

CV of Prof DVM Jiří Hojovec, PhD

Prof Hojovec was born on June 27, 1926 in České Budějovice. During 2nd World War, he worked on a large farm. After graduation the Veterinary University in Brno, he worked for several years in the army and then returned to the Veterinary University, where he was employed in the surgical clinic until 1962. In 1962 he moved to the Department of Animal Hygiene, where he worked until his retirement. In 1966, he was appointed associate professor of animal hygiene at the Veterinary Faculty of the Mendel University in Brno, and in 1990, a professor of animal hygiene at the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Brno. He professionally dealt with the current problems of large-scale livestock farms. With his expertise, he contributed to the development of large-scale agricultural production. He was involved in the design of large-capacity facilities for housing o livestock, focusing on the hygienic aspects of calves breeding and housing. He formulated and enforced the principles of all-in all-out livestock operation system. An important place in his professional life was occupied by professional activities outside the university. He organized a number of seminars, lectured in the postgraduate study courses for veterinarians and agricultural engineers. His appearances at professional meetings in district veterinary facilities, agricultural enterprises and meetings for zootechnicians were always at a high professional level, among other things, due to his deep knowledge of animal production. His activities were recognized by a number of honourable mentions, diplomas and medals.

In addition to the above, he has long been devoted attention to the issue of livestock waste, with a focus on hygienic and epizootological risks related to pig and cattle manure. Under his leadership, the current issues of its disinfection were solved in the event of the occurrence of certain diseases, with an emphasis on the possibility of their elimination in large farms. A number of periodical and final scientific reports on this issue were prepared and successfully defended at the animal hygiene department; their results could be directly applied to agricultural and breeding practice. It is impossible to forget his cooperation with “Agroprojekt” - a state enterprise focused on the design of buildings for agriculture in the preparation of various typification studies and guidelines including specific projects, “Hydroprojekt” in solving the problem of handling, storage and processing of manure, the “Czechoslovaks Centre of Veterinary Sanitation Institutes” on issues related to disinfection and the “Agrozet” company in the field of agricultural technology intended for agricultural animal production.

In 1966, he was one of the founders of the Czech Bioclimatological Society and the first chairman of its animal bioclimatology section.

His overview and knowledge of farm animal production, operational and health contexts enabled him to shape and develop the subject of animal hygiene. He was an internationally recognized personality, long-term external collaborator with WHO and FAO. He also had contact with many other animal hygiene departments in Europe and overseas.

He was one of the founders of the International Society for Animal Hygiene and a member of its committee. He cooperated closely for a long time with foreign colleagues in Slovakia – Prof Rozsocha, Prof Ondrašovič (Košice), in Germany – Prof Melhorn, (Leipzig), Prof Strauch (Stuttgart), Prof Hilliger (Hannover), in Hungary – Prof Kovács and Dr Tamasi (Budapest) and in Yugoslavia – Prof Amon and Prof Varenica (Belgrade).