

IN MEMORIAM GESHO GESHEV

This collection of studies has been prepared within the co-operation of the Centre for Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Geography of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. In the development of twenty-five years of co-operation, Gesho Geshev (1941–1999) played a crucial role. The renowned researcher of geography and regional science was deputy director of the Institute of Demography, BAS from 1991, and director of the Institute of Geography, BAS from 1995. Dr. Geshev, who graduated in geography, produced significant scientific results in the research areas of regional demography, the development of settlement systems, and international regional co-operation. As chairman of the Bulgarian National Committee of the International Geographical Union, and as professor of the University of Blagoevgrad, he created the basis for the research and teaching of regional science in Bulgaria.

With their studies herein, the contributors of this volume pay homage to Professor Gesho Geshev.