



## 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of emer. Univ.-Prof. Dr Friedrich Ehrendorfer

**F**riedrich Ehrendorfer was born on 26 July 1927 in the city of Vienna, Austria. He studied (1945–1949) botany, biology, paleontology and philosophy at the University of Vienna. His life was devoted to plants and he has to his credit over 330 scientific papers, several monographs and textbooks in the field of systematics and taxonomy of a number of vascular plant groups (e.g. *Achillea*, *Dipsacaceae*, *Rubiaceae*), plant phylogeny and evolution, polyploidy and its evolutionary significance. He was lecturer and visiting professor in many countries across the world: in Europe, Central and South America, Southeast Asia, South Africa, Australia, China, New Zealand, Russia, USA, Japan, etc.

Friedrich Ehrendorfer made an impressive scientific career and had taught hundreds of students: 1955–1965 Associate Professor, University of Vienna; 1960–1965 Custodian, Department of Botany, Museum of Natural History, Vienna, Austria; 1965–1970 Univ.-Prof., Head of the Institute of Systematic Botany and Director of the Botanical Garden, University of Graz, Austria; 1970–1995 Univ.-Prof., Head of the Institute of Botany and Director of the Botanical Garden, University of Vienna, Austria. He served as Managing Editor of the *Plant Systematics and Evolution* journal for 25 years (1974–1999) and since 1999 as Coeditor of the *Biosystematics and Ecology* Series of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

His contributions to science have earned him many awards and honorary membership in biological and botanical societies, Dr honoris causa of the University of Cordoba, Argentina, full membership at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, membership in the Bulgarian, Georgian and Argentinean Academies of Sciences, the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, etc.

**We extend to him our best wishes for creative longevity!**

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