

Congratulations on the 80th birthday of Professor BOHUMÍR ROSICKÝ



We wish to pay tribute to Professor Dr. Bohumír Rosický, DSc., on the occasion of the celebration of his 80th birthday. Born on April 18, 1922, he is one of the outstanding Czech parasitologists. We could mention here the long list of his achievements, publications and books, we could name here the high scientific offices, both national and international, which he held and enumerate the multitude of students, national and foreign, whom he educated or supervised. These merits, however, have already been dealt with earlier in a commemorative article in *Folia Parasitologica*, congratulating him on his seventieth anniversary.

We wish to emphasise here two of his important accomplishments which have to be duly appreciated. As the editors of the journal which he brought to life exactly 35 years ago, in 1966, we wish to thank him for

providing a medium for the then growing community of Czech parasitologists; at the same time, it was a significant contribution to the list of Czech scientific periodicals. After the Second World War, a number of young Czech parasitologists emerged, principally from the Prague school of Professor Otto Jírovec. At that time, when for various reasons it was not easy to publish abroad, the need for a national parasitological journal was quite urgent. While Czech zoologists enjoyed having their specialised periodical already since the pre-war period, in parasitology there was none. Eventually, since 1954, a yearbook "Czech Parasitology", edited by Professor Jírovec, began to appear. However, it had all the drawbacks of a yearbook. Bohumír Rosický, at that time already holding important scientific posts, has to be given credit that with all the then necessary tenacity he paved the way for *Folia Parasitologica* to appear in 1966 as a new periodical. For many years he was the editor-in-chief of the journal. The journal has covered a long way since that time, and, unyoked of the many constraints of the pre-1989 times, could reach a new level both in its contents and look; however, we have to remember its origin in 1966.

Since its beginnings, *Folia* has been edited in the Institute of Parasitology, then of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, now of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. This Institute probably would not exist, had it not been for the persevering and competent organisational work of Professor Rosický, who, assisted by his colleagues, succeeded in founding the Institute in 1962. Later he had to expend a lot of energy to keep it going and growing. The Institute had to overcome many difficult times but now it is going strong and can be regarded as one of the respectable parasitological institutions of the 21st century.

All this we have on our mind, when we sincerely wish Professor Rosický good health, satisfaction from the work he has accomplished in his life and from the work which he still will complete, and peace of mind and personal happiness !

The Editors