

OBITUARY

Dr. György Bodrogközi (1924-2010)

Dr. György Bodrogközi was born on the 12th April 1924 in the village of Vid, Veszprém County. He started his school years in the same place, later continuing his studies in the Benedictine Secondary School in Pápa and the Piarist Secondary School in Szeged. In 1943 he matriculated to the natural history-geography course of the Szegedi Miklós Horthy University of Szeged. In his sophomore year he started to work as an unpaid assistant in the Institute of Plant Biology being his only employer until his retirement in 1989. Gradually, he rose to eminence in the university hierarchy, and was appointed associate professor in 1980. Meanwhile in 1962 he defended his thesis as a university doctor and in 1979 as a candidate. After his retirement in 1989 he continued his research of the Tisza Valley for 7 years in the Department of Ecology. In 2005 he was appointed honorary professor.

He was a passionate researcher of plant communities of the Great Hungarian Plain and the floodplains of the river Tisza.

He was mainly attached to his students through his educational work. He must have mastered the art of teaching from his pedagogue parents. Beside the vegetation of the Great Hungarian Plain and the floodplains of the river Tisza he also had profound knowledge of plant communities of the Mecsek Mountains, the Balaton Highlands and the Bükk Mountains. He organized his memorable field practicals to these highland destinations where he expected serious and thorough scientific work, but after working hours he also joined his students in modest amusement. His accuracy manifested itself during these practicals too. He was a teacher of determined character hereby making his students respectful personalities.



From 1966 to 1982 he served as executive editor of *Acta Biologica Szegediensis*. His merits were honored with the Remarkable Achievement Award, the Attila József commemorative plaque of the University of Szeged and the Sándor Jávorka commemorative plaque of the Hungarian Biology Association.

On the 25th April 2010 came the moment of farewell in the course of nature, when we had to say goodbye to our old teacher. From now on he will show heavenly fields to our fellow students. As former students of his we keep his memory in our hearts.

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