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Between 4 and 6 September 1980 the IV. Symposium on Medical and Veterinary Acarоentomology was held in Gdańsk (Poland). It was attended by 83 specialists from Poland, Czechoslovakia (3), German Democratic Republic (2), Federal Republic of Germany (1), Romania (1) and USA (1).

The proceedings were divided into 3 sections: 1 — Biology and epidemiological role of arthropods in environment at various stages of anthropogenization (Subsection A: Ixodidae; parasites of rodents; Nematocera. Subsection B: Other arthropods which are parasitic or noxious to man and domestic animals).

2 — Faunistics (Subsection A: Parasites of wild birds and mammals. Subsection B: Crustaceans of marine fish).

3 — Arthropod control (Subsection A: Biological, chemical and other methods of control. Subsection B: Practical evaluation of insecticides and their application).

The sessions were organized so that each subsection was opened by an introductory paper which summed up the most important conclusions of registered contributions and the most significant results achieved in the given

field since the last symposium. This introduction was followed by a lively discussion. The participants had at their disposal abstracts of papers containing 70 contributions in alphabetic order of the authors. Most numerous communications were listed in the subsections 1 A and 1 B. The problems of arthropod control dealt with in Section 3 also yielded much stimulative information. The Czechoslovak specialists presented four papers. The papers will be published in extenso in a special issue of the journal *Wiadomości Parazytologiczne*. The social program of the symposium included informal cocktail and a coach trip to the Kashubian Lake district.

The meeting of Polish and foreign medical and veterinary acarоentomologists, which has already become a tradition, offered an opportunity to learn the latest results in research and discuss problems of mutual interest in personal conversations. The symposium was well organized and the hosts provided the participants with a pleasant working and social atmosphere.

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