

Biography

Inge Grundke-Iqbal, Ph.D.



Inge Grundke-Iqbal received her Ph.D. in Biology and Biochemistry from the Georg August University, Goettingen, Germany in 1967 and postdoctoral training at the Max-Planck Institute for Immunobiology, Freiburg, Germany; the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; New York University and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York.

Dr. Grundke-Iqbal served as Professor and Head of Neuroimmunology at the New York State Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities from 1977 until her death in September, 2012. She was a world renowned neuroscientist and Alzheimer's disease researcher. She was author/co-author of over 250 scientific publications in prestigious American and International journals and books. She made several seminal discoveries in the biology of Alzheimer's disease and related conditions. Her discovery of the abnormal hyperphosphorylation of tau opened a whole new area of research in neurodegeneration, especially Alzheimer's disease and related tauopathies. Her research contributions won her several U.S. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, and non-federal research grants and honors.

Dr. Grundke-Iqbal served as a member of the International Scientific Advisory Committee of the International Conferences on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. She received the New York State Governor's Award for Woman of Distinction in 1994, the Life Time Achievement Award for Alzheimer's Disease Research in 2000, and the T.L.L. Temple Foundation Discovery Award for Alzheimer's Disease Research in 2001. She was also selected for the Alzheimer's Association's Zenith Award only days before she passed away. A prestigious university of China, the Tongji Medical University, awarded her an Honorary Professorship in October, 2001.