

Bangladesh crystallographic association (BCA) – its formation and activities.

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Professor S.N. Bose was the pioneer to introduce Crystallography at the University of Dhaka, during early 1920's. However, crystallographers of this part of the World did not have any association during that time. After few decades, some renowned scientists of the then East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) working in the Departments of Physics and Chemistry, University of Dhaka used X-ray diffraction to determine structures of their compounds. It may be mentioned that during 1950s Professor Abdul Matin Chowdhury of the Department of Physics was a Ph.D. student of Dorothy Hodgkin. Later, many scientists of Bangladesh have been working in the fields crystallography but for some reasons Bangladesh had no association of crystallographers till 2011. The background of the formation of BCA and its activities of last few years will be presented in the IUCr 2017 Congress.

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