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Obituary to Dr Paul Grothe former WHFF Secretary General

On 15th of April 2012, Dr Paul Otto Grothe passed away at the age of 85. Paul Grothe was the general manager of the German Black & White Breeders Association (VDS) from 1960 to 1992, before it became the German Holstein Association in 1996. When the European Confederation of Black & White Breeders' (EHFC) was established in 1966, Paul Grothe was chosen to be its Secretary General. He held this position until his retirement in 1992. Paul Grothe was also an active member in the World Holstein-Friesian Federation (WHFF), having been instrumental in the Federation's formation, and was a driving force behind the World Holstein Conferences, which have been taking place every four years since 1964. In all these positions, he had a significant impact on the development of the Association's activities as well as the Holstein breed itself. His national and international contacts have afforded him international recognition and renown.