

### Condolence messages

Farida Shah was a deeply committed and hard-working member of OWSD. She contributed greatly to the executive board and to the Malaysia National chapter and did a great deal to further the position and number of women in science in developing countries. We will miss her.

Fang Xin, OWSD President

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Dearest Professor Farida,

It was an unacceptable moment for me to hear your departure, as I was not prepared for this moment. Nonetheless, your contribution to the OWSD as well as OWSD, Malaysian Chapter is highly recognized and appreciated. The establishment of the OWSD, Malaysian Chapter in 11 August 2011 was owing to your perseverance, determination and burning desire to provide mentorship to all women in Malaysia. Your advice and encouragement notes will be remembered forever and OWSD chapter will continue your spirit to provide mentorship to all women.

Thank you so much and may you rest in peace.

With warmest wishes,

Lim Yang Mooi  
Founding & Honorary Secretary,  
OWSD, Malaysian Chapter

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Farida was a deeply committed and hard-working member of OWSD, her concerns were to help young scientists to go ahead with their scientific careers, to establish a close relation between science and industry, empowering scientific women, and that OWSD and TWAS deeply contribute in empowering women scientists for development of the developing countries in their own model. She always had new ideas and initiatives and went further to implement them. We lost a great woman and wonderful friend.

Mayra de la Torre  
OWSD Vice-President  
Latin America and the Caribbean

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Farida, wherever she went, always will live in our hearts and thoughts, as an example of a woman in science committed to her country and to science in the developing world !  
All of us, TWAS and OWSD Members, will keep her memory forever and will continue her heritage and dreams.

Lilliam Alvarez  
TWAS-FELLOW  
OWSD-Cuban National Chapter

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I am so sad to learn that we cannot see Farida any more. Farida contributed tremendously during the establishment of the Special Committee for Women in Science and Engineering in AASSA. She had ever a young mind I always admired. It is indeed a great loss for all of us. May God rest her soul in peace and comfort.

Doe Sun Na  
Vice President for Publication  
Korean Academy of Science and Technology  
Chair, Special Committee for Women in Science and Technology, AASSA

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It is indeed a great loss for all of us. Farida was a very brave lady, highly committed and devoted. I always admire her since I met her back in early 2000. May lord put her soul in comfort and peace and give strength to her family to bear this untimely loss. Ameen.

Azra Khanum  
Tamgha-i-Imtiaz Visiting Faculty  
Department of Biochemistry  
PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi  
Murree Road, Rawalpindi 46300, Pakistan

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I am deeply sorry to hear that dear Farida passed away today morning. She is the one of most cheerful, clever and charming women whom I have ever met in my life. I would like to convey my condolences to her family, her friends and the group. This is really great loss for all of us, unfortunately.  
May God put her soul in comfort and peace..  
With my best regards,

Arzum Erdem Gursan  
Ege University  
Faculty of Pharmacy  
Analytical Chemistry Department  
35100 Bornova, Izmir  
TURKEY

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I remember her with great fondness and admiration. She was such a lively and dedicated lady. We will really miss her.

Jenny Graves  
Jennifer A. Marshall Graves, AO, FAA  
Professor Emeritus  
The Australian National University  
Canberra ACT 0200, Australia

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I could not believe that our great friend Farida has passed away. I express my deepest condolence to her family who has experience a great loss. Our WISE family has really lost one of the capable and devoted personnel. I am greatly shocked to receive this sad news. May her soul rest in peace.

Prof. Dr. Anjana Singh  
Head  
Central Department of Microbiology  
Tribhuvan University  
Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal

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I am really very sorry to hear this news. I will remember her for her enthusiasm for the cause of Women in

Science. I would like to convey my condolences to the family.

Professor Rohini Godbole, FNA  
Centre for High Energy Physics  
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore 560012

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It grieves my heart to hear of the passing on of our dear Vice President for the Asia-Pacific region. From the reported activities of OWSD in that region, we all know her not only as an active VP but as a highly committed member of OWSD. She has served meritoriously using her God-given talents. Having gone back to her Creator, we pray for her soul to rest in perfect peace.

Prof Eunice A. C. Okeke  
(Foundation member of OWSD)

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RIP Prof. Farida Shah.  
Neesha Rana

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My deepest condolence to Prof. Farida family and close friends and I only can say: The pain of loss is something that none can escape, but you don't have to go through it alone my heart's all with you.

Mervat Foda  
The President of The Society of Women in Science in Developing Countries - Egypt  
(OWSD National Chapter - Egypt)

Professor  
Dairy Science Dept.  
Food Industry and Nutrition Division  
National Research Center  
El-Behoos St, Dokki, Cairo, Egypt

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What a great loss to womanhood, especially the women scientists. I pray God to give the family the fortitude to bear the loss of a gem. May her soul rest in perfect peace. OWSD members take heart and keep moving. God will guide us and lead us in Jesus' name Amen.

Hassana Ali

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It is such a great loss to all of us. Rest in peace.  
Elizabeth Muoria

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I want to join other colleague to commiserate with the family of Prof. Farida for their loss. This is indeed a great loss for she was an asset to the Society. Please accept my condolences.  
Sincerely,

Ogun Adetoun Oluyemi

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I pray that God will grant her family members the fortitude to bear this loss. May her gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

Prof. E.E. Enwereji

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My condolences on the death of Prof. Farida Shah, OWSD Vice-president for Asia–Pacific. All the women scientific community feel her loss.

Please send condolences to her family and friends.

Sincerely,

Olga Valdés Iglesias MSc.  
Center of Marine Bioproducts  
Havana, Cuba

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Please, let her dear ones know that her life and presence stay and will remain in the history of women in science.

Sincere condolences,

Elena Vigil  
University of La Habana  
Cuba

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My heartfelt condolences go to the family, friends and colleagues of Prof Shah. Rest in peace, Amen.

Maureen Ebomoyi

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May the gentle soul of this great woman in science Prof. Africa Shah rest in peace.

Dr. Mrs. Adegunloye, D. V.  
Microbiology Department  
Federal University of Technology  
Akure, Nigeria

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We are indeed very saddened to receive the news about the death of Prof Farida Shah. We do not know Farida personally but we know her immense contributions to the women's scientific community. We lost a great woman. On behalf of the Sudanese women scientific group and on my behalf, please accept and convey our heartfelt condolences to all of you.

We wish the OWSD family well at this time of grief.

Prof. Nafisa Ahmed  
Agricultural Research Corporation  
Crop Protection Center  
Wad Medani, Sudan

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The members of the OWSD, South East Forum, Nigeria wish to pass on their condolence wishes to the International Office, OWSD, the OWSD President, Prof Xin Fang, the OWSD Asia and the Pacific Region on the death of Farida Shah, the Vice President, OWSD, Asia and the Pacific Region. OWSD has lost a gem, a woman, a scientist of repute.

We condole her family.

Signed,  
Mrs Chibuzo N. Umeh (Ph. D.)  
Secretary  
OWSD, South East Forum  
Nigeria

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Dear family, Farida will always be present on our minds and societies.  
Sincerely,

Gloria Montenegro

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It is with heart felt pain I give my condolence to the family of Prof. Farida Shah and the entire OWSD and TWAS family. We have truly lost a gem who will not be forgotten in a hurry. The OWSD family will miss you. Together as OWSD family, we will make sure all you worked for will not be in vain...we will achieve those dreams that you would have loved to see come through. May her soul rest in peace.

Eno S. Ibanga  
OWSD Nigeria

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I did not know Farida in person but meeting her in China (2010) gave me an insight of a very hardworking and diligent woman. We will all miss her. My condolences to her immediate family and all OWSD family in the world. R.I.P.

Dr Bose Adesalu  
Nigeria

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We are deeply saddened by the news of Prof. Farida Shah, OWSD Vice-president for Asia - Pacific passing. Please accept our condolences and may our prayers hasten the journey of her soul to Heaven.

Dr. Erdenechimeg N.  
Institute of Chemistry and Chemical Technology  
Mongolian Academy of Sciences  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

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It's really a great loss to OWSD. We shall miss her contributions to the advancement of science. May her soul rest in perfect peace.

Dr Chibuogwu Nnaka, OWSD Chapter, Nigeria  
Study Centre Director  
National Open University of Nigeria  
Awka Study Centre, Abagana

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She will certainly be remembered warmly by all those who have had the opportunity of meeting this outstanding human being. I really feel honored to have had her as my friend. I sincerely pray God almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and give us all the much needed courage to bear this unrepairable loss.

Dr. V.K. Sharma

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May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace. May God grant her family and all the member of OWSD the fortitude to bear this great loss.

Egberongbe Olabimpe

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On behalf of OWSD Abuja chapter, Nigeria, I wish to condole with the OWSD executive board and secretariat over the irreparable loss of our own dear Prof. Farida Shah. I also extend my heart felt sympathy to the family of the departed sister. May the highest God grant her soul eternal rest in the bosom of Abraham, Amen.

Dr. Oby Okafor  
Secretary  
OWSD Abuja Chapter

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It is my deep sadness to hear that Prof. Farida Shah has passed away. I feel a real loss in her passing and want to extend my sympathy to her family and to OWSD members for such loss. She will be always remembered as a great scientist who devoted herself to work.

Prof. Dr. Hala J. El-Khozondar  
FTWAS and FTWAS-ARO  
Electrical Engineering Department  
Islamic University of Gaza

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Dear Members,  
I would like to add my condolence message on the passing of Professor Farida Shah. May Allah have mercy on her and grant her forgiveness. May Allah keep her family and grant them the fortitude to bear the loss.

Dr. Rabia Salihu Sa'id  
Department of Physics,  
Bayero University  
Kano, Nigeria

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Mes condoléances les plus attristées.  
Que son âme repose en paix!

Rokia Sanogo

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Her contributions to OWSDW will be remembered and cherished. May she find peace.

Prof. Florence Nduka  
Faculty of Biological Sciences  
University of Port Harcourt  
Nigeria

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Dear Madam,  
Sorry to hear the news. Please convey my condolence to family members.  
With regards,

Hema Prasad

Dr. M. Hema Prasad M.Sc;Ph.D  
Associate Professor & Head  
Dept. of Environmental Toxicology  
Institute of Genetics,Osmania University  
Hyderabad-500016, India

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Rest in peace Professor Farida Shah. Indeed we lost an icon, a gem, sister and friend.

Dr Chidi Nosiri  
Nigeria

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Prof Farida Shah left an indelible mark in the sands of time. Our hearts are with the family at this time.

Adediwura Jaiyesimi

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"May Accept Our Heartfelt Condolences"  
May her soul rest in peace.  
Sending Message from Sri Lankan Scientist

Mrs. Chand. C.G. Devadason  
B.Sc (Hons), M.Sc (UK) M.Phil (UK)  
Senior Lecturer in Zoology  
Dept of Zoology  
Eastern University, Sri Lanka

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It's indeed very sad. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen. May Almighty God give her family and OWSD members the fortitude to bear the loss. May God reward her for her goodness to mankind. Amen.

I will surely miss her educating messages and postings.  
RIP my Dear

Halimatu S. Idris

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What a great loss. I got in contact with her through the OWSD facebook page and she really helped to connect me with a host in Brazil. May the Lord be with the family she left behind.

Bukola Olanike Oyebanji D.V.M, PhD  
Animal Health Laboratory  
Department of Animal Sciences  
Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

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I am grieved to hear about Farida Shah. This indeed is a great loss to OWSD and for Egypt and for all those who passionately wish to see more girls and women studying science. I will always retain her memory since the first time I met her at UNESCO meeting. She gave us all these beautiful silk scarves that she said were made in a women's charity home. May God bless her soul, she will be greatly missed.

Tanveer Naim  
Dr. S.T.K Naim  
Consultant COMSTECH

OIC Standing Committee on S&T Cooperation  
33 Constitution Avenue  
G5/2 Islamabad, Pakistan

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It's with great shock that I received the sad news about the death of Farida Shah. I can't forget the inspiring posts she made on OWSD social sites and the many updates on learning opportunities. May God rest her soul in eternal peace.  
Sincerely,

Anne Osio-OWSD Member-Kenya

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Her contributions to OWSDW will be remembered and cherished. May she find peace.

Prof. Florence Nduka  
Faculty of Biological Sciences  
University of Port Harcourt  
Nigeria

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I am sorry to this bad news. God help you and your family to be strong for this.

Nada Syed

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Dear OWSD Colleagues,

Deeply saddened by the demise of Dr. Farida Shah, I express my heartfelt condolences on the passing away of a great woman scientist and a great human being.  
Kind regards to all.

Veena Tandon

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Dear OWSD Colleagues and the entire Farida Shah family,  
It is with heavy heart and deep sense of sorrow that I mourn the passing away of Prof. Farida Shah. Her love and passion for TWAS and OWSD is unquantifiable. Farida was committed to developing women in science in the developing world. She has left positive impact on the sand of time. She will forever remain in our memories.  
With warmest regards to all.

Odoh Uchenna Estella  
OWSD-Member  
University of Nigeria  
Nsukka, Nigeria

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Vice President Farida Shah lived a life full of achievements and was a woman of exemplary character. My prayer is that God Almighty will comfort and console her family, and OWSD as an organization.

Mrs Bunmi Adewusi  
Assistant lecturer



Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry  
Caleb University  
Lagos, Nigeria

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It is really a pity!

Shahin Nematzadeh

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Dear Fang Xin,  
OWSD President,  
I was deeply saddened to hear about our vice president Farida Shah passing. My heartfelt condolences to you, to all members of OWSD and her family.  
Best wishes,

Nadia  
Prof. Nadia. G. Kandile  
Prof. of Applied Organic Chemistry, Chemistry Department, Faculty of Women  
Ain Shams University, Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt

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Wow, so sad a news!  
May her soul rest in Peace. May God console her family and loved ones, Amen.  
Best regards,

Petra Nnamani  
Department of Pharmaceutics  
University of Nigeria  
Nsukka 410001, Enugu State, Nigeria

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Sorry to hear this. Ask GOD for her mercy and forgiveness, wishing her family patience to tolerate her loss.

Dr. Amany Abd Al-Aziz  
Prof of Pediatrics  
Cairo, Egypt

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Sorry for the passing away of Farida Shah.  
Condolence to her family and her friends.  
Let her soul rest in peace.  
Kind regards,

Yalemtehay Mekonnen (Mrs.), PhD  
Professor of Cell & Human Physiology  
College of Natural Sciences  
Addis Ababa University  
P.O.Box 1176, Addis Ababa  
Ethiopia

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So sad. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

Nonyem Onyechi

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I felt sad to hear about Farida Shah. I have met her once. Very nice person. My condolences are with her family.

May God gives peace to her soul and patience to her family to bear this shock.

Qamar Rahman

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Thank you for sharing this extremely sad news. I have had the opportunity of meeting and personally interacting with late Madame Farida Shah and we are all aware of her tremendous contribution to Science, TWOWS and OWSDW. We pray for the departed soul.

Dr. Jyoti D. Vora

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I am deeply sad to hear the news of her demise. I join you in sending my condolences to her family. May they get the strength to bear the loss.

Archana Sharma

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It's a great loss. May God rest her soul in peace and give strength to her family.

Shabana Simjee

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May her gentle soul rest in peace.

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Please convey my heart felt condolences to the family.

Kamala Krishnaswamy

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Thanks for sending the mail. My deepest sympathies to the family of Farida Shah. May her soul rest in peace.

Sandra Misquith-Colaco

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Our thoughts are with you and the family of Farida during this sorrowful time. We lost a great leader and committed member of OWSD.

With our sincere condolences to all of you.

Lucia Atehortua  
Researcher

Universidad de Antioquia  
Medellin-Colombia  
Lucia Atehortua

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Oh what a sad news. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

Nosiri

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Dear Colleagues in Asia,  
Accept the deepest condolence of all of us in the African sub region. This is a great loss to you and all of us in OWSD. May God grant her family the fortitude they need to bear with this loss.

Mary Edema

Prof (Mrs) Mary Olire Edema  
Department of Chemistry  
Faculty of Physical Sciences,  
University of Benin, Benin City  
Nigeria

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I express my heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Farida Shah  
Regards,

Elizabeth Njenga

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This is a great loss to all members. May her cheerful soul rest in peace.

Dr. Deborah O. OLORODE  
Department of Physics  
University of Lagos, Akoka  
Lagos, Nigeria

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We appreciate her contributions towards the empowerment of women. We shall miss her. May God comfort the family she left behind and her colleagues.

Kehinde Taiwo

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So sad, our own dear Farida Shah, RIP.

Marion O. Adebisi (Ph.D)  
Department of Computer and Information Sciences,  
College of Science and Technology,  
Covenant University,  
Ota, Nigeria

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May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

Irene

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Dears Prof.(s) and Colleague(s),  
Assalamo alykoum wa rahmat ALLAH wa barakatoh.  
May ALLAH (SWT) forgive her and grant her paradise, Aameen. Our sincere passion and sympathy to her husband, family and to ourselves

Mona Nasr

Mona M. Nasr, Ph.D  
Vice Dean, Canadian International College (CIC), El Sheikh Zayed Campus  
Associate Professor @ IS Dept., Faculty of Computers & Information  
Helwan University, Egypt

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I wish to commiserate with her family and the OWSD family. This is a great loss to the entire academic circle. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

Adisa RA (PhD)

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Very sorry to hear this news.

Vinita Vishwakarma

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My warm condolences to all members.

Hibaha

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Dear Farida Shah Family,  
It is shocking news to learn that OWSD Vice President (Asia & Pacific Region) has passed on to eternity. She will be greatly remembered by the good works she did for OWSD. May God grant the family and the OWSD family the fortitude to bear the void created by her departure. May her soul rest in Peace.

Ifeoma Enweani (Nigeria)

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I am shocked to hear this news. May her soul rest in peace. My heartfelt condolences to Farida Shah's family.

Parveen Jb Nisar  
Riyadh

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This is sad indeed. Condolences from Pretoria, South Africa to the family, friends and all.

Rosie McNeill

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We are very saddened to hear about president Farida. We send our sincere condolences to her family.

Khalidah Merzah

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It is shocking news. Please convey my condolence to the family members.

Thanks & regards,  
Prof. (Mrs) Vijaya Khader, PhD  
Former Dean, Acharya N G R A University, Hyderabad &  
Principal Investigator, Food Technology, e-PG Pathshala

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May Allah Almighty bless her soul with eternal piece and place her in heaven. She was a very good friend and was very close to my heart. She was the one who advised to start a consultancy company after retirement and also taught me how to run it. A good advisor, a committed and dedicated person and a very fine and honest human being. Not that I lost a good person, but OWSD also lost a committed member and the world lost a good human being. The vacuum that she has left can perhaps never be filled. Pl. send these words to her family.  
Regards,

Shafqat

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May the good lord grant her soul internal rest and the family the grace to bear the irreparable loss. Amen.

Omoyemwen Edo-Taiwo

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May her soul rest in peace. My condolences to her family and OWSD members.

Caroline A. Akinremi, Ph.D  
Department of Chemistry  
Federal University of Agriculture  
Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria

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My condolences to her family.

Prof. Hortense ATTA DIALLO  
University Nangui Abrogoua

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I am deeply saddened by the news of Prof. Farida Shah passing. My prayers are with her and her family.

Shekoufeh Nikfar, PharmD, MPH, PhD  
Pharmacoeconomics & Pharmaceutical Administration  
Assistant Professor, Tehran University of Medical Sciences

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Very sad for a lady of honor and grace committed to the development of young female scientists. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace. My heart goes to her loved ones. God will give them gratitude to bear

the loss.

Lola Adekunle

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Truly a sad news. May God rest her soul in peace.

Saima Saleem

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My deep condolences, may her soul RIP.

Anita Sehgal

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المحترمين OWSD فريقي أعضاء السادة

وبعد،، طيبة تحية  
وإن ، OWSD رئيس نائب شاه فريدة السيدة وفاة خبر والأسى الحزن ببالغ تعلقينا لقد  
ونشاطها عملها خلال من وارتقت أنارت التي بالفقيدة لنا فاجعة بمثابة كان الخبر  
رحمته بواسع الفقية يتغمد أن وعلا جل الله نسأل وإننا ، OWSD ال فاعل كعضو  
. السلوان و الصبر وذويها يلهمنا وأن ورضوانه

العام الأردني النسائي الاتحاد  
خطيبة شراء السكرتيرة

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Condolences, she was truly an inspiration.

Mercy Manyuchi

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I feel extremely sorry to hear the news about Prof. Farida Shah's sudden demise. My heart felt condolence to her family. May her soul rest in peace (RIP). God bless her family & give enough strength to withstand the irreparable loss. I have closely interacted with her during OWSD meetings/ Conferences. She was extremely friendly and I have always observed her with lots of enthusiasm.

God Bless!  
Best Regards,

Vaidehi Ganesan  
Formerly Senior Scientist, IGCAR, Dept of Atomic Energy (DAE)  
Kalpakkam, India

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Oh Dear!  
May her soul rest in peace!

Prof. Dr-Ing. Verdiana Grace MASANJA  
University of Rwanda (UR)

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May the Lord grant her eternal peace. OWSD members will miss her. May God console her family

members and raise people who will always be there to fill the vacuum her departure might have created.  
Adieu!!!

Dr Mrs Aderonke A. Okoya  
Institute of Ecology and Environmental Studies  
Obafemi Awolowo University  
Ile-Ife, Nigeria

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I wish to console the immediate family and all members of OWSD for this great loss. I pray for her gentle soul to rest in perfect peace.  
From all I read about her she was a woman of substance, and I pray that all her struggles and contributions to OWSD will not be in vain.  
Adieu Faridah.

Dr Agbo Hadiza Abigail  
(Nigeria, Africa Region)

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To the family of Dr. Farida Shah

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I had an opportunity to work with Dr. Shah and knew of her deep commitment to TWAS and to OWSD. She believed in the value of science and its importance to the developing world. And she worked to support women's place in science, knowing that this talent could make a difference in addressing human needs. Dr. Shah was a "force," and the impact of her work will be felt beyond her passing. My deepest sympathies,

Shirley Malcom

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It is just a pity. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Uche Amanze

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I am deeply sad to know that OWSD Vice-President passed on 1st November. Please accept my sympathy. May her soul rest in perfect peace. My condolences to her family. May they have the fortitude to bear the loss.

Prof. (Mrs.) Lucy Okukpon  
Director, Centre for Distance Learning  
University of Benin, Nigeria

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I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family of the OWSD Vice President 'Professor Farida Shah'.  
Regards.

Mahfuza Khan, Phd, OWSD Member, Bangladesh  
Principal Scientific Officer  
Institute of Food and Radiation Biology  
Atomic Energy Research Establishment  
Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission

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I received with sadness the news of the passing on of our dear Vice President. My condolences to her family and the entire OWSDW members.

Jemima N. Ogwo  
Nigeria

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I was saddened to hear that Prof Farida Shah passed away on Nov 1st, 2014. I had known her at TWAS conference in Armada Hotel Selangor in 2009. She supported me to be member of OWSD. I am greatly appreciated not only her outstanding contribution to OWSD but also her warm personality.  
With best regards,

Dr. Nisa Rachmania Mubarik  
Department of Biology  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences  
Bogor Agricultural University  
IPB Dermaga  
Bogor 16680, INDONESIA

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Sorry to hear about Prof. Shah.  
She was a very active and encouraging lady. I met her couple of times. I pray God for her soul to rest in peace in heaven and family to bear the tragic moment strongly.

Dr. Sanju Shrestha  
Central Department of Physics  
Tribhuvan University  
Kathmandu, Nepal

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I would like to express personal condolences to Farida's husband, Peter, whom I met at a number of TWAS conferences. Farida was a wonderful champion for women and her pioneering efforts to transform the TWAS fellowship will always be remembered.

Kind regards,  
Roseanne Diab

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I am deeply saddened by the passing of Prof. Farida Shah. We are going to remember her in our thoughts and prayers. God bless her for what she has done to help women and generation through OWSD office and before.

Kindly, pass our condolences to her family.

Tahani S. Mohamed Shatir (Ph.D.)  
University of Khartoum, Sudan

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The death of of Prof. Farida Shah, OWSD Vice-president, is a great lost to the organization and all of us. God bless her soul.

Prof. Zeinab Elsady  
Faculty of Science- AlAzhar University  
Egypt

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We, the Vietnamese OWSD members, would like to express our great sadness to Prof. Farida Shah's family. We thank Farida for her effective contribution to strengthening the role of women scientists in developing world, especially in the Asia - Pacific region. She was a wonderful friend and a great woman. We will keep her memory forever.

Assoc Prof. PhD Nguyen Thi Quy Hai  
Vietnamese Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)  
Institute of Materials Science (IMS)  
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Ha Noi, Viet Nam

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Dear all,

It's very very sad news for the women's scientific community. It's a great loss for us. We lost an intelligent woman in this field. I met with Prof. Farida in a young scientific congress in 2009, Bangladesh. Later I met with her several times in Malaysia during my PhD study. She was very nice, great and always a very helpful lady.

Dr. Farzana Yesmin  
Principal Scientific Officer  
Institute of Food and Radiation Biology  
Atomic Energy Research Establishment  
Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

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I would like to commiserate with the family of Prof. Farida over the demise of a great lady and an icon to OWSD. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. We, in Nigeria pray that God will give you the fortitude to bear loss. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Prof. Maria O. Nwosu  
Department of Plant Science and Biotechnology  
University of Nigeria  
Nsukka, Enugu State  
Nigeria

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News about Prof. Farida Shah made us pause and reflect about the wonderful interactions we had, both during 2007 & 2010 visits to Beijing.

Planned to meet her, in her home town and the wish is going to remain a wish now.

She left a message, to be focused and committed to the cause of enhancing scientific temper, especially among women and thus enhancing quality of life, worldwide.

Admirers,

Dr. Kameswari S.V & Dr. Prakash Vinjamuri

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Dear Colleagues, Family of FARIDA SHAH, a great regret for the global scientific community the loss of our beloved colleague. Her role as a great scientist has been to articulate aspects of popular science and we also appreciate her role amical.  
His memory will always be with us, from our warmest tribute since Peru.

M.Sc.Bertha Cecilia Garcia Cienfuegos  
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To Faridah Shah's husband, family and friends,  
My deepest condolences for losing such a loving soul. May God Almighty endow her with peace and serenity. I miss her a lot but I will always remember her kind heart and pleasant presence. I love and still loving you, I shall never forget you.  
Rest in peace.

Lamy Hayat

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May her sweet soul rest in peace

Ibiyinka Fuwape (Nigeria)

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Dear family and friends of Prof. Farida Shah,  
May God forgive Prof. Farida Shah and grant her paradise. My sincere passion and sympathy to her family and to ourselves. Rest in peace Prof. Farida you will be remembered.

Dina Fagir

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It was indeed a surprise to learn of the sudden demise of Dr. Farida Shah. I met her a couple of times in India and abroad and found her to be a very enthusiastic and positive person. She was always keen on interacting and promoting women in science. I deeply miss her and her positive demeanor.

Param Khurana

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On behalf of Sri Lankan women scientist,  
may accept our heartfelt condolence message

Chand Balasundaram

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I was saddened to hear that Prof. Farida Shah passed away on Nov 1st, 2014. I had known her at the TWAS conference in Armada Hotel Selangor in 2009. She supported me to be member of OWSD. I greatly appreciated not only her outstanding contribution to OWSD but also her warm personality.  
With best regards,

Dr. Nisa Rachmania Mubarik  
Department of Biology  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences  
Bogor Agricultural University  
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Bogor 16680, Indonesia

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I am deeply saddened by the news of Prof. Dr. Farida Shah's passing. Her contribution towards advancement of women in science is exemplary. She will be always remembered in the international research community as an outstanding women scientist for her inspiring research work.  
My heartfelt condolences to her family.  
With deep regards,

Swapna Acharjee, Ph.D.  
OWSD Member (Asia-Pacific)  
Scientific Officer/Scientist-B (Geology)  
State Remote Sensing Application Centre  
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Accept my condolence on this unfortunate death of Prof Farida Shah, my prayers and sympathy go to those she left.

Prof Oluwatoyin Babalola,  
Federal University of Agriculture  
Abeokuta, Nigeria

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We, members of OWSD Pakistan, are shocked to know the death of our dear friend and an excellent scientist. I still remember the day when I met her for the first time in 1998 in Toronto, Canada during Genetics congress. She was a great spokesperson for women scientists. May Allah bless her soul and give courage to her family as it is a great loss (Ameen).  
Regards,

Dr. Nuzhat Ahmed  
Director,  
Centre for Molecular Genetics,  
University of Karachi,  
Karachi 75270, Pakistan

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I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of vice president Farida Shah. Please accept our condolences and may our prayers help comfort you and her family and hasten the journey of her soul to heaven. May her soul rest in peace.

Dr (Mrs) Atya Kapley  
Principal Scientist  
Environmental Genomics Division  
National Environmental Engineering  
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I would like to convey my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Professor Farida Shah. In addition to being a fellow Malaysian, Prof. Farida was a very good friend. Malaysia as well as OWSDW has lost a valuable scientist and an active member. Prof. Farida was always concerned about the advancement of young scientists especially women scientists. Her major preoccupation was how to help them excel in science studies. Prof. Farida will be greatly missed. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Professor Mariam Muji Keregero  
The National University of Lesotho

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I present you my condolences to our leader. That the earth is light him.

Best regards!

Mama Sangare  
PhD student  
Université des Sciences de Techniques et de Technologie de Bamako, MALI / Laboratoire de Spectroscopie Optique et Science de l'Atmosphère (LOSSA)  
Laboratoire d'Instrumentation D'Image et Spectroscopie (L2IS), Institut National Polytechnique Félix Houphouët Boigny de Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire.

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It is a pity about our great vice president. May her soul rest in perfect peace.

MK Akinloye

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I am deeply saddened by the loss of Prof. Farida Shah, an amazing scientist of the world. It was an honor to have known such a great person and I will truly miss her. I remember how sweet and loving she was. She was a woman of strength and a lively spirit too. She was not only a good scientist, teacher and mentor, also a great friend. She has a great contribution to promote the women scientists of Bangladesh. Despite of her busy schedule Prof. Farida visited Bangladesh two times as speaker and mentor as well. Her passing will be missed among all the scientists of Bangladesh. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family. May Allah bless her departed soul.

Dr. Farjana Nasrin Khan  
Senior Scientific Officer  
Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute

Gazipur, Bangladesh

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May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Dr. Olufunke Adebayo

It is indeed sad and a great loss to the OWSD family. May the Almighty God grant the family the fortitude to bear this painful exit.

Mariam

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