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## HISTORY OF DAGENE

The Danubian Countries Alliance for Conservation of Genes in Animal Species (DAGENE) as a Non-Governmental Association (NGO) was established in 1989 at Bugacpuszta, Hungary. In those days it was a breakthrough because earlier it was not allowed to create such a non-governmental association and even more together with east and west countries.

The aim of establishment of such an association was the promotion of cooperation among breeders of neighbouring countries giving prominence to the conservation of genetic resources of domestic animals. At that time it was not as popular as it is nowadays.

The association's initial name in English: Danubian Countries Alliance for Conservation of Genes in Animal Species. Prof. Walter Schleger gave this name for DAGENE. For abbreviation the Austrian ÖNGENE served as a model. The name was given without marking the „domestic animals” because Prof. Schleger's idea was to involve some wild animal species, for instance red deer and others.

The members, after a quick joining process became Austria, Croatia, Czechland, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Serbia and Bulgaria. The first president was late Prof. Walter Schleger (1989 – 1998, Austria), the second was Prof. Imre Bodó (1999 – 2010, Hungary), while the actual president is Prof. Pal Hajas (2010 - , Hungary).

### Activities of DAGENE:

1. Organize and hold conferences,
2. Arrange field visits,
3. Conduct discussions of actual scientific questions,
4. Collect data on genetic resources of domestic animals,
5. Compile and manage publications and
6. Prepare and implement projects.



Walter SCHLEGER  
1929 – 1999



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### FAO Project

## „Legislation aspects for sustainable use of Animal Genetic Resources in Central Europe“



2003.



Imre BODÓ  
1932 –

## Management of traditional transboundary breeds on the example of a nearly forgotten breed, the Murinsulaner

Final report

2008 - 2010



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Hungary

Zagreb  
Croatia

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Slovenia

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Austria

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ERFP project



25 YEARS WITH  
DAGENE



Pál HAJAS  
1943 –

Romania 2010

Hungary 2018



## Connections

- SAVE Foundation - Switzerland
- ÖNGENE – Austria
- GEH e.V. - Germany
- Breeds of Origin Conservancy - Malta
- Association for breeding of Middle Rhodopean, Karakatchan and Rodopean Tsigai sheep and of Karakatchan horse – Bulgaria
- Baltic Genofond – Lithuania
- Transylvanian Rare Breeds Association –Romania
- FAO, IMAGE, ERFPP

DAGENE Presidium

András Gáspárdy – president,  
Ante Ivanković – vice president,  
Marcel Matiuti – vice president,

János Posta- executive secretary,

Beate Berger - member of presidium,  
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Peter Chrenek - member of presidium

Croatia 2017



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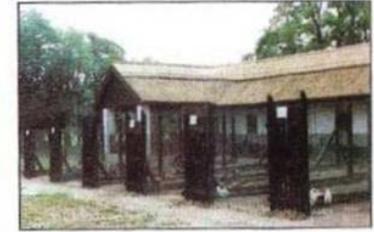
- Bugacpuszta, **Hungary**, 1989
- Krems, **Austria**, 1990
- Üllő, **Hungary**, 1992
- Kosice, **Slovakia**, 1993
- Zagreb, **Croatia**, 1994
- Prague, Czech Republic, 1996
- Sibiu, **Romania**, 1997
- Budapest, **Hungary**, 1998
- Kosice, **Slovakia**, 1999
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- Budapest, **Hungary**, 2003
- Bled, **Slovenia**, 2004
- Nitra, **Slovakia**, 2005
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- Irding-Raumberg, **Austria**, 2007
- Kozárd, **Hungary**, 2008 (joint with SAVE)
- Zagreb, **Croatia**, 2009
- Hatzig, **Romania**, 2010
- Dimitrovgrad, **Serbia**, 2011 (joint with SAVE)
- Wels, **Austria**, 2012 (joint with ÖNGENE)
- Timisoara, **Romania**, 2013
- Debrecen, **Hungary**, 2014
- Dobrna, **Slovenia**, 2015
- Hilgertshausen, **Germany**, 2016
- Pazin, **Croatia**, 2017
- Kozárd, **Hungary**, 2018 (joint with SAVE)
- Topolčianky, **Slovakia**, 2019

DAGENE Show park –  
University of Veterinary Medicine  
Field Station, Üllő

Slovenia 2015



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