

60th anniversary of Ing. Dušan Novák



Ing. Dušan Novák, long-time head of the Desinfection, Desinsection and Deratisation Department and the Entomology Laboratory of the Regional Hygiene Station in Hodonín and well-known specialist in mosquito control, has celebrated an important anniversary this year — his 60th birthday.

Ing. D. Novák was born in Hodonín (South Moravia) on 24 March 1919. His university studies were interrupted by the war and he graduated from the School of Economics in Prague in 1946. He returned to live in his native Hodonín and since 1949 has been engaged in the control of mosquito calamities in South Moravia which pose a serious public health and economic problem in this region. A native of South Moravia he is thoroughly familiar with this problem. Between 1950 and 1965 he organized large-scale treatment of afflicted areas with dust insecticides and later, after unfavourable DDT effects on environment had

been demonstrated, he exerted every effort in the research of new methods in mosquito control harmless to environment.

It is much to the credit of Ing. D. Novák that new methods of mosquito control sparing nature were carried through and became accepted. He collaborated in these activities with the Institutes of Entomology and of Parasitology, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, with medical institutes, universities, chemical and pharmaceutical works. He tested new methods in the eradication of mosquitoes and their larvae by new insecticides, aromatic plant substances; lecithin, sticky plant seeds, radiation etc., he used against them repellents and biological control, employing their natural enemies and parasites. The results of his work were presented in 190 papers published in professional and popular-scientific journals and at many scientific conferences held in this country and abroad. He is a member of the Czechoslovak Society for Parasitology, and societies for Entomology, Medicine and Geography.

All who have known Ing. D. Novák, primarily those who have collaborated with him directly, appreciate his good nature, his willingness to extent a friendly helping hand, his unflagging enthusiasm for hygienic measures which make the beautiful South Moravia free from human health hazard and benefit nature as well. Ing. D. Novák is not only a recognized specialist in mosquito control, but above all a kind-hearted, guileless man, and we wish him many happy returns of the day and every success in the coming years.

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