

## In respect of Professor Dr. Karel Hruska, former Director of the Veterinary Research Institute of the Czech Republic

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It was shocking news for me that Prof. Hruska passed away. I was looking for him to seek some suggestions on tuberculosis research, as I know him as an eminent researcher in mycobacterial diseases in livestock. I found him active in the ResearchGate in early March 2022, where he uploaded a published article. I sent him a message in the ResearchGate in late March 2022, but he did not reply. It was surprising for me, as I know him, that he replies to emails/messages with care. Then I searched for his contact details but did not find them. I was planning to write to the Veterinary Research Institute (VRI) of the Czech Republic (CZ) to give me his contact detail. In the meantime, I learned the news from the obituary by Prof. Eva Baranyiova that Prof. Hruska is no more among us (Baranyiova 2022).

I came to know him first in 2007 when I attended the “Good Research Practice” workshop organised by VRI of CZ, which was one of the best online courses ever I attended. Prof. Hruska was the mentor of that course. I believe the course was enjoyable due to Prof. Hruska's active guidance and monitoring. He was replying and commenting on each of the messages and remarks by the participants. His writings were so polite and encouraging. I can remember the topic of research ethics in that workshop. I wrote about the unfriendly environment, plagiarism, data manipulation, and financial fraud in research. He appreciated my writing and encouraged me to continue researching ethics and morality. In another course topic, he suggested we make

the motto of life to “serve humanity through our profession”. I realized that he was an academic and research leader who used to encourage young scientists to achieve the best possible philosophy in their profession. I believe that many of his valuable ideas and suggestions originated from his long-time experience as Editor-in-Chief of Veterinární Medicina. The journal profited from his modern vision of our profession, requiring sound and relevant research questions, and from the ethical principles, he honoured.

Since the course, I have considered him a respected role model in the veterinary field. Because of this, I dedicated my Ph.D. thesis also to him (Islam 2022). Unfortunately, it was bad luck that I could no longer show him my respect. He left us forever on March 24, 2022, before I finalized my thesis.

Although he has left us, many people like me will remember him for his meaningful and wise deeds. Following him, many of us will be encouraged to do creative, honest work.

Rest in Peace Professor MVDr. Karel Hruska, CSc.

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