

to devote his full time to the affairs of the Cause.

Dr. Giachery served for a number of years as permanent Bahá'í observer to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, where he collaborated in drafting the Charter of Human Rights in 1948, and as a special delegate to many NGO conferences.

A few months after his appointment as a Hand of the Cause, he was named a member-at-large of the International Bahá'í Council, forerunner of the Universal House of Justice, and in that capacity was sent by the Guardian on special missions to India, Iran and many European countries.

Dr. Giachery represented the Guardian at the convention to elect the first Italo-Swiss National Spiritual Assembly, and was elected chairman of that Assembly for nine consecutive years.

He also attended the inaugural Conventions of Spain, Venezuela and Haiti, British Honduras, the Leeward, Windward and Virgin Islands, and the Near East, and, as the Guardian's representative, took part in International conferences in Stockholm (1953), Chicago (1958) and Australia (1967) among others.

Having returned to Italy with his wife as pioneers in 1947, Dr. Giachery represented the Guardian from 1948-57 in procuring the carved marble and other materials such as structural steel, lumber, cement, tiles, window frames, stained glass and electrical equipment for the construction of the outer building of the Shrine of the Bab, the international Archives and embellishment of the Tomb of Bahá'u'lláh at Bahji.

Dr. Giachery also supervised the construction of the memorial for Shoghi Effendi in London's Great Northern Cemetery.

He served as a Hand of the Cause for Europe from 1951-64, after which his territory was expanded to include 14 countries in Central America and the Antilles.

From 1969 his activities revolved around 15 European countries and some in the Near East, as he and Mrs. Giachery made their home in the Principality of Monaco, in southern France.

The Universal House of Justice praised "Dr. Giachery's outstanding qualities of zeal, fidelity, determination and perseverance," which, it said, "all combine to richly adorn annals Faith over period his superb, assiduous exertions, and undoubtedly assure him bountiful reward in Kingdom on High."

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