

## 4th WORLD RABBIT CONGRESS

### PREFACE

The privilege of organizing the 4th Congress of the World Rabbit Science Association was awarded to its Hungarian Branch during the 3th Congress in Rome. As is known, the organization's founding congress was held in the city of Dijon in 1976. Subsequent meetings have been organized at four year intervals in Barcelona /2nd/ and Rome /3rd/ respectively.

It is a great honour for the Hungarian organizations involved in rabbit breeding that leading rabbit science professionals made the decision to meet in Budapest. This is perceived as an acknowledgement of development in Hungarian rabbit breeding over the last twenty years and its role in both rabbit meat and angora wool production. Furthermore, Hungary was one of the organization's founding members as well.

More than 150 papers were submitted to the 4th Congress. The material has been sub-divided into sessions. Outstanding specialists in each topic participated in this work. The chairmen of each session were in charge of grouping the papers in logical sequence according to a standardized viewpoint.

Herewith I would like to express my gratitude to the chairmen and their Hungarian counterparts for the tremendous work of organizing, reviewing and proof-reading more than 150 manuscripts.

It was a pleasure to see that scientists who had not participated in previous meetings submitted papers for the 4th Congress of WRSA. This phenomenon shows the increasing role being played by the organization. Furthermore, it is indicative of the undoubtable fact that domestic rabbit now plays an increasingly important role in the total production of animal husbandry in the countries concerned. Hopefully, this tendency will be further enhanced by the papers summarized in this publication as well as by the lectures, discussions and consultations during the congress itself.

I would like to acknowledge as well the help of those Hungarian enterprises and organizations whose support was indispensable in organizing our congress and publishing this volume.

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