

## IN MEMORIAM

### ACADEMICIAN RISTO LOZANOVSKI (1925–2011)



On October 22, 2011 Academician Risto Lozanovski, full member of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, passed away. Professor Risto Lozanovski was born on April 3, 1925 in Bitola, where he completed his primary and secondary education. He began his studies of agronomy at the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry in Zemun, Republic of Serbia, in 1946. Upon foundation of the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry in Skopje, in the academic year 1947/48, he transferred to the University in Skopje, where he graduated in 1950.

In 1951 he was employed as Assistant at the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry in Skopje, being in charge of the subject General Agriculture. In 1962 he defended his Doctoral Dissertation entitled "Arable weed vegetation on farmlands in Pelagonija and its agricultural significance" at the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry in Skopje, where he was elected and appointed to all teaching and research positions – assistant professor, associate professor and full profes-

sor. From 1963–1965 he was Associate Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry and from 1975–1978, he was Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture in Skopje.

During his lifetime, he held numerous professional and public positions – he was a member of the Editorial Board of the journal "Archives of Agricultural sciences", a member of the Yugoslav Commission for Combating Weeds, Vice-president of the Yugoslav Scientific Society for the Study and Stamping-out of Weeds, President of the Union of Agricultural Engineers and Technicians of SR Macedonia, a member of the Presidency of the Union of Agricultural Engineers and Technicians of Yugoslavia, member of the Republic Committee for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, member of the Presidency of the Macedonian Ecological Society, etc. On October 7, 1988 he was elected corresponding member of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, and on June 20, 1996 he became its full member. In the period 2009–10, he was Secretary of the Department of Biological and Medical Sciences and a member of the Presidency of MASA. He was awarded the Order of Labour, Order III. The research work of Academician Risto Lozanovski is voluminous, extensive and diverse. It involved several close and interwoven scientific disciplines in the field of agriculture, such as soil treatment, arable weed vegetation, biology and ecology of weeds, applying herbicides to combat weeds, compost and agrotechnology, etc. He headed many scientific and research projects on the competitive relationship between weeds and certain farmland crops, on the impact of certain agro-technical measures and herbicides on bio-cenological changes in the ecosystems, on the division of hilly-mountainous areas based on agro-ecological factors, as well as on exploring agro-ecological factors in studying the new technological solutions for growing second crops in Macedonia, etc. All of these projects involved many of his co-workers and associates, and the topics covered comprise scientific areas previously not included in research work here. Therefore, the results of these studies are of crucial importance for the development of agriculture in Macedonia, leading to the introduction of many new and modern technical and technological developments. The results of the research work of Academician Risto Lozanovski are presented in over 100 scientific papers published in national and international journals. He participated in numerous domestic and international conferences, at which he was often Plenary Lecturer. Professor Risto Lozanovski was among the most active and most favourite and popular professors at the Faculty of Agriculture in Skopje. He passed on his scientific knowledge and professional experience not only to the students he taught, but also put his expertise into practice in the production activities themselves. Of particular significance were his research papers and his participation in a variety of professional conferences, his preparation of reports and programmes for development of agriculture in our country, especially in the

area of fighting weeds. He was considered one of the leading researchers in this area in former Yugoslavia.

Professor Risto Lozanovski, with his comprehensive, academic, scientific, professional and public activity, achieved results of lasting value, making an enormous contribution to the education of new, professional cadres, as well as to the development and improvement of agriculture in Macedonia.

Professor Risto Lozanovski will always be remembered as a permanent example of a man who in a highly professional, objective, principled and responsible way set to work and coped equally well with the obligations and challenges arising from his extensive teaching, research and public activities. He was a quiet, modest, unobtrusive and noble man, a great scholar, teacher and humanist. He was always fair-minded, kindhearted and gentle in his dealings with people, never failing to stick to these principles. Memories of his character and deeds will never fade away for those who got to know him, for his family members and next of kin, his contemporaries, colleagues, students and friends.

The Macedonian Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Faculty of Agriculture in Skopje express their deepest appreciation and gratitude for all his contribution to the development of scientific thought in the field of agricultural sciences, and especially for the development of agro-ecology in Macedonia.

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