

соседнем участке. Антитела против риккетсий группы II.1 были найдены у 22.5 % и против *C. burnetii* у 1.9 % мелких млекопитающих на соседних участках. Трипаносомы и *Nosema slovaca* были обнаружены у клещей *I. ricinus*; обе находки являются первыми в Средней Европе.

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The 50th anniversary of RNDr. Zdeněk Šebek, C. Sc.

Dr. Šebek, one of the leading Czechoslovak authorities in medical parasitology, celebrated his 50th anniversary on August 31, 1975. Born in Zásmuky near Kolín, he completed his secondary school education in Havlíčkův Brod, and his university studies at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Charles University in Prague. During his studies he was assistant to Professor Dr. J. Komárek, Head of the Institute for General and Experimental Zoology. In 1951 he submitted his thesis on the serological relationship among several central European species of the family Muridae and graduated from University.

He worked for a short period at the Institute of Vertebrate Zoology, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, Brno, headed by Professor Dr. J. Kratochvíl, where he acquired a deep interest in the ecology and taxonomy of small mammals. In 1955, he joined the District Hygiene and Epidemiological Station in Jihlava as head of the Parasitological Department and has remained there until the present. In 1966, Dr. Šebek presented his thesis entitled: Reservoirs of leptospires in natural and anthropogenic foci and an attempt for a typisation of leptospiral foci on the territory of Czechoslovakia, and was awarded the scientific degree of Candidate of Sciences.

Dr. Z. Šebek is a very experienced parasitologist with a wide range of knowledge. His interest

has been divided mainly between two fields: leptospirology and protozoology. At his department in Jihlava, he developed new methods for



the diagnosis of leptospirosis in man and animals. Under his leadership, the Parasitological Department of the District Station has been entrusted