

## Geza Hrazdina Elected to Hungarian Academy of Sciences

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GENEVA, NY: Geza Hrazdina, Cornell University professor of biochemistry, department of food science and technology, has been elected a full member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS).

HAS has been governing science in Hungary since 1825. The association has 214 ordinary members and 86 corresponding members. Recently the academy decided to open their membership to approximately 300 scientists of Hungarian origin who had established themselves as leaders in their fields outside of the country.

Since the collapse of the Communist system, Hrazdina has attended numerous meetings in Hungary concerning the future of science there. He also has a long-standing collaborative arrangement with the department of plant genetics at St. Stephan University at Gödöllő. In 1999, Hrazdina organized an advanced research workshop in Hungary for NATO on the "Use of Agriculturally Important Genes in Biotechnology."

Hrazdina has been with Cornell at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station since 1966. In his research program, he uses modern biochemical and molecular tools to investigate the physiology of fruit ripening, aromatic metabolism, and alternative strategies to chemical sprays in selected crops.



Geza Hrazdina  
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"I am greatly honored to be elected to the academy," said Hrazdina. "I am looking forward to continuing to apply my expertise in furthering science in Hungary as well as in New York."

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