

Mohamed H.A. Hassan Joins SIG Board

The Science Initiative Group is pleased to announce the appointment of Mohamed H.A. Hassan to its Board. Dr. Hassan's appointment, made at the July 2004 meeting of the SIG Board, is in recognition of the central role he has played during the early years of the MSI, especially in initiating its programs in Africa. Dr. Hassan was primarily responsible for identifying and organizing the Africa MSI Task Force, representing the leadership of the scientific and academic communities of the sub-Saharan region.

Because of Dr. Hassan's leadership, this group has continued to move the MSI ahead into implementation in three areas: biology/biotechnology; mathematics; and instrumentation/information and communications technology. With his many years of networking and global leadership, Dr. Hassan is ideally positioned to help form the linkages on which the MSI depends and play an essential bridging role between academic and government leaders.

Dr. Hassan is Executive Director of the [Third World Academy of Sciences \(TWAS\)](#), President of the [African Academy of Sciences \(AAS\)](#), Secretary General of the [Third World Network of Scientific Organizations \(TWNSO\)](#) and serves on a number of committees in other organizations world-wide. He was born in the Sudan in 1947, and holds a Ph.D. in Plasma Physics from the University of Oxford, UK (1974).

A former professor and dean of the School of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Khartoum, he received the order of scientific merit of Brazil. He is a fellow of TWAS, AAS, and the [Islamic Academy of Sciences](#) as well as honorary member of the [Colombian Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences](#), corresponding member of the [Belgian Royal Overseas Academy of Sciences](#), and foreign fellow of the [Pakistan Academy of Sciences](#). His research areas include theoretical plasma physics and physics of wind erosion and sand transport.