

Special Issue to the Memory of Professor L. Stárka

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Allow us to introduce this special volume of the *Physiological Research*, devoted to the memory of Professor Luboslav Stárka, who passed away a year ago in his 91 years.

We believe we need not introduce again the personality of Professor Stárka, the top Czech endocrinologist and director emeritus of the Institute of Endocrinology, bearer of two doctorates – in medicine and natural sciences, as well as many appreciations, we had the opportunity to mention in a special issue of this journal on the occasion of his 85 years birthday.

The characteristic features of Professor's Stárka remarkable career was his sense for new trends and innovative approaches, encyclopedic knowledge and managing ability. Thanks to it, the period of his directorship of the Institute of Endocrinology belongs to the most fruitful times.

Professor Stárka always supported the journal *Physiological Research*, as demonstrated by his authorship or co-authorship of as many as 70 papers published in the journal, out of his 525 publications recorded in the PubMed database.

This collection of papers – both reviews and original articles - from the authors of the Institute of Endocrinology and collaborating institutions, reflects the actual scientific activities of the Institute. It covers various fields of research in endocrinology, from molecular genetics, steroid research, obesitology to diabetology. We hope it will be of a benefit to the readers.

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