

Dedication to Professor E. N. Karanov

It was agreed unanimously by the workshop delegates that this volume of proceedings be dedicated to Academician Professor Emanuil Karanov as a tribute to his contributions to plant physiology.

Professor Karanov was born in Sofia on 7th February 1936. After obtaining his M.Sc. at the High Institute of Agriculture in Sofia in 1958, Professor Karanov undertook postgraduate studies in the Timiriazev Institute of Plant Physiology in Moscow under the direction of the distinguished plant physiologist Professor Rakitin and obtained his Ph.D in 1968 entitled "Physiological activity – chemical structure relationship of some phenoxyacetic acid and thiourea derivatives". This theme was to prove the foundation of his life-work. He obtained his D.Sc. in 1978 and was made professor in the Acad. M. Popov Institute of Plant Physiology in Sofia in 1982 and in 1989 was elected Director of the Institute – a post he has occupied ever since. In 1995 he has elected a Corresponding Member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and in June 2003 was elected as a full Academician.

Professor Karanov's research interests have always focussed on the structure/activity relationship of environmentally-friendly regulators of plant growth and development and synthetic and natural cytokinins, but he has developed parallel interests involving such compounds especially in relation to stress physiology. He has published more than 200 papers and has more than 30 patents - a reflection of the productivity of himself and his co-workers. His contribution to international science was recognized by his election as President of the Federation of European Societies of Plant Physiology in 1996. He has collaborated widely with groups in Europe and elsewhere, including Belgium, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands and the UK.

However, Emanuil is not only held in great respect in the scientific community but also in great affection by his colleagues and collaborators as a man of great humanity who has an especial interest in the welfare of young scientists. It is therefore a great pleasure for me as an old friend and collaborator to express the wish of the Workshop to dedicate this volume to him.

Mike Hall, Co-President of ESSA



Academician Prof. Emanuel N. Karanov