

## FROM THE LIFE OF TISZA-RESEARCH WORKING COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS BECOME INTERNATIONAL

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Dr. DÁNIEL GÁL was born on 26th of December, 1934, in Lajosmizse. He studied from 1953 till 1957 at the Szeged University and graduated as teacher in biology and chemistry. He started to work in the Institute of General Zoology and Biology as a postgraduate student. His research field was the anatomy and histology of the amphibian autonomic nervous system. From 1958 until his death he worked in the Department of Zoology.

As hydrobiologist he studied the zooplankton of the river Tisza. Besides seasonal, ecophanistic and saprobiologic investigations carried out on various sections of the river and dead arms he collected data for the Water Management of the Lower Tisza Region Szeged, and Kisköre Research Laboratory. He dealt with the effect of public and industrial sewage as well as the Kisköre river barrage on the living organisms of Tisza in his most significant papers on environmental protection. On the basis of his systematic samplings of a long section of river Tisza he started to write a synthetic complex study on the long distance and seasonal changes of the zooplankton and their determining abiotic and biotic factors. This awaited work summarizing his life-work regrettably cannot be finished any more.

As a lecturer he took part in the teaching of zoological taxonomy and organization of study excursions with great enthusiasm and good practical sense. Although he was on research status, he was devoted to teaching as well. He tried to promote the love of nature and life in his students with the help of thorough knowledge and experience.

As a colleague he never said "no" to any request. The interest of the department and the community was the most important for him and beyond the recognition of these, he always was among the first in the action.

His sudden death left a gap that cannot be filled, his absence is perceivable in several fields of life. We keep the remembrance of him and his life-work.

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