100th anniversary of Dr. Ing. Béla Friedrich's birth

Ten years ago we attempted to give a survey about his activities in Cereal Research Communications (Vol. 17 No. 2, 1989), mainly about his contribution to plant breeding, but less about the greater area of his work. The most famous of his ideas are:

He always suggested that the Plain in Northwestern Hungary along the central part of the Danube, with its marvellous isles in its heart, is one of the oldest agricultural regions of Europe. It is nearly unique in its geonomic characters. Its origin is connected with the end of the ancient Pannon Sea, its valley was filled up with soil from the Northern Alps. Therefore all the soils of this plain are of high pH, with extremely high amount of calcium, and very low amount of magnesium, this is important in agronomy, in zootechnics, in veterinary and human medicine

All his life he urged to keep this in respect. This is from utmost importance not only for Hungary, but also for the neighboring countries East Austria, South Moravia and South Slovakia.

In remembrance of Dr. Béla Friedrich:

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