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In memoriam Otto Gebauer

In October 1971, two years will have elapsed from the sudden death of Dr. med. vet. et phil. Otto Gebauer. His departure has left a deep clef in European parasitology to which Dr. Gebauer had greatly contributed with his scientific work. All Czechoslovak parasitologists to whom he had been known so well from various congresses in this country express their deepest regret.

Dr. Gebauer started his scientific career as assistant to Professor Dr. K. Böhm at the Institute of General Zoology and Parasitology of the Veterinary College in Vienna where he collected comprehensive knowledge for his future scientific work. His doctor thesis "Zur Kenntnis der Parasitenfauna der Gemse" is original and pioneering work in this scientific field.

Dr. Gebauer described several new nematode species parasitizing various hosts; he completed descriptions of a number of nematode genera with new morphological data and exactified their taxonomic position. His interest was con-

centrated mainly on onchocercosis, fascioliasis and cysticercosis of domestic and game animals (he described two new lungworm species from the chamois) and on problems of parasite-host specificity. His work, however, was not concerned with helminthology only. He studied in detail some problems of cattle myiasis and confirmed experimentally the migration of the larvae of *Hypoderma bovis*.

For many years Dr. Gebauer practised veterinary medicine (as veterinarian at the abattoir in Vienna) gaining substantial new knowledge in the field of general parasitology. But also his comprehensive knowledge in zoology was highly appreciated among zoologists. Dr. Gebauer was a very active member of several international scientific organisations and an extremely efficient organiser of scientific meetings and congresses. Although no longer among us, Dr. Gebauer will never be forgotten.

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