## **Biography: Dr. Tariq Chaudhry**

Dr Tariq Chaudhry (Retired) is an academic, researcher and naturopathic consultant. He completed his PhD at Western Sydney University (WSU), Australia in 1999. He was one of the pioneer Australian researchers in the field of heavy metal phytoremediation and mycorrhizoremediation. He identified heavy metal hyperaccumulator plants including medicinal plants from two heavy metal contaminated sites and studied the role of fungus mycorrhizae to enhance phytoremediation during his research at WSU, Australia. His research was acknowledged by the Australian Society for Microbiology (ASM) and shortlisted for the Becton Dickinson Award (1999). He also received awards in other research fields during the course of his academic career. He has presented his work at national and international conferences and published in numerous journals. He is a member of the Complementary Medicine Association, Australia (CMA) and a guest member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETC), USA. His research in the area of environmental science, nutrition, and complementary medicine (including environmental medicine) have allowed him to advise his clients on hazardous environmental factors that give cause to diseases in the human living condition, broadening his passion for holistic health care.