



## Szent István University Kosáry Domokos Library and Archives

Domokos Kosáry, who has died aged 94, was the doyen of Hungarian historical scholars – holder of Széchenyi grand prize and president of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He was also a distinguished personality of the international scientific and public life. During his preterition he worked several years in the Library of the University (from October 1952 to autumn of 1957, when he was arrested) as independent librarian then as director as of 1954.

Domokos Kosáry was a determinant personality of the Library of the University of Agricultural Sciences, the legal predecessor of the Szent István University. His work deserves undying credit for the foundation of the Central Library. His name is also tied up with the upgrading of the Central Library to a scientific level, the initiation of the bibliographic and scientific activity, the professional increase of stock, creating outer connections, and the organisation of the wide exchange of publications (among his other significant results). He was established the Agrarian History Panel (upon the request of the Council of the University of Agricultural Sciences), and also launched the Review of Agrarian History (Agrártörténeti Szemle). In his time several series of publications attracted attention to the Library. At the same time, the Library was the host of several outstanding programs.

The decision of naming the Library after Domokos Kosáry is an outstanding momentum concerned the life both of Library and the Szent István University. This way can we thank for his work made for the library, and at the same time appreciate and nursing his mental heritage, and finally the successful realisation of the tasks of the present Library.

Photo: Domokos Kosáry (director of library) is shown among the participants of the Conference organised by the Hungarian Library Council at the main entrance of the University (summer 1957).