

Obituary

Professor Dr. João Cannas da Silva

João Cannas da Silva, of Portugal, passed away on the week of October 2022 at a Hospital in Angola, after a short battle against typhus and pneumonia.

João was full professor of many topics related to cattle (Ruminants' Internal medicine, Surgery, Infectious Diseases, Tropical Diseases, Herd Health Management, Emergency in Ruminants) at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine – Lusófona University, Lisbon, Portugal; he was founder, ex-president and Honorary member of the Portuguese Association of Buiatrics; Specialist in Production Animals by the Ordem dos Médicos Veterinários (Portuguese Veterinary Chambers), being awarded the medal of Merit; former member (2000-2016) of the Executive Committee of the WAB and organizer of the XXVII World Buiatric Congress in Lisbon (2012). He was co-founder and President (2010-2011) of the ECBHM. He was consultant for different pharmaceutical companies, a field practitioner in farm animal medicine and reproduction and in his final part of his career focused more as consultant to beef and dairy cattle farms in Africa and other continents. He had a unique intelligence and capacity of learning, working, and creating. He spoke so many languages that he was able to talk to each of us in our own mother language!



A unique soul, João was very funny, and enjoyed playing practical jokes on his friends. He had an uncanny ability to find passion in his daily activities and to explore new insights of life. He never got tired of working and trying to help people! His pleasant personality was contagious to everyone he met. All his friends and former ECBHM Board members will always remember his calls late in the night, sometimes at two or three o'clock, to discuss matters related to the ECBHM, to Universities, to Congresses organization... João had a passionate love affair with the veterinary science, cattle, cattle farmers, and anything related to bovine issues... He will be greatly missed. João leaves behind his family and his loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

In this unpleasant moment, we express on behalf of the ECBHM Board and committees' members our sincere condolences. We would like to offer the compassion from his fellow Diplomates of the ECBHM, especially to his family, and to his closest friends from the Portuguese Association for Buiatrics. We will certainly keep him in honoring memory.

Rest in peace, dear João.