

IN MEMORIAM
PROFESSOR PIROSKA ANDERLIK
(1935–2018)



Professor Piroska Anderlik was born in 1935 in Budapest. In 1953, she was admitted to the Medical School in Budapest. After her graduation in 1959, she became a member of the Institute of Medical Microbiology and worked there until now. She greatly contributed to microbiology education at Semmelweis University for medical, dentistry, and pharmacy students.

She took specialist examinations in “Clinical Laboratory Examinations” in 1962 and in “Microbiology” in 1980. In 1976, she obtained a Candidate degree in “Lymphoid Implications in Mouse Experiments.” In 1996 after her habilitation, she became full professor. In 1995–1996, she was the director of the Institute. Between 1997 and 2004, she was lecturer of Microbiology at the Faculty of Dentistry. In 2004, she became professor emerita.

As a scientist, she initially worked in the virology research group on poliovirus vaccination. Later, her scientific interest turned to immunology.

She was working in the Immunology Research Group led by Professor Ilona Szeri and investigated the immune function of the lymphoid system, especially the interaction between mammals and microbes.

Professor Piroska Anderlik organized the first germ-free laboratory (1978–1993) in Hungary. She was awarded with the Academy Prize in 1984. She had about 150 publications and over 100 scientific lectures.

She was the chairman of the Animal Experimentation Committee of the Semmelweis University from 1998 till 2012. From 2001, she regularly organized the PhD course entitled “Experimental animals – Animal experiments.” She organized the website of the Animal Experiment Committee. She was involved in television programs on several occasions regarding the justification of animal testing and published her opinion in journals. In 2009, she was awarded with the “László Kállai” prize for her scientific and educational role in animal experiments.

In the past years, Professor Anderlik was mainly interested in medical history. She collected locations of graves of Hugó Preisz and other late rectors of Semmelweis University.

She passed away in the morning of September 20, 2018. Everyone liked, respected, and honored Piroska’s friendly and kind personality. She supported her colleagues and students on a daily basis alike with her practical advice.

Her kindness and gentle character will be remembered forever.

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