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THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSOR DR. JAROSLAV KRAMÁŘ

In 1970, the distinguished Czechoslovak parasitologist J. Kramář D.Sc., professor of the Charles University in Prague, has entered his sixtieth year of life.

During his scientific career, Dr. Kramář's principal interest has been in the biology of blood-sucking Diptera, mainly mosquitoes of the family Culicidae. His monograph on this important group of parasitic insects is fundamental work on the fauna of central Europe and will remain a lasting source of information on this subject. On its base many research work has been developed. It has, undoubtedly, been a great help in the development of research of mosquitoes as vectors of arboviruses. This comprehensive knowledge on the Czechoslovak fauna of mosquitoes and the first fundaments of ecological observations have, in the final issue, enabled the well-known isolation of the virus Čálovo of the Bunyamvora group and the virus Tahyňa of the complex of California encephalitis in Czechoslovakia.

As Head of the Department of Parasitology and Hydrobiology of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Charles University, Dr. Kramář's work has not been limited to the field of medical entomology only. His pioneering work in developing immunofluorescent methods has been most successful especially in the diagnostics of toxoplasmosis. The results obtained outreached the requirements of standard diagnostics and enriched the theory of immunofluorescent

techniques employed in parasitology. His works on several new methods and techniques used in zoological research work instigated Dr. Kramář to become interested in immunofluorescent tests.

J. Kramář has published numerous scientific papers. His comprehensive knowledge, his kind but challenging mind has made him an excellent teacher. Many of his pupils are now holding important posts in the various institutions concerned with parasitology. His former pupils have always found him ready to give advice and to listen with deep interest to their everyday problems.

Dr. Kramář's university studies, discontinued by Nazi occupation (1939—1945) were taken up again in 1945 and finished in 1948. Since then, he has been a member of the faculty of Natural Sciences of the Charles University, rising to professorship in 1963. Three years later, he forwarded his doctor thesis and was awarded his Doctor of Sciences.

Throughout his scientific and pedagogical activities he has contributed substantially to the good position enjoyed by the Department of Parasitology of the Charles University.

We wish Dr. Kramář, member of the Editorial Board of *Folia parasitologica* and of several other zoological periodicals, many years of successful scientific work, good health and many, many more talented students.

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