## Festschrift for TAMÁS PÓCS on the occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

Part 1

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This volume is dedicated to Dr. Tamás Pócs, Emeritus Professor of the Teachers College in Eger, Hungary, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. He is a distinguished Hungarian botanist and one of the most eminent bryologists of the last half-century, who has contributed much to the taxonomy, phytogeography and ecology of bryophytes of tropical and temperate regions of the world. He continues to contribute to this day.

Since the early 1960s Professor Tamás Pócs has maintained close contact and cooperation with Polish botanists, especially from Kraków, including the late Professor Jan Kornaś and Professor Anna Medwecka-Kornaś, and in the last three decades he has been working closely with Professors Halina Bednarek-Ochyra and Ryszard Ochyra on tropical African bryophytes. He also is an active member of the Editorial Board of Polish Botanical Journal.

With the publication of this volume we wish to pay homage to his great scientific achievements and to thank him for his friendship and kindness. We know that he has many friends all over the world but the friendship between Poles and Hungarians has been special for ages. We are honored to recognize Professor Pócs' great contribution to bryology and wish him more fruitful experiences in his further research.

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