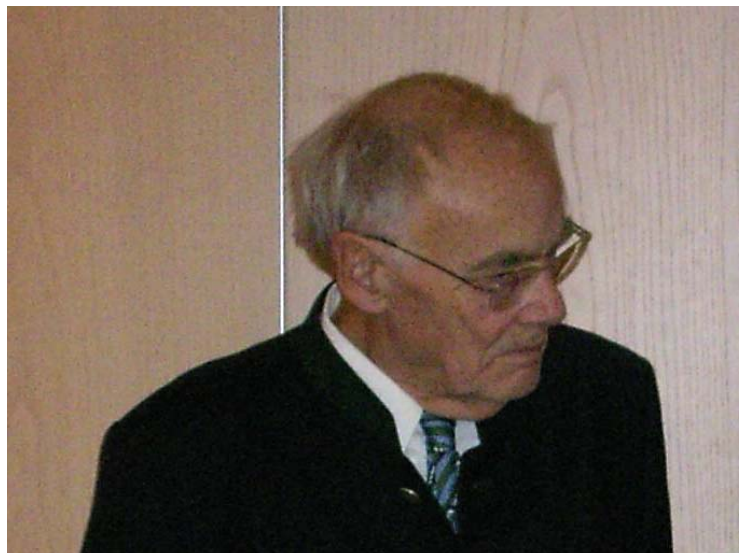


**Prof. Dr. Franz PIRCHNER
CELEBRATED HIS 80th ANNIVERSARY**



The Editorial Board of *Acta agriculturae Slovenica* (AAS) would like to congratulate Prof. Dr Franz Pirschner on his 80th birthday which he celebrated on 7 January this year. We are grateful for his help and support as a member of the Editorial Board of AAS since 1990.

Prof. Pirschner was born in Imst, Innsbruck, Tirol where he first came in contact with agriculture at the family farm. After obtaining degrees at Veterinary School (1950) and Agricultural University (1952) of Vienna, he joined J.L. Lush at Iowa State University from which he received his PhD in 1957. After few years of work at research station Wieselburg and in a poultry breeding company in USA he has held a professorship since 1964 first at Veterinary School of Vienna and then from 1970 until 1995 at Technical Faculty of Munich, Weihenstephan. Prof. Pirschner guided a large number of doctoral students, among them a fair number of international students. His enormous knowledge of literature inspired profound and fruitful discussions often setting new trends in animal breeding. He was a member of the Committee for Genetical-Statistical Methods of the German Society of Animal Breeding, the Executive Editor of the *Journal of Animal Breeding and Genetics* between (1975–1998), he chaired the Genetics Commission of the EAAP (1966–1972), International Permanent Committee of WCGALP (1988–1992) and German Society of Animal Science (1984–1988). For his scientific contribution to the field he obtained *doctor honoris causa* from the University of Ghent, Belgium and from ETH Zürich, Switzerland. From the German Society of Animal Breeding he received the Herman Nathusius Medal in 1998. In addition to more than hundred scientific papers he wrote also a standard text book *Population Genetics in Animal Breeding*.

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OSEMDESETLETNIK

Uredniški odbor *Acte agriculturae Slovenice* (AAS) se pridružuje čestitkam ob 80. rojstnem dnevu prof. dr. Franza Pirchnerja, ki ga je praznoval 7. januarja letos. Hvaležni smo mu za pomoč in podporo v vlogi člana Uredniškega odbora AAS od leta 1990 naprej.

Prof. Pirchner je bil rojen v Imstu pri Innsbrucku na Tirolskem, kjer se je prvič srečal s kmetijstvom na domači kmetiji. Po diplomah na Veterinarski fakulteti (1950) in Kmetijski univerzi (1952) na Dunaju, je pod vodstvom J.L. Lush-a doktoriral na Iowa State University leta 1957. Po nekajletnem delu na raziskovalni postaji Wieselburg in v perutninarski firmi v ZDA je sprejel profesuro najprej na veterinarski fakulteti na Dunaju (1964), nato pa na Tehniški univerzi v Münchnu, Weihenstephan (1970–1995). Prof. Pirchner je bil mentor številnim doktorandom, med njimi tudi velikemu številu mednarodnih študentov. Njegovo izredno široko poznavanje strokovne literature je spodbujalo poglobljene in plodne diskusije, ki so pogosto pomenile začetek novih trendov v živinoreji. Prof. Pirchner je bil član odbora za genetsko statistične metode pri nemškem živinorejskem društvu, odgovorni urednik *Journal of Animal Breeding and Genetics* med leti 1975 in 1998, predsedoval je Komisiji za genetiko pri EAAP (1966–1972), Mednarodnemu stalnemu odboru WCGALP (1988–1992) in nemškemu društvu za znanost o živalih (1984–1988). Za njegov znanstveni doprinos na področju znanosti o živalih je prejel častna doktorata Univerze v Ghentu, Belgija in ETH v Zürichu, Švica. Nemško živinorejsko združenje mu je leta 1998 podelilo medaljo Hermanna Nathusiusa. Ob več kot sto znanstvenih člankih je prof. Pirchner napisal tudi standardni učbenik populacijske genetike v živinoreji - *Population Genetics in Animal Breeding*.

Urednik
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