

Speaker and Moderator Biographies



Sohail Husain, MD

Dr. Sohail Husain is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh. He received an MD degree from Tufts University in 1998. In 2001, he completed his residency in Pediatrics from New York University. He joined Yale University as a fellow and then faculty in Pediatric Gastroenterology, and, in 2011, moved to Pittsburgh. Dr. Husain's research investigates novel treatments for pancreatitis, which is a painful, life-threatening inflammatory disorder of the pancreas. To date, Dr. Husain has published over 70 scientific papers, including several book chapters on pancreatic development and pancreatic disorders. He currently holds two independent research grants from the NIH (called R01s) and an industry grant. In the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Dr. Husain serves as the President of the Association of Ahmadiyya Muslim Scientists, USA (AAMS-USA). Locally in Pittsburgh, he serves as Zaim Ansarullah (local head of Ahmadi Muslim men over age 40).

Furqan Ahmed, PhD

Dr. Furqan Ahmed is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Center for Space Research of the University of Texas at Austin. His research interests include the application of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) observations for precise geodetic measurements and high-resolution estimation of atmospheric water vapor. He was awarded his Ph.D. (Engineering Sciences) in 2015 from the University of Luxembourg. His doctoral research was focused on the applications of GNSS observations in numerical weather prediction (NWP) and climatology. Furthermore, he possesses MS and BS degrees in Radio and Space Science, and Telecommunication Engineering, respectively. He has disseminated the findings of his research in form of peer-reviewed articles, and several oral and poster presentations in international conferences. In the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Dr. Ahmed serves as the local secretary of education for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association (AMYA) in Austin, TX and has recently been appointed to serve the national Student Affairs department of the AMYA.





Karim Sharif, PhD

Dr. Karim Sharif is an Associate Professor of Biology at Massasoit Community College. Prior to obtaining his PhD from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY), he attended Talimul Islam College in Rabwah, Forman Christian College in Lahore, and Hunter College, CUNY. His current research focuses on the comparative genomic analysis among *Drosophila* (Fruit Fly) species. He has published a broad range of articles in esteemed journals and has a keen interest in promoting scientific education, something he attributes to the vision and directive of His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, the third Khalifa of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (may Allah be pleased with him). Dr. Sharif has served the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in various capacities. Currently, he serves as the Vice President of the Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists (AAMS-USA). Locally, he serves as the secretary Waqfe-Nau for the Boston Chapter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA.

Tauseef Khan, PhD

Dr. Tauseef Ahmad Khan is a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Toronto in Canada. He completed his degree in medicine from the Aga Khan University in Pakistan, followed by a Masters and a PhD in Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Afterwards, he worked at University College London as a Senior Research Associate for three years investigating the effects of young-adult obesity on risk of heart disease. Following his passion for honey research and with prayers from His Holiness, Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the current worldwide head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (May Allah strengthen him with His Mighty help), Dr. Khan joined a leading research group on sugar research at the University of Toronto and is currently investigating the association between the intake of various sugars including honey and cardiovascular disease. Dr. Khan is serving as the deputy editor of the science section of the Review of Religions magazine. Dr. Khan also serves as the Chairman of the Review of Religions Research Canada — a research body formed under AMYA, Canada.

