

Preface

The activity of our Laboratory at the end of the last Century and the results of the intensive international joint research programs increased the scientific production. This is the reason that another number of Plant Cell Biology and Development will appear this year. As it was emphasized in the previous, jubilee number this year is an important date in Hungary, for the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and for our Laboratory. The 10th Anniversary of the Laboratory will be held 21th August, 2000. After the 5th Anniversary each year there was an exclusive reception in the Laboratory. At this occasion the honours of the Laboratory were awarded. Till this time a Diploma and the Commemorative Medal were the awards of our Laboratory. For the really very important date another medal was founded, the Millennium Medal of the Laboratory. Two silver and 14 copper alloy medals will be distributed only. The Chronicle of the number 13, the first number of the new Millennium will summarize the most important events of the Laboratory including the holiday.

Regarding the Editorial Board there is one change. Dr. Ann CADMAN for two years left the University of Johannesburg, and for this period Dr. M. BAMFORD will replace. Another change is that the higher educational institutions of Szeged have been unified, so the new name of the University is University of Szeged. The position and the name of the Laboratory is unchanged in contrast to some untruthful informations distributed by E-mail by some persons.

Concerning the cover of Plant Cell Biology and Development, the decision of the staff of the Laboratory was the following: Guarding the traditional format with such changes which are distinctive between the numbers of the last and the new Millennium. This number first represents this new format.

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