

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICE

Doc. Ing. JOZEF HUSZÁR, DrSc., is Sixty

JOZEF HUSZÁR was born at Balog/Ipl' (Slovakia) on June 21, 1944. In 1967 he graduated at the University of Agriculture in Nitra and in 1975 defended his CSc. (PhD.) thesis "Study on resistance of *Nicotiana tabacum* L. to *Erysiphe cichoracearum* DC" at the Comenius University in Bratislava. Results of his studies on disease resistance in tobacco were summarised in his DrSc. thesis "Genetical aspects of obtaining new genetic resources of *Nicotiana tabacum* L.", defended in 1989.

His professional career started at the Plant Breeding Station at Sládkovičovo and after two years continued at the Research Institute of the Tobacco Industry, Báb, where Ing. J. HUSZÁR, spent 18 years. In 1987 he entered the Research Institute of Crop Production, Department of Phytopathology, Piešťany.

Since 1981, besides his research work, he was involved in pedagogical activities at several universities and an institute. In 1997 he left the Research Institute of Crop Production to devote himself to a career as university teacher. Already in 1994 he had been nominated associate professor.

At the Research Institute of the Tobacco Industry he held the position of vice-director for science and research, at the Research Institute of Crop Production and at the Slovak University of Agriculture he was head of the Department of Phytopathology and Department of Plant Protection, respectively. He was a member of the Czechoslovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and is a member of the Slovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences. He also is a member of scientific committees, editorial boards (Bulletin of the Tobacco Industry, Plant Protection Science) in the Slovak and Czech Republic, as well as abroad.

Research carried out by JOZEF HUSZÁR, was oriented at tobacco diseases and resistance to them, later at cereal diseases and resistance breeding. In research on tobacco he investigated chlorophyll mutations and resistance, mainly to *Erysiphe cichoracearum* DC. He was also engaged in tobacco breeding. In cereal research, the variability of powdery mildew and of leaf rust on wheat, as well as wheat resistance were the main topics of his work. These topics were complemented by publications on lucerne, sunflower, tomato and *Malus* spp.

He is author or co-author of about 170 scientific, technical and popular papers, several textbooks on plant diseases and disease resistance and 19 final reports of research projects, as well as of four registered tobacco cultivars.

Doc. Ing. J. HUSZÁR, DrSc., substantially contributed not only to the research and development of the Department of Plant Protection at the Slovak University of Agriculture, but also to the extension of knowledge on practical plant protection by his readily given advice and many technical and popular lectures.

He was active not only in the Slovak and Czech Republics, but also in international organisations (CORESTA), international projects (COST 817) and scientific conferences abroad. He also organised or participated in organising committees of international conferences that took place in either the Slovak or Czech Republic.

His sense of humor, friendliness and hospitality contributed greatly to the enjoyable atmosphere at many meetings and conferences in our countries and abroad. Thus he helped to develop many contacts leading to fruitful international scientific cooperation and personal friendships.

Members of the Editorial Board of the journal Plant Protection Science, colleagues and friends wish Doc. Ing. JOZEF HUSZÁR, DrSc., good health, personal well-being and strength and enthusiasm for his future pedagogical, scientific and favorite personal activities.

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