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Editorial Note

The symposium Animal Science Days is a meeting of animal and related scientists mainly from Italy, Hungary, Slovenia and Croatia, but it is also open to visitors from other countries. This year's meeting was the 19th. It started back in 1993 in Kaposvár, Hungary, as cooperation between University of Zagreb, Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Animal Science, Croatia, University of J. J. Strossmayer, Faculty of Agriculture, Osijek, Croatia, Kaposvár University, Faculty of Animal Science, Kaposvár, Hungary and University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Zootechnical Department, Domžale, Slovenia. Main participants in those early days included citizens of Slovenia, Croatia, and Hungary. In 2003, University of Padova, Department of Animal Science, Padova, Italy joined agreement, and thus quadrilateral was formed, including the countries: Italy, Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary. The symposium takes place in each of the countries in turns.

This year's symposium has taken place in Primošten, Croatia and was held from 19 to 23 September, 2011. Each year the symposium has a special theme or topic, and this year's topic was about collaboration in research and education between participating countries. The plenary lectures from each of the participating countries were about this topic. The scientific presentations were organized in the following sessions: 1. Breeding and genetics, 2. Animal nutrition, 3. Production systems: management and health, and 4. Animal product quality. Original scientific articles from those sessions will be published in issues three and four in year 2011 of *Agriculturae Conspectus Scientificus*. In addition, two invited speakers, Alan Frantz and Johann Sölkner, presented special issues in genetics. An excellent two-day practical course, Survival analysis - Theory and application, was offered by Gábor Mészáros and Johann Sölkner. In this 19th ASD edition, the emphasis was on the promotion of the new generations of young researchers, scientists and experts and surely we can expect their future collaboration.

The Organizing and Scientific committee wish to express our cordial gratitude to everyone participating in the program with posters or oral presentations and to the reviewers. We are especially thankful to patrons, sponsors, donors and to everyone helping us to have a successful symposium.

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