



knowledge of Arabic and English and was an excellent writer and speaker, writing articles on a variety of Bahá'í topics. She and her husband complemented each other and collaborated in many areas. In 1987, this couple started the Institute for Bahá'í Studies in Persian in Dundas, Canada, to continue the services rendered by the Institute of Advanced Baha'i Studies in Iran. It aimed at promoting and supporting the study of Bahá'í literature in Persian and Arabic and became a major publisher of Bahá'í literature in Persian, replacing the services originally rendered by the Bahá'í Publishing Trust in Iran.

In 1989, this couple were invited to move to the Bahá'í World Centre in Haifa, where they both served in the Research Department for the next thirteen years, until 2002. They had the opportunity to visit the World Center again several times in recent years and worked on various projects each time, including during the last visit that Dr.

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Mehri Afnan made alone, in November 2017, a few months after her husband's passing.

This couple upon returning to Canada, settled in Mississauga and once again became enthusiastically involved in Bahá'í activities. They held regular devotionals and study classes in their home, took part in outreach activities, and used every opportunity to teach the Faith.

Dr. Afnan also served as members of the Persian Reviewing Panel for many years.

Dr. Mehri Afnan was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an excellent speaker, writer, and teacher, as well as a gracious host. Above all, at the center of her life was service to the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh. She passed away on 13 August 2018 in Mississauga, Ontario. The Universal House of Justice expressed its appreciation of her life and services in a letter written to her family on its behalf. Irfan Colloquium and its Persian publications are now deprived of the precious collaboration of a learned and dear colleague.