

**IN MEMORIAM DR. ARANKA STAMMER**  
(1928—1988)



The retired Associate Professor of the Department of Zoology, our beloved ARANKA, as everyone knew her, died unexpectedly at the age of 60.

She was an outstanding teacher, a research worker with original ideas and a warm-hearted friend and colleague.

She was born on 15th March, 1928, in Kistelek. She began her studies at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the University of Szeged in 1947, where she read biology and geography. She graduated in 1952, but already in 1951 she was employed as a teaching assistant at the Department of Botany. She began her teaching career at the Department of Zoology, and she remained a member of this department until her retirement on 31st December, 1984. She was first an instructor, then became a Scientific Researcher of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (from 1970 a Senior Research Fellow) and in 1975 she was appointed to be Reader of the Department. She received her doctoral degree in 1958, and her degree of candidate in biological science in 1966.

She always laid emphasis on teaching, whatever her title was. Her talents in pedagogy and her excellent knowledge of her scientific fields will always be remembered by her colleagues and former students.

She showed her versatility by being able and willing to teach almost every branch of Zoology: taxonomy, human anatomy, physiology, etc. As she felt dedicated most of all to zoological anatomy, she later taught this subject exclusively. She contributed to the writing of numerous university coursebooks, many of which are still used in the curriculum.

Her research work focused on the neurohistology of vertebrates. During the last years of her research activity, she became interested in environmental problems: she studied the structural changes caused in the gill of fishes by water pollution. She

gave accounts of her results in 58 scientific papers. She delivered lectures at numerous congresses in Hungary and at eight international meetings abroad.

She was a member of the Hungarian Biological Society, the Society of Hungarian Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists, the International Endocrinological Society and the International Ichthyological Society.

Her accomplishments made an inestimable and lasting contribution not only to our department and university, but to the general scientific life in Hungary and abroad as well.

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