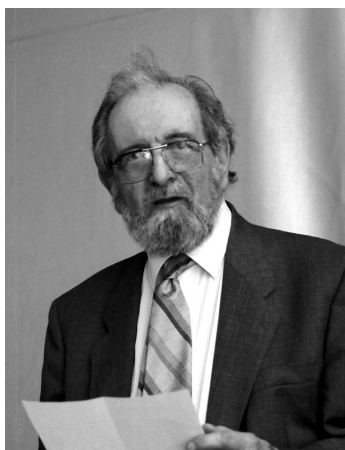


## ACADEMICIAN JÁNOS HOLLÓ, TOP-RANKING HUNGARIAN FOOD SCIENTIST IS 85 YEARS OLD



Professor *János Holló* succeeded Professor Károly Vas (founder of *Acta Alimentaria*), as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, and has been serving in this position since 1982. He completed his predecessor's effort in inviting well-known scientists to the Editorial Board of *Acta Alimentaria*, which in 1984 became an International Journal of Food Science. He had an invaluable contribution that *Acta Alimentaria* is now an internationally acknowledged periodical in the field of food science. At the age of 85 he has decided to retire from all public activities.

János Holló was born on 20 August 1919, Szentes, Hungary. After graduation in chemical engineering at the József Nádor University of Technical and Economic Sciences, Budapest, he started in 1941 his distinguished carrier as production and research engineer in the chemical industry and earned his Dr.-Ing. degree in 1947. From 1946 till 1952, he was working at the large Kőbánya Brewery, rising to the position of technical director of the company within a few years, and then he was appointed to Professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural Chemical Technology of the Budapest Technical University until his "retirement" in 1991. He was also elected Dean of the Faculty of Chemical Engineering during the periods of 1955–1957 and 1963–1972. He developed and introduced pilot plant training and production technology planning in the education of chemical engineers already in the early 1950s. From 1972, besides his university commitments, he served as scientific director of the largest Hungarian chemical institution, the Central Research Institute for Chemistry, and he is still participating in its activities as research professor up to these days.

Professor Holló founded one of the most active and successful Hungarian scientific school of biotechnology and bioengineering. He is author or co-author of over 600 research publications, 20 books and several university textbooks. His broad research field covers and is reflected by significant achievements in several areas of bioengineering and food research from industrial enzymology, brewing technology through starch research and vegetable protein-production, resulting in numerous patents.

The two-volume *Élelmezési Iparok* (Food Industries) textbook, edited together with Prof. László Telegdy-Kováts and published in 1952 covers a wealth of practical and scientific information on food chemistry, raw materials and technologies of the food industries, and is still the most extensive Hungarian treatise on our professional background. Most of the leading Hungarian food scientists and technologists are directly or indirectly students of Professor Holló. His book on “Applications of Molecular Distillation” published in 1971 in English was highly acclaimed internationally.

Professor Holló’s achievements have been recognized both in Hungary and abroad by numerous distinctions and awards. He became elected Corresponding Member in 1967, then in 1976 Ordinary Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS). He received honorary memberships/doctorates of several universities and had leading positions of several national and foreign universities and prestigious scientific societies. He was awarded the Hungarian State Prize (1st degree) in 1975.

As organizer and co-ordinator of scientific research he was elected Chairman of the Complex Committee of Food Science of the HAS, and held this position for more than 20 years. He was invited to the editorial boards of numerous other national and international periodicals, too.

Professor Holló’s unique ability to combine practical interest and technical competence with scientific research and education is reflected also in his leading role of the Hungarian Scientific Society for Food Industry (MITE/MÉTE) and in his great assistance in developing the Hungarian food industries. He was actively and deeply involved in the foundation of MITE/MÉTE and served from its foundation as General Secretary, then President. He has been its Honorary Life President since several years. We are enjoying his guidance, stimulating and continuing presence also at the regular scientific colloquia organized together with the Central Food Research Institute, Budapest, and MÉTE.

Professor Holló has a friendly and benevolent character, assisting us in many aspects of our professional and even private problems. He is a respected example of generations of Hungarian food scientists. On behalf of his students, co-workers, colleagues and other innumerable admirers, we wish him good health and further happiness in his private life!

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