

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICE

**Prof. Ing. Jaroslav Herynek, CSc., is celebrating
his 80th birthday**

Prof. Ing. Jaroslav Herynek, CSc., was born in Brno, on October 25, 1933. He attended the Reálné gymnasium Grammar School in Brno-Husovice and continued to study the Faculty of Forestry, University of Civil Engineering, which he graduated from with distinction in 1957. His post-graduate study on agricultural and forest land improvements was supervised by Prof. Dr. Ing. Leo Skatula and took place between 1957 and 1961. His career in the practice started in the former Agroprojekt Jihlava in 1957, where he continued working after restructuring as an employee of Agroprojekt Brno. Later he worked for the State Forests in Brno for 8 years. After a successful application for a job with the University of Agriculture in Brno, he was accepted as a researcher at the Faculty of Forestry. Here, he worked in this position until 1989. It was also here that he started his scientific participation in planned research projects, which was concluded by his defence of Candidate of Sciences thesis on Improvement of Waterlogged Forest Soils (due to normalization processes as late as in 1977). He was fully rehabilitated in 1989 and assigned for the position of an associate professor of the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology, Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry, Brno. Then he was able to continue to his habilitation and professorial proceedings and he was named professor in the field of land improvement by President Václav Havel in 1995. He participated in lectures on forest land improvements, erosion prevention and torrent regulations with special attention to drainage basins of small and mountain streams in relation to the quality of surface and ground water. He also worked as the head of the Department of Forest Constructions and Torrent Regulations, the vice dean of the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology, and a member of scientific and field boards and committees of the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology and Mendel University as well as other scientific and professional institutions. He presented his research achievements at professional conferences, symposia, seminars and trainings both in the Czech Republic and abroad. He has published 14 original scientific papers, 2 monographs, 4 textbooks and he has participated in 14 reviewed and defended research projects. His expertise and evaluation work, including short-term stays in the USSR, GDR, Yugoslavia, Poland and Austria, has been very rich, just as his presentations of achieved results at events of his own workplace as well as events of ČAZV, ČSKI, ČSVTS and ČČK. He has been awarded the Alice Masarykova Medal, Gold Medal of ČAZV, Mendelu Brno Medal and a number of certificates of merit and commemorative certificates. He still cooperates with his former workplace, where he co-authored a book on the History of the Department of Landscape Formation and Protection, published in 2013.

We take the honour of congratulating prof. ing. Jaroslav Herynek, CSc. on his jubilee and we wish him good health and vitality for the years to come.

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