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II European Parasitological Multicolloquium in Yugoslavia

The II European Parasitological Multicolloquium organized on the initiative of the Committee of the European Federation of Parasitology took place in Trogir on 1-6 September 1975. It was successfully organized by the Yugoslav Parasitological Society under the heading of Prof. Dr. Zlatibor Petrović. The Multicolloquium was attended by 277 parasitologists from 22 European and some Asian and African countries. President of the European Federation of Parasitology, Prof. P. C. C. Garnham in his inaugural address at the plenary session summarized the results achieved in parasitology during the period from the first multicolloquium in Rennes in 1971.

The sessions were held on 2-5 September. Nearly 200 participants presented their results in 16 sections. Four sections were devoted to protozoology, 7 to helminthology and the remaining to entomology and acarology, mycoparasitology, parasites of fishes and crabs, research of antiparasitics and general problems of parasitology. The papers were followed by rich discussions, which was a characteristic feature of the colloquium. The subjects of the sections characterize the present trends of the European parasitology. The papers dealing with protozoology discussed the problems of *Isospora*, *Toxoplasma*, *Sarcocystis*, Coccidia, malaria, trypanosomiasis and others, including methodical, morphological and immunological questions. A number of helminthological reports were devoted to immunology, physiology and biochemistry, life cycles of helminths, ecology and epizootiology. In the section of antiparasitics, the "strategy" of drug application and complex evaluation of new preparations were discussed. The problems of entomology and acarology were

dealt with in the papers on the ecology of important vectors of leishmanioses, sandfly fever, bartonellosis and other diseases. The papers devoted to fish and crab parasites dealt with microsporidia, myxosporidia, some helminths and their effect on the host organism.

Czechoslovak parasitologists presented three papers: Prof. J. Vojtek and Assoc. Prof. L. Vojtěková "Changes in the localisation of trematoda of the order Strigeidea (La Ruo, 1926) Sudárikov, 1959 in the course of their development in the final host", Assoc. Prof. R. Žitňan "Helminthic zoonoses transmissible from fish of the Czechoslovak reach of Danube", Prof. B. Rosický and Dr. V. Baruš "Some aspects of natural focality of nematodes of poultry in Czechoslovakia". Summaries of most reports were published in proceedings edited by the Yugoslav Parasitological Society. The organizers of the Multicolloquium intend to publish the full text of the papers in 1976. The scientific public will thus have the chance to get acquainted in detail with the valuable results.

In course of the colloquium also a session of the Committee of the European Federation of Parasitological Societies was held, which solved some questions of organization, documentation, exchange of information etc. Prof. Dr. J. M. Doby was unanimously elected a new president of the Federation.

All participants highly appreciated the II European Parasitological Multicolloquium as a successful scientific meeting which made possible to establish scientific contacts significant for further development of parasitology in Europe. It was decided to hold the III European Parasitological Multicolloquium in England in 1979.

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