

## On the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vasily I. Belousov

In January 2026, Vasily I. Belousov, Doctor of Science (Veterinary Medicine), celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Vasily I. Belousov was born on Druzhilinsky farm located in Serafimovichsky Raion, Volgograd Oblast, on January 4, 1951. In 1973, he graduated from the Moscow Veterinary Academy and was appointed Director of Kletsky Veterinary Laboratory of Volgograd Oblast. Over the years, he worked as a junior researcher at the Russian State Centre for Animal Feed and Drug Standardization and Quality, senior veterinarian at the Central Veterinary Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, head of the Department for Serology and Leptospirosis at the Republican Scientific and Production Laboratory for Animal Diseases Control of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, Senior Researcher, Scientific Secretary, Head of the Laboratory for Immunology, Deputy Director for Research at the All-Russian Research and Technological Institute of Biological Industry. For more than 10 years, he was the Head of the Division for Veterinary and Sanitary Expertise and Laboratory Diagnostics of the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, and after the organization of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance, he became the Head of the Department for Animal Product Safety and Laboratory Tests. In 2008, Vasily I. Belousov was transferred to the Central Scientific-Methodical Veterinary Laboratory as Deputy Director for Russian official veterinary laboratories relations. From 2021 to the present, Vasily I. Belousov has been working at the Federal Centre for Animal Health as Chief Researcher of the Research Coordination Department.

In 1980, Vasily I. Belousov successfully defended his thesis for the degree of Candidate of Science (Veterinary Medicine), and in 1997 – for the degree of Doctor of Science (Veterinary Medicine), in 2000 he was awarded the title of Professor.

Vasily I. Belousov is a leading expert in the field of microbiology, biotechnology as well as veterinary and sanitary expertise. His main research activities focus on the improvement and development of new technologies for veterinary medicinal products for animal disease prevention, methods of their diagnosis, safety control of food raw materials and food products of animal and plant origin as well as feed. With the participation of Vasily I. Belousov, the technology for large-scale production of combined vaccine against chlamydiosis, campylobacteriosis, salmonellosis and leptospirosis for sheep and goats, method for leptospira concentration and vaccine against leptospirosis as well as methods for ovine chlamydiosis (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) and leptospirosis (fluorescent immunoglobulin) diagnosis have been developed.

The Professor together with representatives of the Ministry of Economic Development, Federal Agency for Technical Regulation and Metrology of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation



actively participated in the interdepartmental working groups for discussion of draft federal laws in veterinary medicine and public medicine field, harmonization of Russian regulatory documents with international ones, certification of animal products and feed during the Russian Federation Veterinary Service preparation for the World Trade Organization accession.

Currently, Vasily I. Belousov is developing a procedure for laboratory control of products, facilities, activities subject to official veterinary surveillance, evaluates the foreign veterinary service performance related to control of animal products and feed supplied to Russia.

Vasily I. Belousov is the author and co-author of more than 250 scientific papers, including 7 monographs. Under the supervision of Vasily I. Belousov, 4 Doctor of Science theses and 14 Candidate of Science theses were defended, more than 30 technical regulations and methodological guidelines for the production and use of vaccines, diagnostic products and methods were prepared.

Vasily I. Belousov is a member of the Federal Centre for Animal Health Scientific Board, Council on the Thesis Defence for Doctor's and Candidate's Degrees of the Moscow State Academy of Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnology – MVA by K. I. Skryabin, a member of the Editorial Board of the "Compound feed" journal, a member of the Supervisory Board of the Association for the Development of Horse Breeding. He was a member of the Editorial Board of "Veterinary medicine" journal for more than 10 years.

Vasily I. Belousov has been awarded many medals and diplomas, and is Honoured Employee of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance.

*We wish you, dear Vasily I. Belousov, good health, inexhaustible energy and new scientific achievements!*