

THE INFLUENCE OF THE „TEMPUS“ PROJECT ON THE MODERNISATION OF THE TEACHING PROCESS AND THE CURRICULA AT LVA

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Summary. The European Union sponsored TEMPUS PHARE program is aimed at improving the teaching standards and the curricula in the post-communist countries of Eastern Europe. Its plans for reorganization of agricultural studies have been given priority by the Lithuanian authorities. Therefore, the Department of Animal Nutrition of LVA jointly with the Husbandry and some other department of Lithuanian University of Agriculture have taken decision to participate in the given program. In close collaboration with Hohenheim Animal Nutrition Institute in Germany, the application-plan was drawn and presented for approval in Brussels, this resulting in a joint initiative for the implementation of one of the TEMPUS projects - S-JEP-0711 5-94 „Reorganisation and updating of the curricula and teaching standards of agricultural university studies“. Our partners in the project are: Institute of Animal Nutrition at Hohnheim University (coordinator prof. W. Drochner) and Department of Animal Nutrition at Wageningen University of Agriculture (coordinator prof. M. Verstegen). The Lithuanian partners are: Lithuanian University of Agriculture (coordinator as. prof. A. Motuzas) and Lithuanian Veterinary Academy (coordinator as. prof. J. Kulpys).

The participants of the project took an intensive course of foreign languages financed by the program. 15 project members from LVA were delegated to Germany to study new methods of teaching, planning and modern didactics. With the help of our foreign colleagues a joint TEMPUS project laboratory for investigations in zootechnic and agronomy was established and supplied with modern equipment for investigations of the quality of feeds and digestibility. Due to this and the new advanced methods employed, scientific research work, master degree studies in particular, has gained new impetus. The project helped the Department of Animal Nutrition to acquire modern computing, copying and demon-strating equipment as well as some new literature on animal nutrition and feed quality.

4 lectures on the most urgent questions of animal nutrition and preparation of feeds were delivered by prof. W. Drochner, prof. M. Verstegen, as. prof. H. Steingass, dr. K. Aiple. On the bases of this material a new project of the structure of studies at LVA has been elaborated.