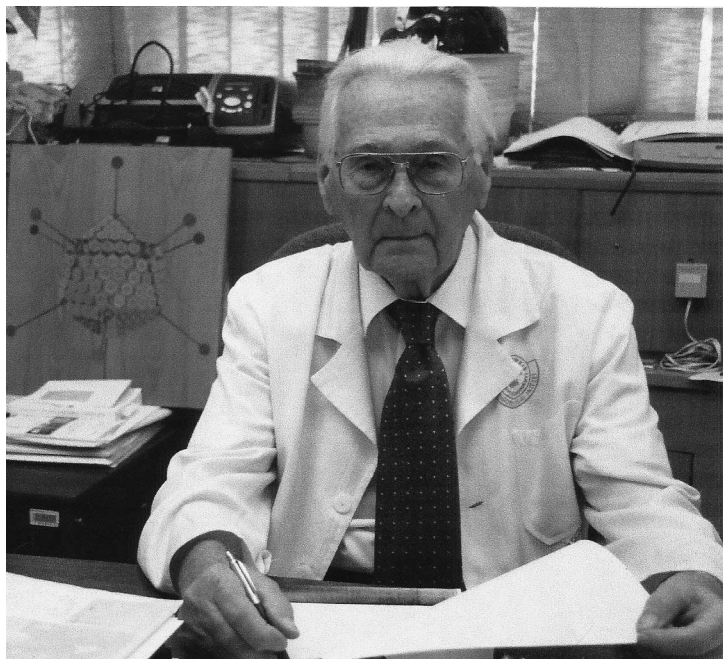


## TO THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSOR ISTVÁN NÁSZ

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Professor István Nász was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1927 in Túrkeve, Hungary. After attending primary and secondary schools in Túrkeve and Kisújszállás, he matriculated at the Medical University in Budapest (at present Semmelweis University) in 1945 and graduated as a Medical Doctor in 1951. As a medical student, he joined the Institute of Microbiology in 1948 where he has been engaged in educational and research activities ever since. In 1955, he became a specialist of laboratory examinations, and in 1956, he obtained the advance degree of Candidate of Medical Sciences (PhD). Between 1961 and 1973, he worked as a University Lecturer in Microbiology and he was appointed University Professor in 1969. From 1971 to 1973, he served as Deputy Dean. From 1973 to 1979,

he was Vice-Rector for Scientific Matters of the University, and from 1974 to 1994 served as Director of the Institute of Medical Microbiology, Semmelweis University, Budapest. He published five textbooks about Microbiology, all with a second edition. In 1964, his dissertation entitled “Study on Some Characteristics of Human Adenoviruses” obtained for him the title of Doctor of Hungarian Academy of Sciences. To date, he has written nearly 400 articles and a monograph entitled “Adenoviruses and Their Pathogenic Role,” in collaboration with two authors. The book was awarded the Nivo Prize in 1972 by the Academic Press, Budapest, and for achievements in the field of adenovirus research, he received the Academic Prize in 1974. Later, he published five other scientific monographs in different fields of Virology, but the main field of his research remained the manifold study of adenoviruses for 50 years as the leader of the Adenovirus Research Group of the Institute and of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS). In 2013, he and his coworker, Professor Éva Ádám published a monograph entitled “The 50 Years of the Adenovirus Research in the Institute of Medical Microbiology, Semmelweis University, Budapest.” He has founded the Museum and Archives of Microbiology in the Institute, and has been its mentor ever since.

Dr. Nász has made a number of study trips abroad, and has attended scientific congresses and delivered papers. He was elected as an Honorary Member by the “Metchnikov” Scientific Society of Microbiologists and Epidemiologists, Moscow in 1974 and “Honoris Causa” Doctor of MGS International University Foundation, MO, USA in 1986. He was elected as a corresponding member of HAS in 1979 and as an ordinary member of HAS in 1985.

Besides teaching and research, Professor Nász has taken an active part in public life. He is an acting member of a number of scientific committees and societies in Hungary and abroad. He served as Vice-President of the Medical Section of HAS, founder member, and Vice-President of the Hungarian Society of Microbiology, as well as Co-President of the General Microbiological Committee of HAS. He was a member and the representative of Hungary in the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) for 40 years. He acted as a member of the Board of European Group for Rapid Viral Diagnosis, the International Adenovirus Study Group, the Board of the European Virus Research Network of UNESCO, the American Society for Microbiology, the New York Academy of Sciences, the International Editorial Board of *Acta Virologica* and *Orvosi Hetilap* (Hungarian weekly medical journal), the Hungarian National Examination Board for Medical Microbiology and Laboratory Examinations, etc.

Professor Nász received many decorations and awards. His honors and distinctions include the Thomas Romay Medal (1964, Acad. Sci. of Cuba), Gold Medal of the Order of Labour (1982), Manninger Medal (1983), Semmelweis Prize and Medal (1983), Markusovszky Prize (1978 and 2016), and Széchenyi

Prize (1998) for his research on adenoviruses. He was decorated with the Order of Merit of the Hungarian Republic (2007) and Hungarian Order of Merit with Star (2017).

Professor Nász is an acting member of the Acta since more than 50 years. In the last 20 years, he served as Editor-in-Chief. During his leadership, the name of the Journal *Acta Microbiologica Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae* was changed to *Acta Microbiologica Hungarica* (1983), and from 1994, the Journal has extended its interests also to basic and clinical immunology. Accordingly, the name changed to *Acta Microbiologica et Immunologica Hungarica* (AMIH). During its history, the Acta had survived some very difficult periods. Occasionally even its mere existence was threatened. The successful work of the Editor-in-Chief and the Editor was honored by Nivo Prizes by the HAS and the Academic Press in 2004.

Besides these activities, he always devoted time and energy to the teaching and training of his students and successors, both in the close family and the large family of the Institute. All these characterize a man who has lived a full life and has never lost anything on the road from this completeness.

Dear Professor Nász,

In the name of all your coworkers, students in the Institute, and members of the Editorial Board allow us to wish You all the happiness and best of health on the occasion of your 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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