

**A WELCOME TO PROFESSOR CHARLES SUSANNE, ON WHOM
THE TITLE "DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA" WAS CONFERRED BY THE
COUNCIL OF JÓZSEF ATTILA UNIVERSITY**



On 9th September 1994, the title "Doctor Honoris Causa" was conferred on Professor CHARLES SUSANNE, head of the Laboratory of Anthropogenetics and Ecotechniques at the Vrije University in Brussels, coordinator of TEMPUS, in recognition of his great efforts to develop the Biological Departments at JATE, and especially his help in promoting the recognition of Hungarian anthropology and ecology outside the borders of Hungary. On the occasion of the conferral ceremony, Professor SUSANNE delivered a lecture entitled "Universities have to promote long-term politics: anthropology and ecotechniques as test cases". The text of this paper is published in full in this issue.

Professor CHARLES SUSANNE was born on 13th November, 1943, in Belgium. He was awarded his B.Sc. in 1966 and his Ph.D. in 1969, both in anthropology at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). After graduating, he joined the staff of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), where he was associate professor between 1971 and 1977. Since 1978 he has been full professor at the VUB and in the next 10 years he was also an associate professor at the ULB, where he received the title of professor in 1987. He was visiting professor at University College London for 2 years. In 1989, he was elected Dean of the Faculty of Sciences at the VUB for 3 years.

Professor SUSANNE is leader of the Human Genetics Unit at the VUB, holder of the Unesco-Cousteau Chair, Ecotechnie, a Member of the Belgian Academy of Overseas Sciences, and a director of TEMPUS and Erasmus programs, including "Sciences", "Biology" and "Ecotechniques".

Professor CHARLES SUSANNE started his scientific work as an anthropologist. His main interest have included biology, especially demography and the genetics of human populations. Professor SUSANNE is one of the leading experts in this field of research. His scientific activities involve a wide range of anthropological, genetic and environmental sciences, including polyfactorial human genetics, the application of multivariate analysis in genetic studies, the role of genetic versus environmental influences on morphological characteristics, the development of asthmatic children, environmentally-induced genetic damage, the heritability of morphological characters, the interpretation of chromosome aberrations and the biometry of migrants. He recently focused his research on environmental problems and has contributed greatly to an outline of the paradigm of a modern human ecology.

Professor SUSANNE's scientific productivity is best illustrated by his more than 230 scientific papers, books and book-chapters. The majority of his articles have been published in high-standard international journals. He has been invited to more than 60 congresses and conferences to present plenary lectures, keypapers or seminars.

His recognition by the scientific community is indicated by the fact that he has been elected to offices on different international scientific and educational bodies, he has been President of the European Anthropological Association and the European Association of Human Ecology, Vice-president of the European Centre of Human Ecology, Director of the NATO Advanced Institute, a member of many scientific councils and boards, and a referee of 11 journals. He has been editor, vice-editor or editorial board member of 14 international journals.

Besides his research work and university teaching, Professor SUSANNE is also an outstanding organizer. He has organized 48 congresses and meetings and has been coordinator of different TEMPUS and Erasmus projects. He has many links with Hungary and Szeged. He organized the International Anthropological Meeting in the Department of Anthropology at JATE University in Szeged. As coordinator of TEMPUS projects "Biology" and "Ecotechniques", he provided numerous possibilities to our students and staff members to travel to European universities. His organizing activity contributed to the introduction of a postgraduate course in our university, which will give a European diploma in Ecotechniques to the more than 50 postgraduate students attending the course each year.

We warmly congratulate Professor SUSANNE on the award of this honorary title, and we all wish him good health, energy and activity to achieve further outstanding scientific results in the interest of mankind.

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