



## IN MEMORIAM D.A.A. MOSSEL (1918–2004)

DAVID A.A. MOSSEL studied Medicine at Leiden University and subsequently obtained a PhD at Utrecht University. He spent post-doc and sabbatical training periods at the University of Cambridge (UK) under Prof. M. Ingram and the Pasteur Institute in Paris (Prof. J. Monod) and Lille (Prof. R. Buttiaux).

In 1946 he was appointed Head of the Department of Food Microbiology of the Central Institute of Nutrition and Food Research, Utrecht/Zeist, a position he initially combined with an Assistant Professorship in Food Microbiology at Utrecht University. From 1957 he was acting as the Deputy Adjunct Professor at

the annual Postgraduate Course in Medical Food Microbiology at Utrecht University.

In 1963 he was nominated Visiting Professor of Medical Food Microbiology at San Marcos University, Lima, Peru; in 1968 in full capacity at the Catholic University of Louvain; in 1972 at the University of Utrecht; in 1985 at the University of the Basque Country, Vitoria and in 1988 at the University of Wisconsin at River Falls, USA. Upon becoming Professor Emeritus at the University of Utrecht in 1989 he was nominated in 1990 Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Eijkman Foundation for Advanced Education and Research in the Medical Microbiology of Food and Drinking water at the Utrecht University. Since 1997 he was the Senior Principal Scientific Adviser, Public Health Microbiology of that Foundation. In the last years he was permanently associated with the Faculty of Health and Human Sciences, University of Hartfordshire, Hatfield, UK.

Professor MosseL has been invited as a Visiting Professor at various Universities in Europe, the United States, Latin America, the Philippines, Thailand and Australia. Since 1953 he was a Member of the Executive Board of the International Committee for Food Microbiology and Hygiene of the International Union of Microbiological Societies, being nominated Honorary President of that Board in 1993.

Since his appointment at Louvain University his field of Research and Postgraduate Teaching had been the prevention of food-transmitted diseases with a microbial aetiology, and the development of methods for validation and verification of the efficacy of intervention technologies. On these subjects he published ten text-books at various levels and authored or co-authored over a hundred publications in scientific journals.

He obtained honorary doctorates in Medicine, Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine. The British Society for Applied Microbiology, the French Society for Microbiology and the Hungarian Institute of Food Science and Technology promoted him to Honorary member. He was foreign Corresponding Member of the Royal Spanish Academy of Veterinary Medicine, Diplomat of the American Veterinary Epidemiological Society and The American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine.

As an old friend of Professor Vas, the director of Central Food Research Institute and the founder of *Acta Alimentaria*, he had a very good contact with Hungarian scientists, supporting them in their scientific career. He was elected as Associate Editor of *Acta Alimentaria* in 1984, and fulfilled this position until his death. He also had a great contribution that *Acta Alimentaria* became an internationally accepted and recognised journal in the field of food science.