



MIRSAD KURTOVIĆ (1962 - 2021)

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A longtime professor and a former dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Science, University of Sarajevo, Mirsad Kurtović has passed away on 6th June 2021. Professor Kurtović was born in Sarajevo, 22nd April 1962. He graduated from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sarajevo in 1986, and finished his postgraduate studies at the same institution in 1991. Mirsad Kurtović successfully defended his PhD thesis titled "Pollination of important apple cultivars in the conditions of southeast Herzegovina and central Bosnia" in 1998. He was first employed at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sarajevo as a teacher assistant in 1988, assistant professor in 1998, associate professor in 2002 and full professor on plant breeding in 2009. He served as a vice-dean between 1998 and 2006, as well as the dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sarajevo between 2006 and 2014. The scientific contribution of professor Kurtović can be seen through the supervision of four PhD thesis and numerous MSc and BSc thesis. His enviable scientific accomplishments include over 200 publications, as well as over 30 books and practical manuals. In terms of domestic and international projects,

Mirsad Kurtović was unparalleled at his institution. During his administration of the Faculty, a new building was built both for educational and research purposes and several key pieces of equipment were procured. Professor also excelled in building relationships and networks within the country and abroad. Honorable professor Kurtović was also one of the most active members of the administrative and professional bodies of the Institute for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, with special merits for selflessly supporting the continuity of work and existence of the Institute in extremely difficult war conditions (1992-1995). He unreservedly advocated the work of the Institute since its establishment for which the Institute awarded him with the greatest honors (INGEB helix). The legacy of Professor Kurtović, a reputable scientist and a great friend, will be preserved by his associates and fellow students.

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