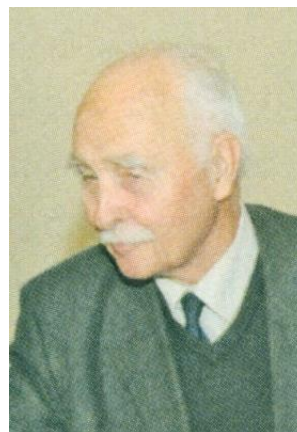


In memoriam

Professor Emeritus Dr. Imre BODÓ, DSc.,  
vice-director and board member of SAVE,  
president of DAGENE,  
(1932-2023)



Imre Bodó was born in 1932 in the city of Budapest. After attending the elementary schools, he studied at the secondary schools in Kőszeg and in Budapest (Gymnasium Scholarum Piarum). He was accepted into Gödöllő University for Agricultural Sciences, where he achieved his Master of Science in Agricultural Engineering in 1956.

First he worked in agricultural practice. His highest position was director of animal breeding in the large State Farm Hortobágy. In 1971 he took a position as a researcher for the Dept. of Horse Breeding in the Research Institute for Animal Husbandry. From 1975, he became first an assistant professor at the University of Veterinary Science, and later a full professor as the head of the Dept. of Animal Breeding up until his retirement in 1998.

His well-beloved field of research is still horse and cattle breeding as well as the maintenance of genetic diversity of domestic species. In 1990 he was requested to organize the section meetings and discussion on animal genetic resources at the fourth World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production in Edinburgh and also at the fifth WCGALP in Guelph, he was one of the authors (with D. Simon and L. Ollivier) of the report on the conservation of genetic diversity of domestic animals in Europe.

He was also a member of the following Hungarian and International organizations: FAO Expert Panel for Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources (1982-1992), EAAP Working Group for Conservation of Genetic Resources (1985-2000), Hungarian Grey Cattle Breeders' Association (president from 1989), National Association of Furioso-North Star (president from 1989, honorary president from 2010), EAAP Horse Commission (vice president 1986-1992), Breeding commission of Lipizzan International Federation (president 1986-1990), Lipizzan International Federation (president 1990-1994), Rare Breeds International (board member from 1991), SAVE - Safeguard for Agricultural Varieties in Europe (vice-director 1997, board member till 2009), DAGENE - International Association for the Conservation of Animal Breeds in the Danubian Region (president 1999-2010, honorary president from 2010). Emeritus Professor at the University of Debrecen and University of Veterinary Medicine Budapest.

Imre Bodó and his wife raised seven children, and he was a proud grandfather of 36 grandchildren.

On December 18, 2023, in the 92nd year of his life, Imre Bodó gave his soul back to his Creator after a long illness he endured with patience and dignity. His funeral will take place on January 11, 2024 in Budapest. His loss is touched by the University of Veterinary Medicine at a personal level. We are trying to follow his personal and professional example and preserve his memory.