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PROFESSOR MVDr. JAN KOLDA

MVDr. Jan Kolda, professor of normal and comparative anatomy of domestic animals and head of the Department of Anatomy of the University of Veterinary Medicine in Brno where he worked for more than 20 years (from 1926 to 1939 and from 1945 to 1953), was born in Kamenice near Jihlava one hundred years ago, on the 26th of November 1895. The work he performed to the benefit of Czech and world veterinary morphology, is enormous. He was an excellent university teacher, he compiled the first Czech textbook of veterinary anatomy, developed scientific activities on a wide basis and educated many successful followers. He built the Anatomical Institute and a magnificent anatomical museum. He laid solid foundations to Czechoslovak veterinary morphology. He died on the 29th of November 1958 in Doubravník in the Žďár nad Sázavou district.

The broad veterinary public, at home and abroad, will never forget him, he will never be forgotten particularly by his numerous pupils. This special issue of Acta veterinaria will not only commemorate the personality and importance of Professor Kolda, but also the history and present of Czech and Slovak veterinary morphology at the beginning of which Professor Kolda stood.

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