

## IN MEMORY OF DES COLE

We fondly remember the life and legacy of long time friend and business associate Des Cole, one of the world best known nutritionists, director of Nottingham Nutrition International and managing editor of Nottingham University Press. Sadly, Des passed away August 15th, 2006.

Des' contribution to animal science and pig science in particular was of utmost value. He pioneered the modern pig science with his contribution to protein and amino acid metabolism, as well as sow nutrition. His work on sow nutrition similarly laid the foundation for the feeding of modern hyper prolific genotypes. He also pioneered the concept of the "ideal protein" that is now universally applied in swine nutrition.

Dr. Des Cole began his career 40 years ago in practical pig production in Dorset, England. He received his bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry from the University of Wales, and then earned his Ph.D. as a Pig Industry Development Authority Scholar at Wye College, part of the University of London.

Most of his professional and academic life Dr. Cole spent as a lecturer at University of Nottingham in the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture in Animal Production. At this University Des created a new generation of animal science students, while at the same time he supervised over 20 PhD students many of whom are now in key positions in academies and industry across the world. Also while at Nottingham, he served as Vice Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Science for three years.

Dr. Cole received numerous recognitions and awards for his work including the 1985 David Black Award, and the 1990 Alltech Biotechnology Medal of Excellence. He published more than 300 papers and was the author of more than 25 books.

He was involved in many committees that established the nutrient requirements of swine. He was pivotal in establishing and chairing several international conferences, including the annual Nottingham Nutritional Conference, as well as the Pig Reproduction Conference.

Lately, he was managing editor of Nottingham University Press, as well as consultant to many companies in the world and to Krmiva and Alltech amongst many others.

We had the honor to host Des Cole at "Krmiva 2002" and "Krmiva 2006", in Opatija. Unfortunately, his lecture "Challenges in animal production in 21<sup>st</sup> century" in "Krmiva 2006" was his last lecture.

This eminent scientist in his acceptance speech for one of many awards said: "We're only at the start of the biological process – we're only scratching the surface. And the future is going to be exciting..."

Des Cole has mapped the way for us and it is up to us to follow it.

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