



2nd Winner in the Adult Section



**Mohammad Hassan Dust**

**Scientific group:** Language, Literature and Linguistics

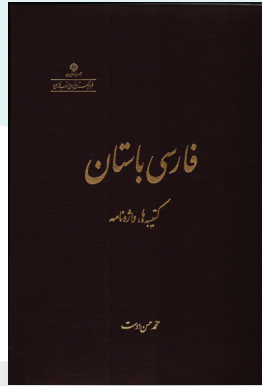
**Degree:** Ph.D.

**Research Title:** Old Persian: Inscriptions, Glossary

**Type of Research Work:** Book

**About the Researcher**

Mohammad Hassan Dust was born in 1967 in Rasht. After receiving a diploma, he was admitted to the university of Tabriz in the field of Persian language and literature in 1986. After obtaining his B.A. degree in 1990, he continued his education in the master program of ancient Iranian language and history at the same university until 1994, when he was admitted to the Ph.D. program of ancient languages and culture at science and research branch of Islamic Azad University. He graduated from this university in 1999. Since 1995, he has been working in the academy of Persian language and literature. Comparative-thematic dictionary of the new Iranian languages and dialects is among his publications that won Iran's Book of the Year Award in 2011. He is also the author of the Etymological Dictionary of Persian Language which won the 33rd Iran's Book of the Year Award in 2015.



### Abstract

Ancient Persian language was spoken in southern Iran during the reign of the Achaemenid kings. It was the official language of the court under the Achaemenids. Many written works in the script of Old Persian cuneiform have survived. The book *Old Persian: Inscriptions, Dictionary* has several sections. The first section deals with the history of encounters between the Europeans and Iranians and the way the Europeans were introduced to the ancient Iranian monuments and cuneiform scripts and their attempts to discover the codes of old Persian cuneiform scripts. The second section of the book discusses the views of the scholars about the originality of old Persian cuneiform scripts. In the third section, the inscriptions ascribed to the Achaemenid kings have been introduced and discussed. The fourth section has been allotted to the translation of the old Persian inscriptions into modern Persian. In the fifth section, a detailed glossary of the words used in old Persian inscriptions has been provided. This glossary has discussed the etymology of the words.