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# Editorial Note

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The symposium Animal Science Days is a meeting of animal scientists from Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia, but it is also open to visitors from other countries. It started back in 1993 in Kaposvár, Hungary, as cooperation between University of Zagreb, Croatia, University of J. J. Strossmayer, Osijek, Croatia, Kaposvár University, Kaposvár, Hungary and University of Ljubljana, Domžale, Slovenia. Since then, the regional scope has grown very substantially and now includes University of Padova, Department of Animal Science, Padova, Italy, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) Vienna, Austria, Slovak University of Agriculture, Nitra, Slovakia, and Czech University of Life Science, Prague, Czech Republic.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Symposium Animal Science Days took place in Brandlücken, Austria from 20 to 22 September, 2017. It was attended by more than 80 participants from 15 countries. The aim of the conference is to create a platform for Central and Eastern European colleagues and for interested academics and professionals from around the globe in the field of Animal Sciences to exchange ideas and to enable efficient collaboration.

The scientific presentations were organized in the following sessions: 1. Animal breeding and genetics, 2. Animal nutrition and environment 3. Animal behaviour and welfare and 4. Animal products. Original scientific articles from those sessions are published in issues two and three in year 2017 of *Agriculturae Conspectus Scientificus*.

In addition to the symposium, two parallel postgraduate courses were held:

Postgraduate course 1: Assessment of population fine structure with genomic markers, on September 18 and 19 2017

Postgraduate course 2: On-Farm cattle welfare assessment, on September 19, 2017

The Organizing Committee wishes to express gratitude to everyone participating in the program with posters or oral presentations and to the reviewers helping us to have a successful symposium.

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