

the largest part of the book. In it 46 genera with 72 species are presented in alphabetic order. Separate genera, species and subspecies are characterized by the most important features and parasite-host relations. Some species, such as *Bovicola bovis*, *Columbicola columbae*, *Eomenacanthus stramineus*, *Haematopinus eurysternus* are described together with more detailed bionomic data. The text is supplied with many illustrations. From the taxonomic point of view it may be pointed out that *Anatoecus adustus* and *Hohorstiella lata* are presented as different species. In nomenclature *Haematopinus tuberculatus* was substituted by *H. bufalieuropaei* and *Linognathus africanus* by *L. ovisformis*.

The last chapter evaluates the economic importance of Phthiraptera. It deals with heavy infestation of feeble individuals by these parasites, host molesting, blood sucking, damage of feather, hair and skin, decreasing of productivity and transmission of various pathogenous agents. The final part of the publication includes bibliography with 310 references and a joint author and subject index.

The monograph is an immediate continuation of the previous work of J. Zlotorzycka from 1972 (see V. Černý, *Folia parasit. (Praha)* 21: 92, 1974) to which elaboration of lice and many data from the bionomy of separate species have been added. Also the sections devoted to morphology of eggs are of high interest. On the other hand the problem of lice control and methods of their collection, conservation and preparation were left untouched. Synonymic terms are used only in a very few species. Regarding some terms used mainly in older literature the scale of synonyms could have been wider (e.g. even in the species *Bovicola bovis*, *B. caprae* etc.).

The monograph is a valuable manual for specialists who are engaged in the studies on this group of parasitic insects. It will be very useful for those who need to identify the sucking and biting lice in their veterinary practice and to obtain basic information on their bionomy. The publication may be thus considered to be very topical.

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Announcement

Fourth International Conference on Trichinellosis will be held on 26—28 August 1976 in Poznań, Poland. The program will include Biology of *Trichinella spiralis*, Trichinellosis in man, Epidemiology and control of trichinellosis.

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