

REPUBLIKA HRVATSKA JE ČLANICA EUROPSKE ZOOTEHNIČKE ASOCIJACIJE (EAAP)

Od 1. siječnja 1993. godine naša država je regularna članica najviše znanstveno-stručne institucije u oblasti stočarstva Europe - European Association for Animal Production (EAAP).

Na ovogodišnjoj konferenciji u Aarhusu (Danska) od 16. do 19. kolovoza 1993. na Generalnoj skupštini autor ovih redaka imao je ugodnu i odgovornu dužnost nasupiti pred 800 sudionika iz 42 europske zemlje prigodnim govorom. Navodimo tekst na engleskom jeziku:

*MISTER PRESIDENT
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,*

IT GIVES ME HONOR AND GREAT PLEASURE TO PARTICIPATE TODAY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE 44TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE E.A.A.P. IN THE COURSE OF WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IS BECOMING A FULL MEMBER OF THIS DISTINGUISHED AND VERY IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

I ALSO HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXTEND TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF E.A.A.P. MEMBER COUNTRIES THE WARMEST REGARDS OF OUR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AS WELL AS HIS WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA WILL ALWAYS STRIVE TO GIVE A DUE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, WITH AN AREA OF 56538 KM², IS A RELATIVELY SMALL COUNTRY OF A SPECIFIC SHAPE. IT IS, AT THE SAME TIME, A MEDITERRANEAN AND A CONTINENTAL CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRY. THE POPULATION OF 4.8 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE IN 1,5 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS. THE SHARE OF AGRICULTURAL POPULATION IN THE TOTAL POPULATION AMOUNTS TO 8.5%. CROATIA IS A COUNTRY OF A PARTICULARLY LARGE NUMBER OF SMALL FARMS.

IT HAS MORE THAN 100 YEARS RICH TRADITION IN MODERN LIVESTOCK BREEDING. FIRST ANIMAL BREEDING ASSOCIATION WAS FOUNDED IN 1906, A.I. WAS INTRODUCED IN 1948 AND NATIONAL BREEDING PROGRAMMES IN 1974.

TODAY OUR CONTRY FACES IMMENSE DIFFICULTIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE COUSED BY THE WAR.

HIPER-INFLATION, INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, SLACKERING PROCESS OF PRIVATIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF ECONOMY - THESE ARE PRIMARILY THE DIRECT CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR.

UNFORTUNATELY, CROATIA HAS LATELY BEEN ENCOUNTERING EVER MORE PROMINENT DISREGADR AND LACK OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF INTERNATIONAL FACTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DEAR COLEAGUES, IN 1981 THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE E.A.A.P. WAS HELD IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, IN ZAGREB, IN CROATIA. A LOT OF YOU COULD REMEMBER OCCASION.

WE HOPE THAT IN NEAR FUTURE MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL BE SEEN AT MEETINGS IN OUR FREE COUNTRY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

AARHUS, 19 AUGUST, 1993.

U stručnom programu pet radova prijavljeno je iz Hrvatske: (*Short papers*)

1. **Release of minerals from thres grass sorts in the rumen of sheep** (Z. Černy, D. Grbeša, B. Mioč, V. Pavić, Ž. Laškarin).
2. **Carcass quality astimation by rib cut** (P. Caput, I. Jakopović, I. Karadjole, P. Božić, M. Posavi). Rad je izložen.
3. **Application of Asymetric S-Function for analysis and valuation of the growth of boars** (G. Kralik, R. Scitovsky, D. Senčić).
4. **Breeding values of lipizzaner stallions for some body measurements** (S. Jovanovac, M. Baban, T. Rastija, I. Knežević).

(*Poster*)

5. **Phenotypic and genetic characteristics of kidney and pelvis tallow in Simmental bulls in Croatia** (I. Karadjole, P. Božić, P. Caput, I. Jakopović, D. Križanović, D. Viduč, T. Balenović).

Slijedeće godine godišnji skup održat će se u Edinburgu, 5.-8. rujna 1994.

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