

Prof. Dr. János Csapó, professor, was awarded the bronze degree of the Tree of Life Award

On the event of 64th anniversary of the Hungarian 1956 Revolution and War of Independence, Prof. Dr. János Csapó, a member of the Editorial Board of *Journal of Food Investigation* scientific journal, was awarded the bronze grade of the Tree of Life Memorial Plaque by Dr. István Nagy Hungarian ministry of agriculture.

In his recommendation, academician Péter Horn emphasized that János Csapó had supplemented his professional knowledge as a chemist with the science of animal husbandry at the University of Kaposvár city. In 1996, he was appointed an university professor, and for several cycles he became the director of the Institute of Chemistry and the head of the Department of Biochemistry and Food Chemistry. In addition to his work in Kaposvár city, he has been an invited professor to the Agricultural Science Center of the University of Debrecen city since 2003, and a lecturer at the Faculty of Miercurea Ciuc of Sapientia Hungarian University of Scientific of Transylvania (HUST) since 2005. From 2014 until his retirement in July 2020, he worked a full-time university professor at the University of Debrecen city. He was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus by Sapientia HUST, Faculty of Miercurea Ciuc in July 2020.

Research on animal husbandry, feed and food chemistry, and the transfer of knowledge gained there to the student youth of universities, played a central role in his professional activity. In the course of his research, he discovered new correlations in the study of the colostrum and milk composition of farm animals. Based on his work, he was awarded the title of Doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sci-

ences in 1995. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his exemplary public life and his active work in several regional academic committees. Among other professional recognitions, he is the owner of the Creative Award of the Somogy County Municipality, the gold ring of the Public Foundation for Scientific Life, the Széchenyi Professor Scholarship, the Albert Szent-Györgyi Award, the Territorial Prima Primi Award in Somogy County, and the title of Sapientia Excellent Teacher.

Football occupies a special place in his public activities, while he is a member of the Somogy Football Referees Foundation.

For the first time, in the 80s I met with Professor Csapó as a high-level cultivator of amino acid analysis using several separation techniques. Quoting from Peter Horn's recommendation, "... He has also achieved significant results in the field of archeometry, where he has developed an age-determination method based on racemization of amino acids that was a new approach in the case of most amino

acids...", which has not been applied by other researchers to determine the age of fossil archaeological finds.

On behalf of our Editorial Board and the publisher of Food Journal of Food Investigations, the WESSLING Nonprofit Kft., we congratulate for Professor Csapó and wish successes, health and happiness in his further life.



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