies in this country was legendary and he played a leading role in the growth and success of the IHF as an institution during the many years he served on its Board of Trustees with great distinction. He was particularly passionate in his mission to promote the teaching of the Persian language and, as founder and Chairman of the Persian Language Foundation, left behind an important, successful and lasting institution and teaching legacy.

We will miss our dear friend and colleague and extend our deepest condolences to Mrs Monir Sattaripour and Ali's daughters, Rana and Ladan, and their families.

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Chair of IHF