



PROFESSOR SAID IRANDOUST,
President, Asian Institute of Technology

2005 - President of Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok -Thailand
2005 - Member of the Board of the National Museums of World Culture
2004-2005 Member of the Board of the August Abrahamsson's Foundation.
2003-2005 Member of the County Administrative Board of Västra Götaland
2003 - (dec) Honorary Doctor of the Plakanov Russian Academy of Economics in Moscow
2003-2004 Chair of the Swedish Government's Committee for Promoting Mathematics
2002-2004 Member of the Swedish Government's Committee for the Widening Recruitment
2001-2003 Member of the Board of Engineers Without Borders
2001- 2005 Vice-Chancellor of the University College of Borås
2000-2001 Member of the Board of the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT)
1999-2000 Vice president of Chalmers University of Technology
1998 - Professor of Chemical Engineering
1994 - Associate Professor of Chemical Reaction Engineering
1991 - Assistant Professor, Chalmers University of Technology
1990(fall) - Guest Research Fellow at the University of Waterloo, Canada
1989 - Ph D (Chemical Reaction Engineering), Chalmers University of Technology
1984 - Master of Science, Chemical Engineering, Chalmers University of Technology

Professor Said Irandoust was born in 1960 in Tabriz in the province of Azerbaijan in north-west Iran. He moved to Sweden in 1979 as an exchange student.

Professor Said Irandoust gained a M.Sc. in Eng. degree in chemical engineering at Chalmers in 1984 and a PhD in 1989 with a thesis on monolith reactors. In 1990, he secured a position as assistant professor at Chalmers. In 1994, he was appointed associate professor and took up a position at the Department of Chemical Reaction Engineering. In 1998, he was appointed to the post of professor at the School of Chemical Engineering at Chalmers.

Professor Irandoust's area of research covers catalytic gas-liquid processes with a focus on reaction kinetics, mass transport, flow calculations, reactor modelling and reactor design.

His interest in teaching and students' learning has over the years led to a number of learning and teaching projects, including a multimedia project with financing from the Undergraduate Council.

He has also been associated over a long period with the CPU, the Centre for Educational Development, at Chalmers.

As the vice-president at Chalmers, he initiated and supervised a number of development projects within higher education (learning & teaching), further education for professionals, and internationalization. He also developed the strategy and the plans for a major, 5 year long project (50 MSEK) concerning the development of Chalmers higher education.

During 2000-2001, Professor Said Irandoust was a member of the Board for STINT, the Swedish foundation for international cooperation in research and higher education

Professor Irandoust has actively participated in a number of boards and committees within culture and higher education / research.

In January 2001, Professor Irandoust was appointed as the president of “Högskolan i Borås” in Sweden, a position he held for about 4.5 years. Development of strong research environments, internationalization, partnership with stakeholders and development of a new university concept “The first Swedish University of Professions” were among the key projects during his presidency at Borås, Sweden.