

THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DR. IVAN ZMORAY

On Oct. 25, 1969, Dr. Ivan Zmoray, CSc. celebrated his 50th anniversary. Dr. Zmoray is a prominent representative of Slovak and Czechoslovak biology and of Czechoslovak helminthology. He started his scientific career in 1939 while a student of natural sciences at the Charles University in Prague. During the Nazi occupation, when all Czech universities were closed down, he worked for a short time as a volunteer at the National Museum in Prague under the leadership of professor Obenberger, but soon took up his studies again at the Bratislava University where he was awarded his Ph.D. in 1943. He commenced to work at the Komensky University as an assistant lecturer till 1948 and then joined the College of Agriculture and Forestry in Košice as a lecturer. Soon he was appointed also Head of the Zoological Department of this school. Although greatly appreciated by everyone as one of the best teachers of this school, he had to leave this school in the early 50ties. From 1952 he worked as a scientific officer at the District Station for Hygiene and Epidemiology in Košice. There, he first came into closer contact with parasitology which was to become his principle field of interest. In 1957, he started to work at the Helminthological

Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Košice, and remained there until the present as its assistant director. Dr. Zmoray's scientific activities cover a wide spectrum. He is not only an excellent scientific worker, but also a very good pedagogue and a most capable organiser, being editor of numerous publications, books and journals. In his scientific work he is concerned with morphological, ecological and zoogeographical studies, questions of biometrics and taxonomic problems. His recent work on the morphology of the larval stages of nematodes of the family Protostrongylidae, solving their relationship to their intermediate and definitive host, belong to one of the best works ever written in this field. Lately he has started to teach again as an external lecturer at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Šafárik University, Košice, where he fully applies his extensive scientific and pedagogic experiences. A scientist's personality is always closely linked to his human profile. And Dr. Zmoray's personality is a happy synthesis of an excellent scientist and a person with the best properties of man. And therefore, we all wish him to his anniversary sound health and much success in his work and life.

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