

Jaroslav Pazourek

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Prof. RNDr. Pazourek was born on 2nd September 1923 in Plzeň. At the Charles University of Prague, Institute of Plant Physiology he was student of Prof. S. Prát in the years 1945 - 1949. In 1949 he attained the position of assistant. In 1963 he received his PhD, in 1967 he finished his habilitation thesis, and in 1969 he was nominated Associate Professor and in 1990 Professor of Plant Anatomy and Physiology at the Charles University. So, the whole life of Prof. Pazourek was deeply connected with the Charles University.

*His main research interests were plant anatomy, microscopy, botanical microtechnics, etc. He was the first in our country who was broadly involved in quantitative plant anatomy and application of stereological methods in this branch of plant science. He wrote several books, e.g., *Working with the Microscope*, *Botanical Microtechnics*, and *The Secret Life of Plants*. His main dream, he was thinking and working about for many years, was the *Atlas of Plant Anatomy*: that book finally appeared in 1997 in collaboration with O. Votrubová. His students remember his eminent lectures accompanied by outstanding slides based on his own precise microphotographs and drawings. Whoever had a problem in plant anatomy did not hesitate to ask Prof. Pazourek for help.*

Prof. Pazourek left us at the end of last year. We will miss him as an honest man, an excellent teacher, and a good colleague. Thanks very much for all.

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