

Horticulture (commercial and domestic), garden design, botany, mycology, microbiology, algology and plant pathology

### **Professor Stefan Buczacki**

Professor Stefan Buczacki is one of the best known and most highly respected experts in his fields. He was educated at the universities of Southampton and Oxford where he obtained respectively, a First Class Honours degree in Botany and a Doctorate in Forestry.

After research in forest pathology at Oxford, he was engaged for fourteen years in horticultural research for H M Government specialising in the problems of vegetable crops which research embraced laboratory experimentation, glasshouse investigation, controlled environment studies, hydroponics and field trials.

For over forty years he has been a free-lance expert consultant, author, lecturer and broadcaster in his fields of expertise.

He is the author of over seventy peer reviewed scientific publications and around sixty books on horticulture, natural history and related subjects including several standard works of reference. He is the author of several thousand newspaper and magazine features published over the past forty years. He has presented or contributed to over 2000 radio and television programmes relevant to his expertise.

He has over forty years experience as an expert witness under Civil and Criminal Rules guidelines in the fields of horticulture (commercial and domestic), plant pathology, botany, mycology, microbiology, algology and garden design, including court appearance and has undertaken single expert training.

He is a Chartered Horticulturist and founder Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Horticulture, a Chartered Biologist and Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology, a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London and Associate of the Royal Photographic Society.

He holds an Honorary Chair in Biological Sciences at Liverpool John Moores University, awarded for 'outstanding contributions to horticulture', Honorary Doctorates from the universities of Southampton and Derby and is an Honorary Fellow of CABI Biosciences International and of Pershore College.

He is double Past-President of the British Mycological Society and of the West Midlands Branch of the Association for Science Education. He is a former Council member and officer of the Association of Applied Biologists.

He holds the Veitch Memorial Medal in Gold of the Royal Horticultural Society, awarded for 'an outstanding contribution to the advancement and improvement of the science and practice of horticulture'. He holds the Benefactors' Medal of the British Mycological Society.

In 2013 he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Garden Media Guild for 'an exceptional and long-term contribution within the gardening media sector and to the wider industry'.

He is or has been a Patron or Trustee of numerous horticulture and science related bodies including the North of England Zoological Society/Chester Zoo. He chairs the Pershore Forward Group which is a liaison forum between the celebrated Pershore College of Horticulture and the UK Horticulture industry.

He has travelled extensively to all continents in the course of his work and study.