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Prof Balali-Mood obtained his BSc. (1st class Hon.) in chemistry in 1963 and MD in 1970 from Tehran University. After earning his PhD in Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology at Edinburgh University Medical School in 1981, was appointed as a lecturer in this University. He returned home in 1982 during the Iraq-Iran war to assist the chemical war casualties.

Mahdi promoted to associate professor in 1984 and full professor of Mashhad University in 1988. His other positions are as follows:

Founding member and President, Iranian Society of Toxicology (1971-1980 and 1989-2001), Asia-Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology (1994-2001), Clinical Toxicology Adviser to WHO (1989 to date), Visiting Professor of Newcastle University, UK; 2004 to date. Member of many national and International organisations including Iranian Academy of Medical Sciences (1991 to date), The World Academy of Sciences (1997 to date), Scientific Advisory Board and the working groups of Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (2004 to 2016). Editor-in-Chief, Scientific Journal of Birjand University of Medical Sciences (2002 to date). Associate Editor, Journal Emerging Health Threats, Forum of Emerging Health Threats, London, 2006 to 2012. Editorial board member of many national and International medical journals.

Prof. Balali-Mood was awarded 16 prizes, including the Iranian governmental research sign; given by the President of IR Iran, Highest Honorary Medal of Prof. Yalda International foundation of Medical Sciences in 2011 and the 2015 OPCW-The Hague Award. The National Elite foundation of IR Iran has recognized him as the Father of Toxicology and held commemoration in his birth place (Mood, Birjand) with collaboration of Birjand University of Medical Sciences and Iranian Society of Toxicology on 29 October 2016. He is author/editor of 452 articles, 39 chapters/books including the Springer books on organophosphorus and mustard compounds and also on biological toxins and bioterrorism that published in 2014 and 2015. Prof. Balali-Mood served as the chairman of editorial board member of OPCW book on Practical Guide for Medical Management of Chemical Warfare Agents in 2015 that was published in 2016.

