

Foreword

This volume contains the Proceedings of the 10th International Symposium on Soil Biology, entitled "Soil Biology and the Conservation of the Biosphere" organized by the Hungarian Soil Science Society and held at the University of Agriculture in Keszthely between 27 and 31 August, 1989. The University of Agricultural Sciences /host/, the Research Institute for Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest; the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Water Supplies, Budapest and the Plant and Soil Protection Service also shared in the organization.

The Organizing Committee, chaired by J. Szegi, Chairman of the Soil Biology Section of the Hungarian Soil Science Society, are to be congratulated on their excellent preparation and execution of the Symposium.

Following the traditions of previous similar gatherings, it was decided to publish the Proceedings of the Symposium, which appears in this volume as *Agrokémia és Talajtan*, Tom. 39. No. 3-4.

The Proceedings contains all the papers and opening addresses which were submitted by the speakers and participants at the Symposium.

Due to the great number and diversity of the presentations the editors had to make certain compromises when trying to give a uniform shape to the 74 papers published in this volume. Besides linguistic corrections, quite a thorough editorial process was necessary. Owing to the diversity of approaches, technical expressions, definitions and units, it was impossible to avoid some heterogeneity in the structure and style of the different papers. The same applies to the references, which were included with some manuscripts, and not with others.

Due to the limited time available it was impossible during the editorial process to contact all the authors before publishing or to send them proofs before forwarding the material to the printers. The editorial staff carried out the necessary corrections to the best of its ability, and it is hoped that this bona fide service will meet with the satisfaction of the authors.

The Editor-in-Chief wishes to express his thanks to all the members of the editorial staff for their efforts to fulfil this difficult task, thus contributing a great deal to the usefulness and value of this publication.

The Proceedings of the 10th International Symposium on Soil Biology will certainly reflect the professional context and achievements of the meeting and will be a long-lasting document for the forthcoming research and praxis in this field.

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