

Obituary

Milan Horváth, Assoc.Prof., RNDr.,CSc.

We very much regret having to announce the death of Assoc. Prof. RNDr. Milan Horváth, CSc. (*1921), the former Secretary General of the Collegium Internationale Activitatis Nervosae Superioris (C.I.A.N.S.), who died on October 7th, 2014.

Prof. Horváth took part on the several activities leading to the founding the C.I.A.N.S. He was the member of the international committee preparing the first Statute of the C.I.A.N.S., member of the Programme Committee of the First CIANS Congress (1968 Milano), member of C.I.A.N.S. Executive Committee, Executive Secretary (1984-1988) and Secretary General (1989–2005). Several meetings of the C.I.A.N.S. Executive Committee took place in his home in Prague and we all were very grateful him for wonderful time he gave us.

Prof. Horváth has continued to serve the community of the Czech and Slovak scientists working in the field of the study of the higher nervous functions in a number of capacities, mainly as the editor-in-chief of the former Czechoslovak journal *Activitas Nervosa Superior*, since 1975 the official journal of the C.I.A.N.S. After changing the journal name to *Homeostasis in health and disease* (1990) he continued to edit it up to the year 2007. He was elected for couple of years also as the President of the Czech Society for Psychosomatic Integrations, the affiliate member organization of the C.I.A.N.S. and helps to prepare and organize multiple national as well as several international C.I.A.N.S. scientific meetings.

Scientific activities of Prof. Horváth were focussed on the field of the applied physiology of higher nervous activity and hygiene mainly, on psychophysiological risk factors of cardiovascular diseases, psychosocial stress, personality and occupational specificity especially.

In recent active working years Prof. Horváth was fully engaged as the national contact person of the Czech Republic in the European Network for Workplace

Health Promotion (ENWHP). He organized several important business meetings in Prague concentrated to the WHP conception, problems of behaviour modification and its benefits for health of employees and economy of employers.

Prof. Milan Horváth will be remembered with gratitude by all who knew him. Our sense of loss will be shared by many colleagues and C.I.A.N.S. as well as ENWHP members.

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