



*Jubilee
of Prof. Dr., Dr. habil.
Péter Ákos Biacs*

Director of the Central Food Research Institute of the Ministry of Agriculture, past president of the Hungarian Scientific Society for Food Industry (MÉTE), Dr. Ing. Péter A. Biacs, professor of food science and technology, celebrates his 60 years.

Prof. Biacs, president of IUFoST during 1995–1999, was active as a member of several committees of the Union since becoming a Hungarian Delegate in 1982. Making use of his knowledge of the scientific research and higher education, he has been working as a member of the Working Group on Research Management and the Committee on Education, and as the chair of the Committee on Scientific Activities and of the Congress Advisory Committee.

He was active as a member of the Executive Committee in 1987–1991 making use of his knowledge of Central and Eastern European food and nutrition programs, and as the vice-president for the term 1991–1995, organizing the 9th World Congress of Food Science and Technology in Budapest, 1995.

As the representative of the Hungarian Government, Prof. Biacs became involved in the regional preparation and drafting of the Plan of Action for the joint FAO/WHO International Congress of Nutrition. His activity towards improving the regulations and consumer affairs for a better quality and safety of food lead him to be elected one of the vice-presidents of the Congress held in Rome, 1992. He was a leader of the focal point of his country and responsible for implementing the World Declaration in nutritional policy. This successful activity was honoured by nominating him to lead the Hungarian ICN Secretariat and to participate in the consultation on ICN Follow-up in the European Region and OECD Countries in Warszawa, 1996, as one of the elected chairmen and rapporteurs. Consequently, he lead the Hungarian World Food Summit (WFS) Secretariat, preparing the Country Position Paper and participating on the World Food Summit in Rome, 1996, and since then he has been leading the WFS Follow-up in Hungary as well.

His intensive cooperation in regional programs has brought him to represent and be honoured by further international organizations such as UNIDO, ILSI (International Life Science Institute), IFT EFLA and IFU. As a member of an expert group of UNIDO he has been active in supporting the creation of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (IGGEB) in 1983.

In 1988 he was invited by ILSI to join and represent his region in scientific activities and task force groups. That was for the first time when a representative of Cen-

tral and Eastern European countries was elected to the Board of Directors, for two terms, 1993–1995 and 1995–1997.

Prof. Biacs was actively involved in organizing the first IFT/IUFoST exhibition and Conference in Hague, 1992.

Hungary is in the process of revising its entire food legislation with a view to harmonize it with the food legislation of the European Union. Prof. Biacs has been taking part in this work from the beginning giving expertise as a member of the European Food Law Association (EFLA) and as an organizer of many symposia on this matter. During 1985–1990 he was a member of the Hungarian Parliament and participated in the modernization and amendment of the Food Law and the issue of the Food Codex in 1988.

On the national scene Prof. Biacs is a member of several scientific societies and committees, as well as foundations and company boards. He provides consultancy and training services to the food industry and contributes articles on food quality and safety to a number of journals. As his main research interest is fats and oils, lipids and lipid substances in foods, he has been involved in the research on analytical techniques for the detection of minor components in fruits and vegetables like antioxidant vitamins and ingredients generating free radicals. Results of this research were presented in more than 300 articles in scientific journals, proceedings of conferences and symposia, and in books. He was awarded several times - Hantko Memorial Award (1980, Hungarian Society of Biochemistry), Kertész Memorial Award (1985, Austrian Society of Food Technology and Biochemistry), Tangl Memorial Award (1987, Hungarian Scientific Society of Nutrition), Kossutány Memorial Award (1988), Sigmond Elek Award (1995, MÉTE). In 1992 he was awarded the FAO Certificate of Merit for his expertise and activity in food legislation and standardization, as a chairman in FAO/WHO joint Codex Alimentarius Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling.

Prof. Biacs earned his degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Technical Sciences, Budapest in 1963 and after a short spell in the industry he returned to the same institution, where he started teaching as an assistant of professor and later as a senior lecturer. He earned his Dr. tech. degree in 1971 in agricultural chemical technology, and his Ph.D. in biochemistry and food technology in 1975. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences recognized his knowledge and dissertation on food biotechnology with a D.Sc. in 1985, University of Horticulture and Food Industry, Budapest with a part-time professorship in 1986 and Dr. habil. title in 1996.

Životné jubileum Ing. Jaroslava Zemanoviča, CSc.

Jubilant patrí do rodiny maturantov na Strednej priemyselnej škole chemickej v Banskej Štiavnici, ktorú skončil v roku 1954. Za ďalších päť rokov získal titul inžinier chémie so špecializáciou Chémia a technológia mlieka a tukov. Tri roky pracoval v tukovom podniku PALMA Bratislava, naposledy ako technolog pre detergenty. To významne prispelo k získaniu praktických skúseností a jeho trvalému spojeniu s výrobnou sférou. V roku 1962 nastúpil ako odborný asistent na Katedru technickej mikrobiológie a biochémie Chemickej fakulty SVŠT, na špecializáciu Technológia mlieka a tukov. Jeho vedecký a všeobecný obzor rozšíril ročný študijný pobyt na Technickej univerzite v Dánsku. Získané experimentálne výsledky mu umožnili, aby v roku 1968 obhájil hodnosť kandidáta vied. Vedeckú kvalifikáciu Samostatný vedecký pracovník 2a obdržal v roku 1986.

Vo svojej práci bol zameraný na oblasť chémie a technológie tukov, avšak paralelne rozvíjal aj oblasť povrchovo-aktívnych látok a detergentov. K tejto profesnej orientácii mu významne dopomohla aj jeho funkcia externého vedúceho vývojového pracoviska v podniku PALMA v rokoch 1967–1971. Pri tejto činnosti uviedol do praxe významné realizačné výstupy.

Výsledkom normalizačného úsilia vedenia fakulty v roku 1971 bolo jeho preraďenie na výskum do funkcie vedecký pracovník so zákazom pedagogickej činnosti. Toto obdobie znamenalo obmedzenie jeho aktivity nielen v pedagogickej, ale aj vo výskumnej činnosti a skončilo až v roku 1989.

Jubilant hlavne v posledných desiatich rokoch publikoval veľké množstvo vedeckých a odborných prác, je spoluautorom viacerých patentov a vynálezov. Vychoval viac ako 40 diplomantov a štyroch doktorandov. Významnou mierou prispel ku vzniku Katedry mlieka, tukov a hygieny požívateľín v roku 1991, kedy sa stal jej prvým vedúcim. Do popredia presadil predmety Potravinárska mikrobiológia, Kozmetika, Hygiena a sanitácia a Technologické súbory.

Ing. Jaroslav Zemanovič, CSc. má rozsiahle kontakty s mnohými organizáciami a výrobnými podnikmi, na základe čoho si vybudoval aktívnu spoluprácu s praxou. Dlhodobé kontakty má aj s Katedrou biotechnológie a mikrobiológie Technickej Univerzity vo Viedni, ktorá je formálne podložená dohodou o spolupráci na neobmedzenú dobu.

Jubilant je členom Slovenskej chemickej spoločnosti od roku 1970, už odvtedy pracoval ako člen Odbornej skupiny pre detergenty pri Československej chemickej spoločnosti a v 80-tych rokoch bol podpredsedom ekologickej sekcie tejto odbornej skupiny. V poslednom období sa zapája do práce Odbornej skupiny Potravinárska chémia, z toho viac ako dve funkčné obdobia úspešne vykonáva funkciu predsedu. Je dlhoročným členom redakčnej rady odborného časopisu Bulletin potravinárskeho výskumu.

V súčasnej dobe jubilantova aktivita a úspešnosť nepoklesla a stále možno obdivovať jeho všestrannú činnosť zameranú na prospech katedry a potravinárskej pospolitosti. K životnému jubileu 65 rokov želáme Ing. Jaroslavovi Zemanovičovi, CSc. do ďalších rokov veľa kreatívnej energie a entuziazmu v práci, pevné zdravie a spokojnosť v osobnom živote.

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