

Second Symposium on medical and Veterinary Acaroentomology (Gdansk, 21—23 October, 1971)

In October last year the Polish Parasitological Society organized a symposium on medical and veterinary acaroentomology as a continuation of the similar meeting held in 1966. This is why the first two introductory papers (by Prof. J. Lachmajer and by Prof. L. Grzywiński) at the opening plenary session were devoted to surveys of results obtained in Poland in the field of medical and veterinary arachnoentomology between 1966—1971. The agenda of the opening plenary session also included the paper of F. Piotrowski (Biological rhythms in parasites) and that of H. Hoogstraal (The influence of human activity on tick distribution and tickborne diseases of man and animals). The general programme of the symposium was divided into common sessions concerned with biology, ecology, faunistics and taxonomy and two special sections: Section I. Epidemiology and germ transmission, Section II. Control of arthropods.

Within the framework of common sessions topical groups of papers were arranged for the agenda of three half-days. The first group presided by W. Eichler (GDR) discussed the problems concerning Mallophaga, fleas and veterinary dipterology (a total of 10 papers). The second group under the guidance of H. Hoogstraal (USA) and V. Černý (Czechoslovakia) included the problems of ticks and mites (12 papers). A most lively discussion was aroused by the paper of K. Siuda (A new species of tick—*Aponomma ludovici* sp.n. collected in Poland) who reported on 7 females, 1 nymph and 3 larvae of ticks belonging to the tropical genus *Aponomma* found on a dog in

Poland. The author also demonstrated documentary material. The third group of topical papers headed by K. Tarwid (Poland) consisted of 9 dipterological communications (Culicidae, Tabanidae, Calliphoridae, Ceratopogonidae).

The section "Epidemiology and Germ Transmission", presided by F. Weyer (GFR) consisted of 13 papers dealing with rickettsia, arboviruses and bacteria. In the section "Control of Arthropods" headed by G. Sacca (Italy) 14 papers were read dealing with the control of flies and other troublesome insects, with resistance etc.

The symposium was attended by 45 Polish specialists and 25 foreign participants (Czechoslovakia, England, France, GDR, GFR, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Romania, USA, Yugoslavia). Czechoslovakia was represented by 8 scientific workers (J. Řeháček, J. Nosek, E. Ernek of the Virological Institute, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, V. Černý, M. Daniel of the Institute of Parasitology, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, Praha, D. Novák of the District Hygiene and Epidemiology Station, Hodonín, J. Moucha and J. Ježek of the National Museum, Praha), who submitted 8 papers dealing with ticks, their ecology and relationship to arboviruses and rickettsia, feather mites and mallophaga, horse-flies and mosquitoes.

Abstracts of papers were published by offset print as working material in English and Polish languages. The papers will appear in full wording within the scope of the journal *Wiadomości parazytologiczne*.

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