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THE „PARASITOLOGICAL DAYS“ IN BRATISLAVA

The "Parasitological Days" in Bratislava were held from September 16—17, 1971. This meeting was arranged by the Czechoslovak Parasitological Society in collaboration with the Slovak Biological Society of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, and the Medical School, Komenský University, Bratislava. The 69 contributions delivered at this meeting were concerned with human parasitology.

The problems discussed at the meeting can be divided into several thematic groups. Group 1 concerned papers on the occurrence, diagnosis and serology of protozoan infection of man (particularly toxoplasmosis, amoebiasis, lamblia), including several theoretical problems such as the antigenic analysis of parasite antigens, culture methods and therapeutic experiences.

Group 2 included papers on helminthiasis of man, particularly on the incidence of stron-

gyloidiasis, enterobiasis and taeniarhynchosis in Czechoslovakia, and the treatment of these infections.

Papers on arachnology dealt mainly with questions on the incidence and diagnosis of scabies, a current infection in recent years. Several papers discussed the influence of certain insecticides on arthropods and helminths.

Problems of the diagnosis and therapy of tropical and subtropical parasitoses were another subject of discussion among parasitologists who had encountered these in persons returning from these countries.

The "Parasitological Days" in Bratislava enabled an interesting confrontation of the results obtained by the various institutions of Czechoslovakia. They offered new stimulating lines of research upon which the future work of the participants could be conducted.

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