

Dr H G “JOHN” MULLER

(1928 – 2002)

I was born in Germany in 1928, and came to England in 1946. I spent the first twenty years of my working life in the milling and baking industry. I obtained the degrees of B.Sc and M.Sc. in Botany at Birkbeck College, at the time the only evening college of London University. While working in cereal research I obtained my Ph.D. in Biochemistry as an external student of London University.

I was then invited by Dr. Hlynka, deputy head of the Grain Research Laboratory in Winnipeg, (Canada), where I spent one year, during which I visited the main cereal laboratories in the United States. From 1964 I taught at Leeds University at first as Lecturer, later as Senior Lecturer, with one year as Acting Head of the Food Science Department. My research consisted of the study of fermented cereal foods of the tropics. Partly with my research students I wrote over 100 papers and four books. I retired in 1991 but continued to lecture on cereals until 2000.

Since all my qualifications were in science, I was curious how research workers approached an arts subject. In 2001 I was awarded an M.Phil. in the history of European milling in the 18th and 19th Century. I am a fellow of the Royal Society of Health and the Institute of Food and Technology.

Dr. Muller died on the 13th May 2002.