

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICE

### **Birthday Anniversary of Wheat Breeder Ing. Alena Hanišová**

Ing. Alena Hanišová, an important plant breeder and prominent personality of Czech agricultural science, celebrated her birthday anniversary on the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

She was born in Prague and after passing an A-level exam at a grammar school at Český Brod she started studies at the University of Agriculture in Prague. She graduated with honors and started to work as an assistant at the Institute of Plant Breeding, University of Agriculture in Prague.

She has been working at Plant Breeding Station at Stupice since 1958.

The registration of celery variety Maxim and field bean variety Alfa, where she was the main breeder, was a result of her breeding work in 1963–1978. She was also a maintainer of several varieties of wheat, pea, bean and cucumbers in that period.

After re-organization of the Station's scope of work she became a member of the team breeding new varieties of wheat, and since 1979 she was the head of wheat breeding division for 20 years. In that period, a total of 15 winter wheat varieties and 5 spring wheat varieties were registered in this country and in other countries. Many of them have been very important for agricultural practice such as Sparta, Samanta, Siria, Saskia, Sulamit, Svitava, Sandra, Saxana and Leguan.

Besides breeding Mrs. Hanišová has been engaged in research. She has published more than 50 scientific papers in Czech and foreign journals, mostly dealing with wheat breeding.

Currently, she still pursues her activities at Stupice Plant Breeding Station, she is the chairwoman of wheat section of the Czech and Moravian Breeding and Seed Association, member of the Editorial Board of the Czech Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding and Scientific Board of Research Institute for Crop Production in Praha-Ruzyně.

In 2001 she received a Medal of Mendel University of Agricultural and Forestry at Brno as an appreciation of her significant work.

We are very pleased to cooperate with so successful breeder – author of so many varieties.

We wish Mrs. Alena Hanišová good health to be able to breed “her” wheat for many years to come and to hand over great experience, enthusiasm and optimism to younger breeders and growers.

*Dr. Ing. Pavel Horčíčka and a team of wheat breeders, Selgen*