**Jausz Béla (1895-1974)**



Béla Jausz, **professor of pedagogy at the University, and rector and first president of the Hungarian Pedagogical Society**, is a significant figure of the Institute of Educational Sciences.

Béla Jausz graduated from the Lutheran Lyceum in Sopron in 1913. He continued his studies at the University of Budapest as **a student of Hungarian and German**, and was also a member of the Eötvös College. During World War I he served in the army. He passed the basic teacher's examination in 1919 and then worked as a secondary school teacher. The following year he obtained a secondary school teaching diploma and in 1925 he was awarded a doctorate. Between 1928 and 1929 he was a scholarship holder at the **Collegium Hungaricum** in Vienna.

From the academic year 1935/36 he was appointed to the University's Institute for **Secondary Teacher Training** and from the summer of 1936 until 1944 he was Director of the University affiliated practice secondary school. He then moved to Budapest and worked at the Teacher Training Institute of Péter Pázmány University. From 1951, however, he returned to the University of Debrecen, where he headed the **Department of Educational Studies** until 1966. However, he was not appointed **professor** until 1957, when he was also appointed **Rector of the University** (1957-59).

Béla Jausz had a significant impact on Hungarian education and was also an active participant in the scientific community, being the first person to hold the presidency of the **Hungarian Pedagogical Society**, founded in 1967. Another significant achievement was that, at the beginning of his professorship (1957), pedagogy was introduced at the university, and then adult **education and psychology became an independent educational unit**. The relaunch of the famous Summer University is also tied to his name.

**Béla Jausz**'s intellectual openness, **culturedness**, **humanism** and demanding approach to knowledge, morality and the means of human interaction, both verbal and non-verbal, can still be felt today.