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Biography

Dr. Mirza Mola Ahmad was born in 1948 in Zarafshan, Tajikistan. He graduated from the Faculty of Language and Literature of the Tajik National University in 1969. He started his scientific activity at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Tajik Academy of Sciences and until the dissolution of this institute; he was the head of its Iran-Afghanistan Literature Branch, and then the head of the Iranology and Indology Branch for many years. He also collaborates with the Tajik Academy of Sciences and teaches at the Tajik National University and other universities in the country.

Dr. Mola Ahmad is fluent in Tajik, Russian, and Persian languages and knows English, Uzbek and Arabic languages too. He has researched the history of Persian and Tajik literature and the history of oriental sciences and culture. The subject of his doctoral dissertation was "Creativity of Farrukhi Sistani" and his postdoctoral dissertation was "The Literary Return in Iran in the 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> centuries". Dr. Mola Ahmad has published more than 70 books and more than 550 articles about Iranian and Tajik literature and culture in journals and newspapers, in Tajikistan, Iran, and other countries.

He has also published a series of scientific researches about Farrukhi Sistani, Mujamer Isfahani, Adib al-Mamalek Farahani, Foroughi Bastami, and Qaani Shirazi. In addition, he has published the translations of Rubaiyat Quartets of Omar Khayyam, Qabus-Nama, Selected works of Shahriar, short stories by contemporary Iranian writers, sonnets of Foroughi Bastami along with introduction and descriptions. Dr. Mola Ahmad has also translated and published the Holy Quran and Nahj al-Balagha in Cyrillic script.

Bibliography of Rudaki's Works, Rudaki in Tajikistan, Samanid Era - the fruitful era of the Dialogue of Civilizations, Wisdom in Ferdowsi's Shahnameh are among his works.