

Editorial Note: A tribute to Professor Vladimír Jeníček



With profound sadness, we received the news that Professor Ing. Vladimír Jeníček, Dr.Sc., passed away on 14 July 2026. We have lost not only a distinguished Czech economist, scientist, and teacher, but above all a personality whose name will remain inseparably linked to the development of scientific publishing and the modernisation of Czech agricultural economics in a global context. His long-standing professional work focused on macroeconomics, the world economy, foreign trade, economic policy, and global issues affecting the world economy.

For the editorial office of the journal *Agricultural Economics* and its readers, Professor Jeníček was a central figure. He served as the journal's Editor-in-Chief and Chairman of the Editorial Board for an extraordinary 33 years (from December 1990 until June 2023). He was renowned for his exceptional meticulousness, diligence, and high standards. As an Editor-in-Chief, he was demanding not only of the authors of scientific papers but also of the work of the editorial team, always striving to achieve the highest level of academic quality. Through his dedication, expertise, and experience, he made a fundamental contribution to the journal's development and international reputation. Under his leadership, the journal reached an excellent standard, reflected in its placement in the prestigious Q2 quartile in the Web of Science. For his contribution, he was also appointed an honorary member of the Department of Economy,

Management, Sociology and Information Technology of the Czech Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Professor Jeníček devoted his entire professional life to science and research. His career took him through key national economic institutions. He studied at the Faculty of Economics and Management of the University of Agriculture in Prague until 1955. After completing his studies, he joined the Czechoslovak Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and from 1957 he worked at the Crop Research Institute. He subsequently worked at the Economics Institute (1960–1970), where in 1964 he defended his candidate dissertation on the relationship between agriculture and industry. During this period, he also completed study stays abroad in France and Salzburg. He briefly worked at the Research Institute of Foreign Trade (1971–1972) and then devoted two decades (1973–1993) to the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics and Nutrition. In 1987, he defended his doctoral dissertation at the Prague University of Economics and Business on the topic of Czechoslovak and World Agriculture.

He subsequently passed on his extensive experience to students and colleagues at two leading universities. From 1990, he worked at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (Institute of Tropics and Subtropics), where he completed his habilitation in 1993. He also contributed to teaching at the Department of Agricultural Economics of the Faculty of Economics and Management, focusing on world agriculture, world agricultural trade, and European integration. At the Prague University of Economics and Business, he had already taught business economics from 1978 to 1991. He subsequently joined the Faculty of International Relations, where he worked for two decades and was appointed Professor in the field of World Economy in 2004. He served as a member of numerous scientific boards. He also worked at other higher education institutions, including Metropolitan University Prague.

Professor Jeníček's academic scope was remarkable, encompassing more than 700 publications, including dozens of monographs, university textbooks, and scientific papers. In his work, he succeeded in linking the specific characteristics of agriculture with global economic issues, globalisation, and sustainable development. Among his most significant works are *Food for*

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six billion (1982, in Czech); Global discontinuities and sustainable development (1999, in Czech); Globalisation of the world economy (2002, in Czech); Global problems and the world economy (2003, in Czech); Global problems of the world: In economic context (2010); and Least developed countries (2012, in English).

'Verba docent, exempla trahunt' ('Words teach, examples inspire'). Professor Jeníček embodied this saying for all those around him. Through his tireless dedication, devotion to science, and extraordinary meticulousness, he was an inspiration to others. He remained Editor-in-Chief of Agricultural Economics until the age of 91, and for 33 years he played a major role in shaping its academic standards, direction, and international prestige. Alongside his editorial work,

he also made a significant contribution to the journal's publication activities - his research papers enriched its content and contributed to the advancement of agricultural and economic knowledge.

Professor, we thank you for every carefully edited page, for your lifelong work in advancing agricultural economics, and for everything you did for Agricultural Economics. Your work and legacy will remain a permanent part of the history of our journal and of Czech agricultural and economic research.

May his memory be honoured.

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