

ANNIVERSARIES**Congratulations on the 90th anniversary and wishes for many bright and happy days!****Prof. Dr Elissaveta Dimitrova Bozilova, DSc**

Prof. Dr Elissaveta Bozilova was born on 17th March 1932 in Sofia. In 1956 she graduated in Biology at the Biological, Geological and Geographical Faculty of the St Kliment Ohridski Sofia University. Initially, she worked as Part-Time Assistant Professor at the Pharmaceutical Faculty of the Medical University in Sofia. Since 1959, she became regular Assistant Professor at the Systematics of Plants and Plant Geography Chair of Sofia University (which after 1963 split off as an independent Biological Faculty). Her scientific interests lean to Palynology (Pollen Morphology, Paleocology, Aeropalynology, Melissopalynoly). In 1972, Bozilova defended a PhD Thesis entitled *Late Glacial and Postglacial History of Vegetation in the Rila Mts*, and in 1986, a DSc Thesis – *Palaeoecological Conditions and Vegetation Changes in East and Southwest Bulgaria during the Last 15 000 years*. In 1976, she became Associate Professor, and in 1986, Professor at the Botany Chair. She read lectures on the Plant Systematics, Palynology, Paleocology, Archaeobotany. There were more than 160 scientific works, textbooks and practical manuals for the biology students to her credit. Prof. Bozilova headed a number of national and international scientific projects and supervised many students who sat for their diploma and doctoral theses. She organized and took part in many national and international scientific conferences and congresses. Prof. Bozilova also participated in the



management of the Biological Faculty, for two terms as Deputy Dean in charge of education. For many years, she had been Editor in Chief of the *Annual of Sofia University, Botany Volume*, and member of the Editorial Board of *Phytologia Balcanica*.

Prof. Dr Bozilova is holder of the *100 Years of the St Kliment Ohridski Sofia University* (1997) jubilee award and honorary award *St Kliment Ohridski* with blue ribbon (2007).

Assoc. Prof. Dr Stefan Yordanov Draganov, PhD

Assoc. Prof. Dr Stefan Draganov was born on 10th January 1932 in the village of Emen, Veliko Tarnovo district, where he completed his primary education. He finished elementary school in Balvan village and accomplished his secondary education at the St St Cyril and Methodius State Male Grammar School in Veliko Tarnovo. In 1956, he graduated in Biology at the Biological, Geological and Geographical Faculty of the St Kliment Ohridski Sofia University. Initially, he worked as Assistant Professor at the Pharmaceutical Faculty of the Medical University in Sofia, and after 1959, as a regular Assistant Professor at the Systematics of Plants and Plant Geography Chair of Sofia University (which after 1963 split off as an independent Biological Faculty). In the period 1965-1968, he specialized in Scientific Information in Bibliography and Library Studies with the Faculty of Philosophy and History of Sofia University. He worked in the domain of algae – soil algae and blue green algae and published a number of scientific works related to their studies, including the world *Bibliography on Soil Algae 1895-1965* and complete *Bibliography on Bulgarian Algae in the Period 1898-1971*. Dr Stefan Draganov was coauthor of the first in Bulgaria *Flora of Bulgaria. Algae* (1971), as well as coauthor of practical manuals for students. He also worked as Assistant Professor teaching Lower Plants to generations of biologists and supervised the students who sat for their diploma and doctoral theses. Dr Draganov took part in a number of national and international scientific conferences, scientific symposia and congresses. In 1979, he de-



fended his PhD Thesis entitled *Blue Green Algae in the Soils of North Bulgarian Forest-Steppe Zone*. Since 1981, he worked as regular Associate Professor at the Botany Chair. For many years, Dr Draganov had been member and Secretary of the Editorial Board of the *Annual of Sofia University, Botany Volume*, position retained by him until the year of his retirement.

For his active work and on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Biological Faculty, he received the honorary award *St Kliment Ohridski, First Grade* (2003).

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