

The Jubilee of Professor Jozef Bulla

Significant Slovak scientist and teacher Professor Jozef Bulla, member of the editorial board of the Slovak Journal of Animal Science, celebrates his 70th anniversary on 8th December 2014.

Professor Bulla was born on 8th December 1944 in Bobrovec, distr. Liptovský Mikuláš. He graduated from the University of Agriculture in Nitra in the field of zootechny at the Faculty of Agronomy. In 1968 he started his post-graduate study (CSc) in the Research Institute for Animal Production in Nitra. He passed this study in cooperation with the Institute of Experimental Biology and Genetics at the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Prague and at the Department of Genetics at the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the Comenius University in Bratislava in 1972. In 1974 he defended his dissertation thesis in the field of genetics and obtained the scientific degree “candidate of biological sciences (CSc)”. He defended his doctoral dissertation “Genetic and epigenetic factors of phenogenesis regulation in birds’ liver” and the board of the Slovak Academy of Sciences awarded him scientific degree “Doctor of Sciences” in 1987. He was appointed associate professor (MSMTV SK) in 1984, and the Scientific board of the Faculty of Agronomy conferred him the scientific-pedagogical degree “associate professor” for the branch General zootechny at the Faculty of Agronomy on the basis of his habilitation in 1992. President of the Slovak Republic promoted



Jozef Bulla to a professorship in the field General zootechny-genetics in 1993.

Prof. Bulla worked at the Research Institute for Animal Production as head of the Department of Genetics (1980 – 1986) and director of the Institute for Genetics and Reproduction of Farm Animals (1987–2000). During the period 1986 – 1990 he was also director of the International Laboratory for Animal Biotechnologies of COMECON Countries with its headquarter in the RIAP Nitra. In 2001 he was appointed to establish of the Faculty of Biotechnologies and Food (FBF) and was elected as a dean for two functional periods from 2002 to 2010. At present he is

a professor at the Department of Physiology FBF of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra.

His 46 years lasting scientific and research activity was and is aimed at the study of genetic, physiological and biotechnological methods to increase performance in farm animals; at creation, utilization and protection of their gene pool and at application of molecular-biological methods for breeding and selection work. He published more than 400 scientific, professional and popularization publications at home and abroad. He was supervisor of 72 graduate students, 27 bachelors, and 25 post-graduate students (6 from abroad). He participated in scientific, pedagogical and social education of 8 associate professors and 6 professors.

Prof. Bulla is a member of several scientific boards; academic and expert committees and editorial boards; he is holder of significant domestic and international awards.

His activities and results of scientific, pedagogical and scientific work were appreciated by granting him membership of the Learned Society of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and title "honoris profesor" at the University of Natural and Ecological Sciences in Wroclaw, Poland.

The reality of life of Professor Jozef Bulla was and still is consisted in the effort for creation of worthy and generally recognized scientific-pedagogical institutions as an incubator for development of knowledge in line with his character and continuity of work of his teachers. The Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Science at SUA Nitra as well as the former and mainly existing functional structures of the RIAP NPPC in Nitra are such institutions.

On the occasion of his jubilee we wish Professor Bulla in the following years a lot of optimism, health, creative scientific invention and joy in work activity and family life.

Prof. Ing. Peter Chrenek, D.Sc.