

In memoriam



Professor Tzolo Hristov Peshev

Professor Tzolo Peshev, a famous, an eminent, highly respected Bulgarian Zoologist suddenly passed way on 31. December 2009.

Prof. Peshev was born on 2 October 1922 in the Municipality of Mezdra. He graduated Natural History of Sofia University, in 1949. Since 1959 upon retirement in 2002 he continued his teaching activity

at the Faculty of Biology by Sofia University as a lecturer, associate professor and professor in the field of Zoology. More than 20 years the outstanding zoologist was the head of the Department of Zoology and Anthropology at the Sofia University and excellent teacher and supervisor of many MSc and PhD students.

Prof. Tzolo Peshev was much respected as author and co – author of highly professional student books, which have gone through several editions, of many text books, Zoology atlases, books in Biology and Zoology for secondary schools, popular science books, etc., which have been used by many students from all over the country.

Prof. Peshev was an exceptional taxonomist of the small mammals group in Bulgaria. His main research activities focused on their taxonomy, distribution, biology and ecology in Bulgaria. The first scientific papers in this field were in collaboration with the famous Russian teriologists Vladimir and Kiril Martino. When they left our country, Prof. Peshev continued teaching many students and followers in this field and published more than 50 scientific papers, guides and books. He published more than 110 original articles, covering Bulgarian vertebrate fauna, which appeared in Bulgarian as well as in well known international journals as *Acta theriologica*, *Mammalia*, *Zoologischer Anzeiger*, *International History of Mammalia*, etc.

Prof. Ts. Peshev was an active scientist even after he was 80. He contributed with his many sided knowledge in the Zoology by preparing and publishing a monograph on the mammals of Bulgaria from the series “Fauna of Bulgaria” (v.27- Mammals, 2005:632pp) in collaboration with his students and colleagues assoc. prof. D. Peshev and assoc. prof. V. Popov. The monograph contains interesting results on the morphology, biology and distribution of 97 species and subspecies of mammals, living in Bulgaria.

Prof. Peshev was much respected for his highly professional editorial work as a member of the Editorial Board of the monograph series of Institute of Zoology “Fauna of Bulgaria” and as a member of Scientific Council of the Institute of Zoology.

He was a scientist and a lecturer who had a good reputation of the zoological community in the country due to his open and harmonious character, he was sincere and accessible in his relations with the colleagues and students. He was very polite to every body, he helped the young scientists and lectures.

As a citizen with very strong sense of responsibility he worked as expert at the Ministry of Education and Science, vice president of the Bulgarian Society for Natural Research, vice president and member of the Hunting and Fishing Union, different scientific and expert councils, etc.

With the dead of prof. Tzolo Peshev Bulgarian Zoological Science lost one of its most active and worthy specialists and University lecturers.

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