

The University of Pannonia awards Honorary Degree to Prof. Dr. Michael Hess



At a ceremony held on 1 July 2017, the University of Pannonia awarded the title *of Doctor Honoris Causa* to Prof. Dr. Michael Hess, head of the Department for Farm Animals and Veterinary Public Health of The University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna, and Austrian leader of the CEPI project.

Professor Hess is an outstanding representative of the field of poultry health and diagnostics and author of numerous high-level publications. He has several appointed memberships. He was the first President of the European College of Poultry Veterinary Science (ECPVS), and was a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Friedrich-Loeffler Institute (FLI) and the Advisory Board of the Austrian Committee for Animal Health at the Ministry for Health. Furthermore, he is Member of the Editorial Board of Avian Diseases and Associate Editor of Avian Pathology. In 2016, he was honoured with the Robert Fraser Gordon Memorial Medal.

Professor Hess has had excellent professional relations with the Georgikon Faculty of the University of Pannonia since 2011. With his cooperation, the Department of Animal Sciences of the Faculty has implemented successful cross-border cooperation projects titled CEPO and CEPI. Several scientific and academic exchange programmes, joint research and high level publications have been completed in the frames of these projects.

By granting the title *Doctor Honoris Causa*, the University of Pannonia seeks to acknowledge the professional and human qualities of Professor Hess, as well as his role in establishing excellent professional relations between the two institutions.

We believe that this acknowledgement shall contribute to the maintenance and enhancement of the established cross-border cooperation of our universities.

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