GEORGI KANCHEV BACHVAROV
(1934-2010)

After long illness our respected colleague prof. Georgi Bachvarov passed away on November 2nd 2010.


Member of Society of Parasitologists in Bulgaria, the French Society of Parasitology and Balkan Federation of Ecology. Under his leadership are successfully defended two doctoral dissertations and over 100 theses.

His main research interests are in the field of environmental parasitology and aquatic toxicology. Were studied helminths of amphibians and reptiles from Bulgaria, France, Serbia, Guadeloupe, Togo and others. Specialist in the family Polistomatidae of international renown. He described 12 new species new to the science. After his name was named a parasite from West Africa (*Polistoma bachvarovi*). He has won several international competitions, the latter being for "high-level scientists and international renown". He worked together with experts from France, Togo, Russia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece.

He has read lectures at the University of Thessaloniki and University of Perpignan (France). Lecture courses read by prof. Bachvarov include: Hydrobiology, Parasitology, Ecology of Animal General Ecology, Ecology and Environmental Protection, protected natural sites, Environmental parasitology, environmental protection.

He has participated in congresses of the Bulgarian Parasitological Society, Congress of the French Parasitological Society, International Congress of Parasitology in Montpellier, IKOPA - Warsaw, Kongpec in diseases of wildlife - the Netherlands, First Balkan Conference on Ecology – Thessaloniki and others.

Prof. Bachvarov’s Parasitological collection of scientific materials and invertebrates collected in a period of more than 50 years and scientific literature were donated to the Zoological Institute and the National Museum of Natural History at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia, Bulgaria.

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