

PREFACE

The present Supplement №2 of ACTA ZOOLOGICA BULGARICA is dedicated to the 60th years anniversary of the Institute of Zoology by Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. In honour of this anniversary it was organized 6th Jubilee National Conference of Zoology where many zoologists and ecologists from different Institutes and Universities in the country participated.

An official ceremony was held on Monday, May 21.05.2007 at 10h in main hall of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. A short presentation of the history of Institute of Zoology, its structure and important achievements was given by Prof. Dr. M. Zhivkov, the Director of the Institute of Zoology. Welcome addresses were done by Minister of Education and Science, Assoc.prof. Dr. D.Valchev, by President of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Acad. I. Juhnovsky, by dean of Biological Faculty at Sofia University Assoc.prof. Dr. M. Shishinyova. Also, many directors and scientists of Institutes and Universities, and Museums in the country congratulated the Institute. The Institute of Zoology due to its activity in the field of zoology and ecology was awarded a medal of honor “Prof.Marín Drinov” of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

The welcome address given by Minister of Sciences and the Prize of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences are carried separately in this issue.

The Jubilee Scientific Conference was held on the campus of Biological Faculty, by Sofia University “Kl. Ohridski”, on May 21-22, 2007. A total 113 papers and posters in five scientific sessions were presented:

Lectures were delivered on the following topics:

- Invertebrate animals – 15 papers and 5 posters;
- Vertebrate animals –20 papers and 10 posters;
- Hydrobiology – 20 papers and 23 posters;
- Parasitology – 8 papers and 3 posters;
- Toxicology and Pest control –5 papers and 4 posters.

Part of these papers, prepared according to the authors instruction of the journal Acta Zoologica Bulgarica is presented in this Supplement.

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We would like to express our great thankful to all participants attending the Conference, for their interesting papers and posters. The hospitality given by the dean of the Biological Faculty by Sofia University, Assoc.prof. Dr. Maria Shishinyova is greatly appreciated. Last but not least we would like to thank all colleagues of Institute of Zoology that took part directly in the organization of the Conference as well as for their valuable help.

We hope that the Conference has contributed to a stimulating exchange of views in the field of the Zoology as well as to make new contacts and to develop new ideas.

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