
Editorial

This issue of *Food Technology and Biotechnology* is dedicated to Professor emeritus Pavao Mildner on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Pavao Mildner has been associated with the *Food Technology and Biotechnology* journal since its earliest days – first as chairman of the Editorial board (1963–1990), then as Editor-in-Chief.

Professor P. Mildner is well known to the Croatian and international scientific community, and his biography has been described in detail on many occasions. This is another opportunity to point out his pioneering work in the development of basic and applied biochemical research at the Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology as well as his contribution to the development of the journal *Food Technology and Biotechnology*.

After completing his Ph.D., Pavao Mildner was in 1957 elected as Head of the newly established Laboratory of Biochemistry in the Biotechnology Department of the Faculty of Technology, University of Zagreb. From that time he worked on developing basic as well as applied biochemical research in the field of protein chemistry and enzymology. Under his leadership Laboratory of Biochemistry became internationally recognised and Professor P. Mildner himself became one of the leading biochemists in Croatia and firmly established in the international biochemical community. The results of his work have been published in the leading journals of the field and he has been often invited to present his results at international meetings. Besides being active in biochemical research, Professor P. Mildner was involved in establishing the Croatian Biochemical Society and played a major role in associating it with the international biochemical community through Federation of European Biochemical Societies and International Union of Biochemistry. Professor P. Mildner's activity has also been evident in education, particularly in supervising postgraduate students, many of whom are today internationally recognised scientists, working in the country as well as abroad. They all take pride in identifying themselves as members of the so-called Mildner's school.

Being an active scientist and in continuous close contact with the international community made Professor P. Mildner the most appropriate person to lead the development of the national journal *Prehrambeno-tehnološka i biotehnološka revija*, which today is an internationally recognized journal *Food Technology and Biotechnology*. To show appreciation for Professor Mildner's leading role and achievements in the journal development, the Editorial board decided to dedicate this issue to his anniversary. We would like to thank all authors, including professor Mildner's former students, as well as colleagues and friends, for their contributions. Regrettably, the number of papers was limited by the size and the scope of this issue, although many other colleagues and friends wished to contribute.

On behalf of all authors and of the Editorial board, happy birthday dear Professor Mildner !



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