



Prof. Jan Herget, MD, DSc (1945-2019)

Jan Herget was a prominent scientist in pulmonary physiology and pathophysiology, an excellent teacher and outstanding mentor of younger colleagues who started their scientific carrier under his supervision. He published many important papers in leading scientific journals including *Physiological Reviews*, *Journal of Physiology London*, *American Journal of Physiology*, *American Review of Respiratory Diseases*, *Archives Internationales de Pharmacodynamie et de Thérapie*, *European Respiratory Journal*, *Thorax*, *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*, *Journal of Applied Physiology*, *Life Sciences* or *International Journal of Biochemistry and Cell Biology*. Nevertheless, he also paid his attention to the local journals such as *Physiological Research* (formerly *Physiologia Bohemoslovaca*). In this obituary we would like to stress his important role for the existence of our journal.

His first articles published in *Physiologia Bohemoslovaca* appeared in 1974 and they were followed by a series of 35 papers published in *Physiological Research* between 1991 and 2016. Soon he became a reviewer of articles submitted to our journal and he was one of our best reviewers (specialized on respiratory physiology and pathophysiology). He was a co-organizer of several international scientific symposia including *Pulmonary Circulation VI* (Prague 1994) and *Pulmonary Circulation VII* (Prague 1999) which were published in *Physiological Research* (44: issue 1, 1995 and 49: issue 5, 2000). Since 1991 he was an important member of the Editorial Board of our journal and he often actively defended the importance of *Physiological Research* for our scientific community.

His death is a great loss not only for Czech and international research community but also for our journal.

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