

On the anniversary of Olga V. Pruntova

On March 24, Olga V. Pruntova, Doctor of Biological Sciences, Professor, and Leading Researcher at the Information and Analytical Center of the Federal Centre for Animal Health, celebrated her anniversary.

Her name rightfully occupies a leading place in the scientific community. Olga V. Pruntova joined the Federal Centre for Animal Health team as a senior laboratory assistant immediately after graduating from university. Possessing a high level of training (secondary polytechnic school, Faculty of Biology of Perm State University named after A. M. Gorky, postgraduate studies, internships in leading research institutions of the country) and a genuine interest in science, Olga V. Pruntova successfully defended her dissertation for the Candidate degree in 1988 and for the Doctor degree in 2003. She is one of the creators of the first inactivated emulsion vaccines against salmonellosis and pasteurellosis in pigs registered in Russia, as well as enzyme immunoassay test-kits for detecting antibodies against *Salmonella* and *Pasteurella* in animal blood sera.

In 2006, Olga V. Pruntova headed the newly established Laboratory for the Diagnosis of Bacterial Infections in Animals. In addition to scientific research, her laboratory carried out epizootiological and serological monitoring of infections caused by bacteria of the families *Enterobacteriaceae* and *Pasteurellaceae* under state assignments and was involved in developing test-kits for detecting antibodies and antigens of these pathogens.

Her vast experience, professional skills, and strong life position contributed to the establishment of the Testing Centre of the Federal Centre for Animal Health, which she led for ten years and which subsequently received international accreditation for testing food products, feed, and products of animal origin for microbiological and physical-chemical parameters.

Olga V. Pruntova is not only a renowned scientist and a talented leader, but also a generous and wise mentor. Her gifted followers work successfully for the benefit of Russian science, particularly in the veterinary field. Under the supervision of Olga V. Pruntova, 7 candidate dissertations have been defended. For many years, she combined scientific research with teaching. She worked as a professor and head of the Biology Department at Vladimir State University, teaching such subjects as "Introductory Biology", "Ecology", "Introductory Microbiology with Fundamentals of Virology", and "Medical Microbiology", not only to future biologists, but also to students of other specializations. She continues to share her experience with young scientists: she lectures to postgraduates, participates in examination and attestation boards, acts as an academic supervisor for candidate dissertation applicants, and actively works in the dissertation council as deputy chairperson.



Her contribution to the development of Russian science is confirmed by over 300 scientific papers. These include articles in leading scientific journals, 3 monographs, textbooks and methodological guidelines, more than 20 patents and invention certificates, and abstracts of reports at scientific forums, symposia, and conferences.

For her active creative life, Olga V. Pruntova has been repeatedly awarded certificates and diplomas of various statuses and levels. In 2013, she was awarded the medal of the Federal Centre for Animal Health for her contribution to the development of the center; in 2018, she received the Rosselkhoz nadzor medal for her contribution to veterinary science. For her scientific developments, she has repeatedly been among the winners of the "Golden Autumn" exhibition competition.

The entire large team of the Centre congratulates Olga V. Pruntova on her anniversary! We wish you good health, many years of active and fruitful life, inexhaustible creative energy, and well-being. May your research career lead to new outstanding achievements, and may your enthusiasm and wisdom inspire the new generation of scientists!