



About the Inventor & Development of the System

The inventor, developer and author of the Orient Bidding System is a Nutritionist by profession. He is member of the prestigious American Society for Nutritional Sciences and the Nutrition Society, U.K. He has a world acclaimed scientific research to his credit in his professional field which won him an honorary Doctorate Degree (*Doctor of the University*) from UK.

As far as bridge is concerned, he is not an expert by any means. He is an average player just like many of you are. The development of the Orient Bidding System is outcome of private research spanned over a period of almost five years. One is not required to be an expert to undertake research pursuits. Interest, dedication, perseverance, an open mind and inner strength to overcome hurdles are good enough.

In the course of the development of the System, hundreds of hands played at top competitive levels were used as the 'material'. The local bridge club served as a 'laboratory' for basic research. Discussions with top local players of international repute, Masood Salim, Muneer Attaullah, Nisar Ahmad Khan and others provided the expert-input. Zia Mahmood who mostly lives abroad was also informed about the ongoing development. In addition, the Official Encyclopedia of Bridge (5th edition) published by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) served as a valuable authoritative bridge reference source. The Orient Bidding System was practically tested under competitive playing environment, including official tournaments. Finally, the efficacy of the System was subjected to strict statistical analysis, using hands played in the 1997 World Bridge Championships (Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup). It successfully withstood all trials and tests. The System was finalized and completed in 1998.

Mr. Mazhar Jafri, Vice President World Bridge Federation (WBF) and President Bridge Federation of Africa, Asia & Middle East (BFAAME) has been gracious to write the 'Foreword' for the Orient Bidding System. The thoughtful gesture should serve as encouragement for the younger bridge generation to undertake studies and research in bridge. It is only way the game can progress and keep pace with new technological developments as in other scientific spheres. Bridge is scientific game and hence it should be treated on scientific lines.
