

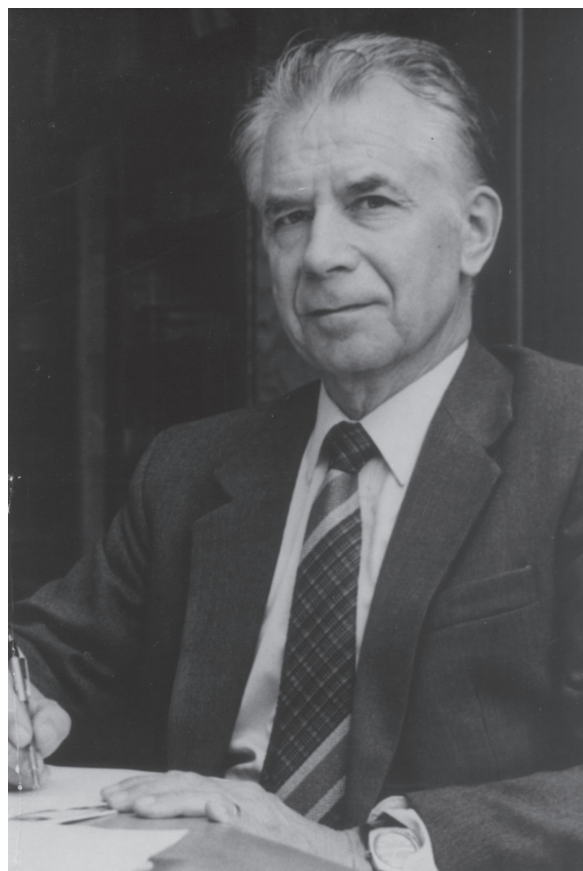
## **In memory of the prominent Slovak educator and scientist Prof. Ing. Pavol Majerčíak, DSc.**

An outstanding representative of the Slovak agricultural and livestock sciences Prof. Ing. Pavol Majerčíak, DSc. would have lived 90 years on June 27, 2014. He was an extraordinary noble personality and outstanding expert with general encyclopaedic knowledge and truly exceptional teacher.

Prof. Majerčíak was born in Liptov on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1924 in Nemecká Lupča (now Partizánska Lupča) in a farmer's family. After passing the school-leaving exams at the grammar school of J. M. Hodža in Liptovský Mikuláš in 1945 he enrolled the subject of study agricultural engineering at the Technical University in Bratislava. He graduated in 1949 from the University of Agricultural and Forestry Engineering (UAFE) in Košice.

After graduating from the UAFE he worked for a short time in the Headquarters for Mechanization of Agriculture and from November 1952 became his occupation the scientific research. Since November 1952 he became a member of the staff in the Research Institute of Animal Production (RIAP) in Víglaš and he continued his work in it after the institute moved to Nitra in 1961. Even after retirement in 1991 until the last days of his life he was still in active contact with the RIAP and contributed significantly to its professional and social profiling. Prof. Majerčíak died on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1998 at the age of 74 years.

Prof. Majerčíak devoted his whole fruitful professional life to research in pig breeding. Together with a team of researchers, biological



services, and affiliated centres in Slovakia and in the Czech Republic they addressed the topical questions of reproduction and rearing techniques of pigs with a view to economic impact on the production of high-quality pork.

Publishing portfolio of Prof. Ing. Pavol Majerčíak, DSc. contains hundreds of scientific and popular works, over 90 research reports and 40 books.

He was an external lecturer at the Faculty for Agronomy at the Slovak University for Agriculture in Nitra and a member of scientific councils of universities and research institutes not only in Slovakia but also in the Czech

Republic. He was member of editorial boards of three professional journals. For many years he was also chairman of the Central Committee of the Slovak Agricultural Scientific and Technological Society. He contributed to the promotion of the Slovak agricultural science within broader dimensions of the world with his contributions to the „Index of Current Research on Pigs and Pig News and Information“ for many years.

Prof. P. Majerčiak, DSc. passed his rich scientific knowledge and style of work to younger co-workers. He educated a number

of scientific, pedagogical and professional staff, who successfully developed and implemented his ideas in scientific-research institutions, universities and agricultural enterprises in Slovakia and in the Czech Republic.

Professor Majerčiak's life and work was characterised by harmony of humanity and professionalism. With respect and gratitude we took for granted his life's credo: „to work bravely and with pleasure; the good and the ethical behaviour should be regarded as a personal principle“.

With respect and gratitude,

Colleagues and Friends from the Research  
Institute for Animal Production Nitra