



In memoriam

Prof. Dr. med. vet. habil. Dr. h.c. Horst Meyer, Jena

The veterinarian Horst Meyer was a staff member of the Institute for Bacterial Animal Disease Research Jena (ITSF) since 1960 - first as assistant, then as head of department. A milestone of his scientific work in the 1970s and 1980s was the successful development and establishment of vaccination methods against *Salmonella* infections of farm animals. The live vaccines developed under his direction were the first of their kind and are still used today not only in Germany, but in numerous European countries. In recognition of his successful national and international research activities he was appointed Professor in 1984 and head of a workgroup of the World Health Organization (WHO) on immunization against *Salmonella* infections of animals in 1986.

In September 1989, the difficult times of social upheaval, Professor Meyer took the destiny of the institute into his hands. Backed by a vote of confidence of his colleagues he agreed to assume leadership of the institute. He fought vigorously to establish the Jena veterinary research institute in the German scientific landscape after reunification of the country. His efforts were rewarded when the institute received a positive evaluation from the German Council of Science and Humanities in 1992. In all likelihood, the FLI Jena would no longer exist today without his dedication.

At the end of his professional career, he was honored for his tireless efforts in uniting East and West German veterinary science with the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University Leipzig awarded him an honorary degree, and the Academy of Public Sciences Erfurt, whose ordinary member he had become in 1992, conferred on him the title of Honorary Senator.

After his retirement in 1997, Professor Meyer remained committed to „his“ institute and his scientific work. He continued to be actively involved, e.g. by appraising the history of veterinary medicine in Jena including the development of the ITSF and the FLI Jena.

We - his former students, colleagues and friends - bow to Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Horst Meyer, whom we will remember as a most reliable man of utmost responsibility. We are honored to have known him and to have had the pleasure to deal with him in many different ways.

On behalf of his former colleagues

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