

Jubilee of Professor Ing. Ladislav Hetényi, PhD.

Professor Ing. Ladislav Hetényi, PhD. celebrated his 60th birthday this summer.

Professor Hetényi is a long-standing employee of the Research Institute for Animal Production - now the Animal Production Research Centre Nitra. He lived all his professional life in this institution. During his 37 years' career in the animal production research he worked in research and then as a scientific worker, and finally as director of the Research Institute of Animal Production. Since 2008 he is a full time university professor at the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the Constantine the Philosopher University Nitra. He is member of 12 scientific boards in Slovakia and abroad. He represents the Slovak Republic in working boards of OECD, UNO FAO and others.



Professor Hetényi is well known and highly appreciated for his wide range of internationally accepted activities within his specialist work in scientific, pedagogical as well as in cultural sphere. Important is his share in realization of the international film festival Agrofilm, which ranges with leading festivals of specialist films in the sphere of sustainable development of country, protection of environment, food safety, and agricultural science.

His broad activities in the sphere of humanitarian and charity activities, which he performs within foundations for more than twenty years, deserve special attention.

One area of these activities relates mainly to organising help in the sphere of health services and care for seniors in the whole territory of Slovakia. He is an internationally acknowledged personality in the sphere of the struggle against starvation and poverty in the world. For more than 15 years he was active as vice president of the Slovak branch of international humanitarian foundation Visage Slovakia, which organised humanitarian help mainly in the segment of health service and care for seniors. At present he is a member of the Board of Directors in the charity foundation Heifer International with its seat in Arkansas, USA. This foundation works in 128 states of the world. He participates personally

in the struggle against starvation and poverty within this world programme, in which are incorporated 90 million families mainly in Africa, Latin America and south-east Asia.

Professor Hetényi is modest, persistent, understanding and willing to help those, who need it most. Quoted: “I like to perform my work for people, who had less luck in their lives than we here in Slovakia, and I do it with humility. I consider it to be the culmination

of my pedagogical activity, and mainly for opportunity to contribute by my bit from small Slovakia to great humanitarian challenges of our era. I consider it to be a great challenge and honour to be on it in person.”

Co-workers from the Animal Production Research Centre Nitra wish Professor Hetényi much energy, robust health, persisting optimism and good temper in the coming years.