

## *Dr. Satinder Ahuja Joins Rivers of the World Foundation*

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We are pleased to announce that Dr Satinder Ahuja has joined the Executive Committee of ROW Foundation to provide his expertise in improving water quality. He was involved in R&D of drugs at Novartis Corporation for over 25 years. In addition, he worked on various projects involving pollution prevention.



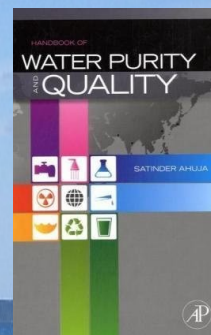
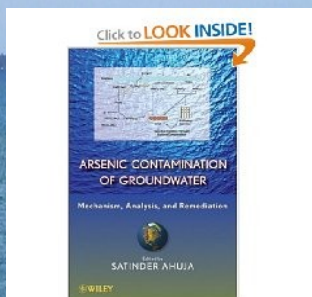
Recently, Dr. Ahuja has been utilizing his expertise in ultratrace analysis and separation chemistry to help solve the problem of arsenic contamination in Bangladesh, India, and the United States. He chaired an IUPAC/American Chemical Society workshop, "Arsenic Contamination of Groundwater" in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in 2005. As a follow-up, he chaired several symposia on this subject at the ACS meeting in Atlanta in 2006. To highlight concerns for water, he organized a Science Café at the ACS national meeting in Philadelphia in 2008, "Drinking Water: Meeting our Needs in a Changing World." Another Science Café was held in Wilmington, North Carolina, on October 22, 2008, on "Water Shortage and Purity: A Looming Crisis," where he acted as discussion leader. He presented a lecture, "Arsenic Contamination of Groundwater: A Worldwide Problem," at a symposium of UNESCO and the University of California, Irvine, in December 2008. He has authored the following two books:

1. *Handbook of Water Purity and Quality* ( Elsevier, 2009)

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2. *Arsenic Contamination of Water: Mechanism, Analysis, and Remediation* (Wiley, 2008).

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In recognition of his contributions, the University of North Carolina in Wilmington established the Ahuja Academy of Water Quality several years ago. The academy encourages research in water quality by providing scholarships to the graduate students designated as Ahuja Research Fellows.

Dr. Ahuja will lead the Water Quality Improvement projects for the Rivers of the World Foundation. A team from the Rivers of the World Foundation consisting of Mr. Dick Lahn, Mr. Subijoy Dutta, Mr. Sumit Dutta, Mr. Ram Koduri, and Ms. Ginny Harris (Alice Ferguson Foundation) will be visiting the Panipath-Delhi-Agra stretch of the Yamuna River and the Musi River in Hyderabad area in late December 2009 and early January 2010. They will identify projects with high priority water quality improvement needs in these and other rural areas in India.

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