

50th birthday of Professor Yuriy Konstantinovich Bogoyavlensky



The renowned Soviet helminthologist, Professor Yu. K. Bogoyavlensky, D.Sc., Head of the Department of Biology, First Institute of Medicine, Moscow, has celebrated his 50th anniversary this year. He was born in Moscow in 1925 in the family of a teacher. In 1942, he joined the Red Army as a volunteer and was demobilized in 1947. Then he studied at the Faculty of Biology of the Moscow State University and graduated in 1952. Already at that time he showed interest in intensive scientific work and was accepted as a post-graduate student in the Institute of Animal Morphology of the USSR Academy of Sciences. He received his Ph. D. in 1955.

Yu. K. Bogoyavlensky started to work under the guidance of Academician K. I. Skryabin, who headed the Helminthological Laboratory of the USSR Academy of Sciences, and was engaged in the study of the histology of helminths using electron microscopy and histochemical methods. He was awarded his D. Sc. in 1968 and the title of his thesis was "Morphological research of the cuticle, hypo-

dermis and somatic musculature of parasitic nematodes". During the 14 years of work in the Helminthological Laboratory Yu. K. Bogoyavlensky participated in numerous helminthological expeditions to distant regions of the USSR and he himself organized and headed some of them.

Since 1959 he acted as Assistant Professor at the Department of Biology of the First Medical Institute in Moscow and ten years later he became Professor at this Institute. At present Prof. Bogoyavlensky is the head of the Department of Biology.

Prof. Yu. K. Bogoyavlensky is known as an outstanding pedagogue and exact scientific worker who is able to inspire his students and to supervise them during their studies and scientific work. Many of them have already received scientific degrees of Ph. D. and D. Sc.

Prof. Yu. K. Bogoyavlensky published more than 100 scientific papers and two monographs "Structure and function of the cuticle and hypodermis in nematodes" and with co-workers "Nervous system of nematodes". His work is highly appreciated both by Soviet and other helminthologists abroad.

Besides his scientific career, Prof. Bogoyavlensky devotes himself also to the propagation of scientific achievements from the fields of medicine and biology and other public activities. He has been for many years in professional and friendly contacts with Czechoslovak parasitologists and participated in collaboration between Czechoslovak and Soviet helminthologists.

The Editorial Board of *Folia parasitologica* and the members of the Czechoslovak Parasitological Society wish Prof. Yu. K. Bogoyavlensky good health and much success both in his work and private life.

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