



PROFESSOR GABOR FODOR

Preface

Gábor Bela Fodor — A 75 Years Celebration

The papers appearing in this issue of *Tetrahedron* have all been submitted in honor of Gábor Fodor, a long-time member of the Tetrahedron Board of Consulting Editors and Emeritus Professor of Organic Chemistry of the Universities of West Virginia and of Szeged, Hungary.

Gábor Fodor spent his early career in his native Hungary. After time in the pharmaceutical industry, he was Professor and Head of Department at Szeged 1950–1957, and Head of the Laboratory of Stereochemistry Budapest 1958–1965. After four years at Laval University, Quebec, Canada, he settled at the University of West Virginia as Centennial Professor.

Professor Fodor is well known for his work in the structure determination, synthesis, biosynthesis and physical organic chemistry of alkaloids, above all of the tropane group. He grasped the essential concepts of stereochemistry at an early date and elucidated the mechanisms of many familiar "name reactions" such as von Braun, Bischler–Napieralski and Curtius reactions. More recently he has been active in the development of ascorbic acid chemistry.

Gábor Fodor has received many honors, including his election to the Hungarian Academy of Science in 1951 and reconfirmation in 1989, two chemistry Kossuth prizes, a medal from Helsinki University, and, since, 1961, an Overseas Fellowship of Churchill College Cambridge.

We wish Gábor many more years of productive and innovative chemistry.

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