

FOREWORD

Count ISTVÁN SZÉCHENYI, who for his outstanding services to the nation has been called “the greatest Hungarian” bequeathed the admonition to us: “... the nation could only be raised by educated minds”. His will is coming true this century: Hungary, relative to her population size and economical resources, had been a scientific super-power before World War II and has upheld a high scientific standard in the post-war world, up to now. Limited funding over several decades hampered research, yet significant results were achieved. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences founded by Count ISTVÁN SZÉCHENYI in 1825, is proud of its elected members who in spite of meagre circumstances did their best to improve the image of the nation and to enhance her reputation. TIBOR JERMY is among these scholars. He, also as past president of the Biology Section of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, contributed considerably not only to his own special field, but promoted the international recognition of Hungarian science in general.

I believe that the reader who peruses this volume published on the occasion of TIBOR JERMY’s 85th birthday, notices the appreciation and respect felt by his students, Hungarian and foreign friends and colleagues. The papers highlight his results obtained in the field of experimental entomology, ecology and evolution. I congratulate and greet TIBOR JERMY on behalf of the Presidium of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and wish him good health and scientifically fruitful years to come.

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