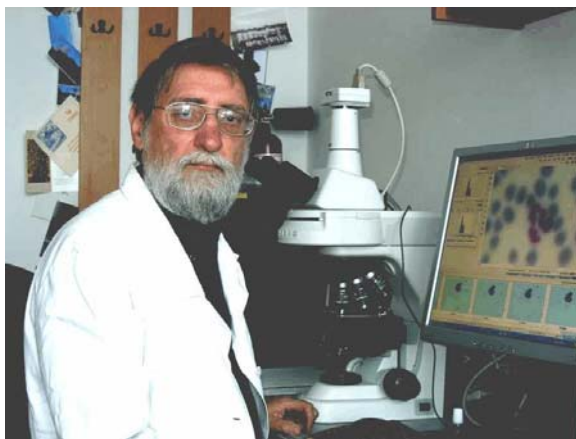


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Anniversary of Josef Berger



Prof. RNDr. Josef Berger, CSc. celebrates his 60th birthday!!!

It is unbelievable that Professor Berger is 60 years old! He looks younger, but he was born in Varnsdorf (North Bohemia), on July 24th, 1949. He graduated in Biology at Charles University Faculty of Science where he also received his scientific degree. At present, he is acting Professor in the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice.

He first began work in the research laboratories of the Research Institute for Pharmacy and Biochemistry where he was involved in the haematological testing of various drugs. Then, he acquired experience in the haematological laboratory of the large Medical Faculty Hospital of Charles University at Hradec Králové and in various generally respected scientific institutions abroad. He started his academic career at the University in Pardubice and after a period at the Masaryk University in Brno, came to the University of South Bohemia in 1997.

Despite his special work in haematology and chronobiology at this time, he did not lose his orientation in the broad general biological scientific

aspects of research. He has published more than 90 original articles and 17 books and monographs, all of which are used by students both graduate and undergraduate, and experienced scientists.

Because of his broad orientation in biology, it seems natural that Professor Berger should also be involved as an organiser within the scientific community. He participated in the founding of the University of Pardubice; he worked to establish medical biology as a field in university studies and has organised scientific biological conferences, among them successful international conferences – Cells – held at the University of South Bohemia.

In 2002 Professor Berger founded the Journal of Applied Biomedicine, which has started to be internationally recognised and quoted in the main reference bases including ISI Web of Knowledge and Elsevier Bibliographical Databases. Besides this he is on the editorial boards of other journals and acts as a reviewer of numerous biomedical scientific journals. It must be mentioned that Professor Berger is a long time elected committee member at the Czechoslovak Biological Society.

It would be very difficult and time consuming to describe all of the valuable work of Professor Berger, but I believe that what has been mentioned above is already more than enough to give an indication of his real and valued contribution to the scientific world.

What more is there to say? I know that a great part of Joseph's success is due to the support he receives from Mrs. Berger who is also a university teacher (but in a different field), and I am sure that both are very proud of their two sons, who are also successful in their chosen professions.

And so to end, dear Joseph, welcome to our group of senior youngsters! I wish you all the best for the next 60 years!

Karel Smetana