



Dr. Tihomir Vrebalov

I.S.A. President and V. S. Pustovoit Prize Winner 1982, Yugoslavia.

Since obtaining a degree in agriculture in 1951 Professor Vrebalov took his Ph.D. on soil physics in 1965, was appointed Professor in 1977 and has been Director for more than a decade of the widely regarded Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops at Novi Sad Faculty of Agriculture, Yugoslavia.

He is author or co-author of 61 scientific publications and perhaps his most important work to date deals with the effect of agro-ecological factors on sunflower characters, although his significant findings on biological and bio-chemical regulators of sunflower are also widely accepted.

In 1967 he received the Gold Medal from the Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of the sunflower crop in Central Italy. In 1976 he received the Award of Liberation of Vojvodina, the highest award of the Province. In 1980 he received the Award 7th July, the highest award of the Republic of Serbia. The Hungarian Government awarded Professor Vrebalov the Golden Medal of Work in 1981 and in the period 1970-1980 he was the leader of the program of oil crops promotion in Iran. Since 1976 he has been the leader of the International Sunflower Course for agronomists from developing countries. So far, there have been four courses which gathered 114 agronomists from 26 countries of Africa, South America and Asia.

His continuing contribution to the development and promotion of sunflower within and well beyond the borders of Yugoslavia is assessed as outstanding.