

Preface

After the new Millennium, and the 10th Anniversary of the Laboratory we started the normal life of our group. The international joint research programs broadened out, and hopefully it will not change in the future. The activity of the young members of the Laboratory is unchanged on the high level.

During the last year we lost Prof. Dr. K. BURGER, member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, who was always the aid of our Laboratory in his different positions, scientific rector adjoint, president of the Regional Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Dr. R. ZÁNTHÓ associated professor deceased during the last year. He was helping in the linguistic corrections of our manuscripts written in English.

On the 3th April was the 30th Anniversary of the foundation of the Biological Research Center of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. The Electron Microscope Laboratory of the Department of Biophysics has been very important for our scientific research programs from the beginning, because it has made possible to carry out ultrastructure studies in this Laboratory that are in every respect very useful not only of the researches, but in the special teaching of the Laboratory.

At the 11th Anniversary of the Laboratory, on the 21th August an exclusive reception was held. At this occasion the following personalities were awarded with the Commemorative Medal of the Laboratory:

ERIC CAULTON, Director, Scottish Centre for Pollen Studies, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.,

Dra. Maria-Teresa FERNÁNDEZ MARRÓN, Departamento de Paleontología, Facultad de Ciencias Geológicas, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid, Spain.

Dr. S. K. M. TRIPATHI, Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India, was awarded with the Millennium Medal of the Laboratory.

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