

CHRONICLE

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DR. LÁSZLÓ ERDEI (Department of Plant Physiology), DR. JÓZSEF TOLDI (Department of Comparative Physiology) and DR. BÉLA MATKOVICS (Biological Isotope Laboratory) have been appointed Professors by the President of the Hungarian Republic.

MRS. DR. ISTVÁN SZÖLLŐSI (Biological Isotope Laboratory) has been appointed Ass. Prof. by the Rector of J. A. University.

DR. KORNÉL KOVÁCS, Senior Research Associate at the Biological Research Center of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Szeged, has been appointed Ass. Prof. by the Rector of J. A. University.

Ass. Prof. DR. MAGDOLNA ÁBRAHÁM (Department of Biochemistry), Prof. DR. LÁSZLÓ ERDEI (Department of Plant Physiology), Ass. Prof. DR. KORNÉL KOVÁCS (Department of Biotechnology) and Ass. Prof. DR. ERZSÉBET MIHALIK (Department of Botany) have been appointed to the chairs of those Departments by the Rector of J. A. University.

Prof. DR. LAJOS FERENCZY, head of Department of Microbiology, has been appointed Ordinary Member of Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 1995 and deputy chairman of Biological Section of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 1996.

From May 1995 Prof. DR. MIKLÓS KEDVES is an active member of the New York Academy of Sciences.

Retiring

Prof. DR. OTTÓ FEHÉR (Department of Comparative Physiology), Ass. Prof. DR. SÁNDOR GULYÁS (Head of Department of Botany), Prof. DR. MIKLÓS KEDVES (Department of Botany), Ass. Prof. DR. IMRE MARÓTI (Department of Botany), Ass. Prof. DR. IMRE MÉCS (Head of Department of Biotechnology) and Prof. DR. FERENC ZSOLDOS (Head of Department of Plant Physiology) retired in 1996.

Awards

Prof. DR. OTTÓ FEHÉR, Prof. DR. FERENC ZSOLDOS, Ass. Prof. DR. SÁNDOR GULYÁS and Ass. Prof. DR. IMRE MARÓTI have been awarded the medal "For the Time of Pedagogical Service" by the Minister of Culture and Education.

The council of József Attila University honoured Prof. DR. FERENC ZSOLDOS, retired university professor, earlier head of the Department of Plant Physiology, with the title of "Professor Emeritus".

The Hungarian Biological Society awarded the "Jávorka Sándor prize" to DR. GYÖZÖ CSONGOR, retired honorary associate professor.

Habilitation proceedings

In 1995-96, the following application lectures for habilitation were presented at the Biological Section of the Faculty of Natural Sciences:

Biological Isotope Laboratory:

Prof. DR. BÉLA MATKOVICS: Oxygen radicals and antioxidant systems.

Cell Biological and Evolutionary Micropaleontological Laboratory of the Department of Botany:

Prof. DR. MIKLÓS KEDVES: Phylogeny and paleophytogeography of the angiosperms on the basis of palynological results.

Biological Research Center of Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Szeged:

DR. ÁRPÁD PÁRDU CZ: Plastic nervous changes in response to hormonal effects.

Department of Botany:

Ass. Prof. DR. SÁNDOR GULYÁS: Primer attractants (nectar, pollen), biological importance of bloom and pollination.

Ass. Prof. DR. MIKLÓS JUHÁSZ: Palynology of earliest angiosperms.

Department of Comparative Physiology:

Ass. Prof. DR. JÓZSEF TOLDI: The plasticity of the somatosensorial system.

Ass. Prof. DR. MAGDOLNA SZENTE: Normal and pathological nervous activity in the cortex.

Department of Genetics:

Ass. Prof. DR. PÉTER MARÓI: An efficiency investigation of moulting hormones in *Drosophila*.

Department of Plant Physiology:

Ass. Prof. DR. LÁSZLÓ ERDEI: The sensation and transmission of signs in plants.

Department of Zoology and Cell Biology:

Ass. Prof. DR. ÉVA FEKETE: The embryonal evolution of the intestinal nervous system.

Ass. Prof. DR. KÁROLY GULYA: Peptideric neurotransmission.

Ass. Prof. DR. KATALIN HALASY: Morphology and synaptic connections of basket cells and dendrite targeting interneurons in the rat hippocampus.

Scientific degrees

The degree of Doctor in Biological Sciences has been awarded to:

Ass. Prof. DR. LÁSZLÓ GALLÉ (Department of Ecology), with a dissertation: Organization of ant communities.

The degree of Candidate in Biological Science has been awarded to:

DR. IRMA TARI (Department of Plant Physiology), with a dissertation: The role of ethylene in the growth and development of bean seedlings treated with the growth retardant paclobutrazol.

DR. LÁSZLÓ KÖRMÖCZI (Department of Ecology), with a dissertation: Spatio-temporal patterns and pattern transformations in sand grassland communities.

DR. ERZSÉBET HORNING (Department of Ecology), with a dissertation: Reproductive strategies and spatio-temporal patterns of terrestrial isopod populations.

The degree of Doctor Philosophy (PhD) has been awarded to:

DR. SÁNDOR TÓTH (Department of Biotechnology), with a dissertation: Influencing the antiviral activity of interferons by amino acids.

Conferences

International Orthodontic Congress organized by the Hungarian Orthodontic Society, the Committee of Dentistry and Oral Surgery of Academic Board of Szeged, the Clinic of Dentistry and Oral Surgery of Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical University and the Department of Anthropology, József Attila University was held in Szeged 5-8th September, 1996. The congress consisted of two sessions: Orthodontics; Facial Clefts and Syndromatology. The Congress was preceded by a training course on the "Anthropometry of the face" led by Prof. LESLIE G. FARKAS (Toronto) between the 2nd and 4th of September.

On the occasion of the 1100th anniversary of the Hungarian Conquest the Department of Anthropology and the Móra Ferenc Museum, Szeged organized the conference titled "Hungarians of the Conquest period - Hungarians of the Arpadian-age" ("Honfoglaláskori magyarság - Árpád-kori magyarság") in Szeged from the 12th to the 14th of September, 1996. Lectures delivered during the Conference were published in a separate issue with the same title.

In connection with the Conference the exhibition titled "Bone Diseases of our Ancestors" (Elődeink csontbetegségei) was opened in the Móra Ferenc Museum, Szeged.