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Brief Bio Data

Professor H. M. Maheshwaraiah has a doctorate in Linguistics from Karnataka University Dharwad (1979). He is currently working as a Vice Chancellor of Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi. Prior to this he served as a senior fellow in Central Institute of Indian languages (CIIL), Government of India (MHRD Ministry), Mysore, He was the Director for Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) in CIIL, Mysore, Dean (Faculty of Arts), and Director of Dr R. C. Herimath Institute of Kannada studies, Karnataka University Dharwad (2006, 2007-2009). He served Karnataka University in the capacity of in-charge Vice Chancellor and Registrar in addition to his other administrative roles of Director of student welfare, Director of press & publications and Member of Syndicate, Senate and Academic council.

Dr. H M Maheshwaraiah (born in the year 1950 in Shivamogga District, Karnataka) earned his post graduate and doctoral degree from Karnataka University and got trained by National Testing Service Commission (NTSC) and National Translation Mission at Central Institute Mysore. Later he received training in Instrumental phonetics from Dr. SPRiG University of London and from Leigh Lisker University of Philadelphia at CIIL. Prof. Maheshwaraiah served as a visiting Fellow in Center for Advanced Study in Linguistics at Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu.

As a researcher Dr. Maheshwaraiah received funding for academic research and coordinated projects from Registrar General Govt of India, Central Institute of Indian Language (MHRD) University Grants Commission, Ford Foundation USA. Ministry of Kannada Culture Government of Karnataka, Folklore Society of South India, Thiruvananthapuram. As an academician Prof. Maheshwaraiah has widely travelled both in India and abroad and received financial assistance from Hermann-Gundert-Gesellschaft society of Germany and received grants from Cologne and Fern Universities of Germany. Karnataka state government deputed him to deliver lecture at International Conference of

Kannada at New Jersey America in the year 2010. Dr. Maheshwarariah visited and delivered lecture at Indian Institute of London, Silpakorn University of Bangkok and Tubingen University of Germany.

Dr. Maheshwarariah has served many Academic Institutes, Research Institutes and Universities in various capacities in the development and implementation of primary, undergraduate and post graduate programmes. He has successfully guided 17 students for their doctorate degree (Ph.D.) and 8 students for their M.Phil. degrees. His students have received grants from UGC, Karnataka state government and several other Academies. He has published 17 books and 130 articles in National and International publications, primarily on Dravidian Linguistics, Instrumental Phonetics, Dialect studies, testing in Indian languages, folklore, lexicography, semantics etc. Dr. Maheshwarariah has attended 13 international Seminars/conferences, 87 National conferences as an invited speaker, conference chair, key note speaker etc. He has attended numerous workshops and special academic events as resource person in CIIL, UGC sponsored refresher courses.

Dr. Maheshwarariah has actively involved in framing guidelines and statutes for certain Universities of repute in Karnataka. He worked as an advisory committee member for Employment and Guidance Bureau, University Teaching and Research Board, Examination Reformation Committee and other important committees of esteemed Universities.

Distinctions / Honors & Awards :

- Received Hermann-Gundert-Gesellschaft Assistance to visit Tubingen University, Germany.
- Received assistance from Cologne and Fern University of Germany to visit various academics institutions in Europe and attend seminar on Ferdinand Kittel.
- Received grants to participate in dialogue with India Basel Mission Heritage at Switzerland.
- Visited England in the year 1993 and 2003 on the invitation of Institute of Indian Culture London.
- Selected as general secretary of Folklore Society of South Indian languages, Trivandrum.
- Held the post of director of Indian Institute of Folklore Study at ISDL, Trivandrum.
- Served in the capacity of examiner for Ph.D. exams for several Universities across India.
- Served as a Subject Expert for Ph.D. Examinations and Major Research Projects (UGC),

Post-Doctoral fellowships (UGC), Special Assistance Programmes Induction Committee (UGC); Emeritus Professor selection committee and Faculty selection committees of various Universities in India.

- Received an International Viswa Manya Award from cultural foundation of Singapore in the year 2011