

Preface

The 8th volume of Plant Cell Biology and Development published on 3rd April 1997 as it was mentioned previously having for the first time an International Editorial Board. The next volumes will be published at least first part of the year. The distribution was made as follows. In all countries which was enumerated on page 7 of the previous volume at least one copy was mailed. Later an effort was made in order that all libraries and colleagues will receive before long who are in publications exchange with our Laboratory.

Our Laboratory has a new tradition which is on the 21st August 1997, the following persons received the Commemorative Medal of the Laboratory:

Prof. Dr. T. SZEDERKÉNYI: Head of the Department of Mineralogy, Petrography and Geochemistry of the J. A. University for his kind activity for the Laboratory and for the very fruitful joint research programs organised by both sides.

Dr. S. C. SRIVASTAVA: Assistant Director, Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow, India has been favoured for the "Commemorative Medal" of the Laboratory, in recognition of his excellence in palaeobotanical research and for the promotion of multidisciplinary science of Palaeobotany on international plane.

Dr. B. S. VENKATACHALA: Emeritus Scientist recognition of his and distinguished contributions to Palynology and Palaeobiology and allied sciences.

A. BORBOLA: University Student was awarded the Laboratory Diploma on the 21 August 1997 on the exclusive reception of the Laboratory. She is helpful very much in the working of programs of the Laboratory and she got remarkable scientific results.

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Finally I am obliged to emphasize again, that the position of the Laboratory (head, place) is unchanged based on the agreement of the Rector of the J. A. University (cf. Plant Cell Biology and Development 7, p. 102). Recently at international symposia on Palynology, several excellent scientists asked me it is true that my Laboratory was contracted with another one of the Department of Botany of the J. A. University. This is the reason why that I must reject this information which was published by E-mail from the J. A. University.

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