

Brief Bio Data of Professor Bobby Joseph

Prof. Bobby Joseph started his medical career as a student of St. John's Medical College in the year 1984. After completing his MBBS, he worked for two years in a tribal region of Wayanad District in Kerala. He joined the Department of Community Health at St. John's as a Tutor in 1992, completed his MD and DNB while working as a junior faculty member. In due course he became a full Professor in the year 2006. Prof. Bobby Joseph headed the Department of Community Health from October 2013 to September 2017.

With his feet firmly grounded in Community Health, his area of focus has been the health of workers or the sub-specialty of Occupational Health. He has a long association with the plantation and garment manufacturing industry. More recently, he has been involved in the health of workers in the health-care industry. He has led research and service related projects for many international organisations including the International Youth Foundation, Baltimore and Business for Social Responsibility, San Francisco; and by corporates like 3M, Inditex, Primark and Apple. Given his vast experience he is frequently consulted by national corporates like Tata Coffee Limited and Parry Agro Industries Limited, and by international organisations such as Fair Labour Association, Fair Wear Foundation and the Levi Strauss Foundation.

His association with Occupational Health started in the year 1988 when as an under-graduate student he won the Eros Pharma Award for the Best Paper in Occupational Health awarded by the Indian Association of Occupational Health, Karnataka. In the year 2005, he was given the Young Scientist Award by the Karnataka Association for Community Health for outstanding work done in the field of Occupational Health and Industrial Medicine. In the year 2006, Prof. Bobby Joseph won the Mohanmal Award for Best Research Work done in the field of Industrial Health awarded by the Indian Association of Occupational Health (Karnataka). In 2011, he was the recipient of Sri. S. Anantharamkrishnan Memorial Award and the Silver Jubilee Commemoration Oration awarded by the Association of Occupational Health Karnataka at their Annual Conference. In the year 2012, he was the recipient of the IAOH Mumbai Branch – OHSF Award for exemplary contribution to the field of Occupational Health in India. More recently he was honoured with the Sir Ardeshir Dalal Memorial Oration Award by the Indian Association of Occupational Health for advancing the discipline of Occupational and Environmental Health nationally and internationally. He now mentors the work of the Occupational Health Services Unit of the St. John's Medical College Hospital.

Prof. Joseph has more than 50 publications in national and international peer-reviewed journals and an equal number of presentations in national and international conferences. He has also authored more than 100 evaluation reports for industries and non-governmental organisations covering areas of preventive and social medicine, health and welfare of workers and corporate social compliance.

Projects

1. Health and Welfare of Parry Agro Industries Limited – 1997, ongoing
2. Health and Welfare of Tata Coffee Limited (former Consolidated Coffee Limited) – 1997, ongoing
3. Health Systems for Gokuldas Images Limited – 2001 to 2005
4. Global Alliance for Workers and Communities – 2003 to 2007
5. Health Services at 3M India – 2007 to 2019
6. Business for Social Responsibility's HERhealth Project – 2007 to 2018
7. Business for Social Responsibility's Return on Investment Project – 2015 to 2017

8. Inditex Sakhi Project – 2016 to 2018
9. Primark's Workplace Counselling Project – 2018, ongoing
10. Apple Health Interventions Project – 2018, ongoing