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Effective control of pathogens continues to be of great importance to the food industry. The first edition of *Foodborne pathogens* quickly established itself as an essential guide for all those involved in the management of microbiological hazards at any stage in the food production chain. This major new edition strengthens that reputation, with extensively revised and expanded coverage, including more than ten new chapters. Part I focuses on risk assessment and management in the food chain. Chapters in this section cover pathogen detection, microbial modelling, the risk assessment procedure, pathogen control in primary production, hygienic design and sanitation, among other topics. Parts II and III then review the management of key bacterial and non-bacterial foodborne pathogens.

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Obituary for Niels Skovgaard

This book contains the last scientific publication of Professor Niels Skovgaard (Chapter 23), who died recently at the age of 87.

Niels Skovgaard had a remarkable career which spanned 60 years. Everybody engaged in food safety either knew him personally or knew of him. Niels and I used to travel to numerous meetings together and I always appreciated his sharp remarks and deep insight into the interaction of microbes with our food and animals.



After graduation as a veterinarian from the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University (KVL) in Copenhagen in 1951 and a spell working as a veterinary practitioner, he joined the veterinary public health service in Denmark, dealing with meat inspection, food control and the administration of food safety. His teaching career started in 1965 as a lecturer in food microbiology and food hygiene at KVL. He was appointed professor in 1973, a position he held until his official retirement at the age of 70 in 1994.

During his time as professor and also after his retirement Niels Skovgaard contributed actively to several international organizations including the World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), EU, World Association of Veterinary Food Hygienists (WAVFH), International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) and International Commission of Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFMH) in the roles of advisor and teacher. These organizations benefited from his profound knowledge. In addition, he frequently acted as a scientific consultant to the Danish Government and the Danish food industry.

Niels Skovgaard was also devoted to Nordic cooperation within the field of food microbiology and the development of analytical methods. For this cause he

served terms as Secretary as well as President of the Nordic Committee on Food Analyses (NMKL). In the Nordic microbiology group he will be remembered for bringing forward proposals for new areas of study, such as emerging microbes of global interest. In this respect he acted as a true lecturer with deep insight in the subject. We will all miss him as a source of profound knowledge, and – it must not be forgotten – his ability to convey his messages and keep his audiences alert using his own unique brand of humor!

Niels Skovgaard was co-founder of the *International Journal of Food Microbiology* published by ICFMH, and was President of this organization from 1989 to 1996, followed by an appointment as Honorary President. He contributed more than 300 scientific articles in Danish, Nordic and international magazines, and also published several instructive text books for students. In particular during his retirement he spent considerable time reviewing scientific books and acting as referee for articles on food microbiology and hygiene. Niels Skovgaard was an honorary member of international organizations and universities, and in Denmark was made a Knight 1st Class of the Royal Order of Dannebrog.

However, his true legacy is neither his books nor his many publications; it is the many students that have taken over and are continuing his remarkable work in many different organizations, journals, panels, and committees.

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