FRODE HANSEN †
(1888–1959)

Mr. FRODE HANSEN, who for many years was in charge of the Danish Government Research on Crop Husbandry, died at his home in Herning, Denmark, December 23, 1959.

Mr. HANSEN was born November 18, 1888 at Vejrup in the southern part of Jutland, where his father was a teacher. He received his bachelor of science degree from The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural College in Copenhagen in 1912 and already in 1914 he became leader of the chemical laboratory of the State Research Station at Askov. For 25 years he was leader of the laboratory and in this period he conducted experiments on a number of crops, but he will long be remembered for his work on potato quality, especially problems concerning darkening of the potato after cooking. For this work he in 1935 received a price from the Royal Danish Agricultural Society.

In 1940 Mr. HANSEN became director of the State Research Station at Studsgaard in the middle of Jutland, and he was director of this station until his retire April 1959. During this period he will be remembered for his great work in potato investigations, and he was without question better informed on all phases of the potato growing in Denmark than many others. The last years he was especially interested in the potato storage problems, and his experience has been of great value for the construction of storage houses in Denmark.

Mr. FRODE HANSEN was not only interested in the research on potatoes in his own country, but followed the work going on in many countries, and it was naturally that he attended the first informal conference on storage problems held in Aalborg, Denmark 1951 which became the origin of the EAPR. He became member of the Interim Council of our organisation and took part with great interest in all the work done for the foundation and organisation of both the formal Association and the European Potato Journal. He was one of the first members of The European Association for Potato Research and he has the honour for many of the danish members of the organisation and subscribers of the Journal.

As a man, Mr. FRODE HANSEN was characterized by an almost unlimited amount of energy and ability. His honesty, sincerity, and integrity could never be questioned. All who knew him held him in the highest esteem.

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