

Prof. HENRIK HEDING

Obituary

Henrik Heding was born on April 18, 1935 in Denmark. He attended secondary school at the Birkergd Statsskole and then proceeded to the University of Copenhagen where he received the Ph. D. degree in chemistry in 1961 under the direction of Professor K. A. Jensen. For a short period in 1961 he served as research assistant at the Royal Veterinary and Agriculture High School. In 1961 he joined the research staff of NOVO Terapeutisk Laboratorium in Copenhagen as research assistant where he worked among many projects on the streptomycin fermentation. From 1963 to 1964, on leave, he worked in the laboratory of Professor Selman A. Waksman, Institute of Microbiology, Rutgers University as research assistant in microbiology where he was involved in the study of streptomycin biosynthesis. In 1970 he left NOVO to take a position in the Department of applied Biochemistry of the Technical University of Denmark in Copenhagen. In 1976 he received the Doctor of Science degree with the approval of his faculty.

Long recognized for his work in antibiotic fermentations, biosynthesis and antibiotic transformations he authored many scientific articles. His untimely death on September 4, 1977 leaves his wife, Lise and children, Anders and Peter, as well as many students, associates and friends in microbiology and biochemistry throughout the world. His presence will be missed. (C. P. Schaffner)