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IV. CZECHOSLOVAK SEMINAR ON DIPTEROLOGY

Between November 11 and 14, 1975 a Seminar on Dipterology was held at Dubová pri Modré near Bratislava. Dipterological seminars regularly organized since 1970 every two years (Nitra 1970 České Budějovice 1972, Cikháj near Žďár n. S. 1974) have become traditional meetings of Czechoslovak specialists — dipterologists, demonstrating the present situation in the research and outlining the problems of further advancement of this discipline in Czechoslovakia. As in previous seminars also this time great attention was devoted to economically and parasitologically important groups of Diptera.

The Seminar was attended by more than 50 scientists from Czechoslovak research institutes, universities and museums. Out of 32 papers read nearly one half was concerned with medical and veterinary dipterology (6 papers dealt with mosquitoes, 2 with black flies, 2 with horse flies, 4 with synanthropic flies). Presented were the results obtained in the research of effects of vegetable oils and preparations with effect of insect juvenile hormones on mosquitoes, as well as other achievements in studies on the fauna and ecology of mosquitoes in some regions of Czechoslovakia and on the physiology of mosquitoes under labo-

ratory conditions. Other papers covered biometric characters in the systematics of black flies, mapping of the occurrence of horse flies in Czechoslovakia and the research of synanthropic flies, mainly their chorology, occurrence in foodproducing areas and farming units. Two papers discussed the results obtained in the research of fauna, ecology and zoogeography of mosquitoes and black flies in the Mongolian People's Republic. Some other papers included new approaches to the methods used in the research of Diptera. Remarkable was also the paper concerning the history of the research of Diptera in Slovakia.

The Seminar was very well organized by the Natural History Faculty of the Comenius University in Bratislava and by the Slovak Entomological Society affiliated to the Slovak Academy of Sciences. The meeting marked the advancement of dipterological studies in Czechoslovakia, primarily the professional development of young specialists and indicated the gratifying fact that contemporary research of Diptera is carried out within the whole order and at a high professional level, including the research of parasitic groups.

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