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The conference to which this publication relates was held, place at the Agricultural Museum named after Fr. Krzysztof Kluk in Ciechanowiec, on September 6–9, 2021, under the name of animal parasitosis – current threats – new therapeutic and prophylactic solutions. This conference has become a cyclical event. The first edition took place in the same place in 2017 and was received by its participants with great appreciation and numerous inquiries about further meetings.

Organizational difficulties, especially epidemiological limitations in recent years, meant that, after 4 years, the second edition of this conference could be held with some delay.

The main organizers of the conference were: the Department of Parasitology and Invasive Diseases operating within the Department of Parasitology and Fish Diseases, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Life Sciences in Lublin; Agricultural Museum of Rev. Krzysztof Kluk in Ciechanowiec, the Polish Consultative Council for Parasitosis of Companion Animals – ESCCAP Polska, the Polish Parasitological Society and the Biebrza National Park.

The aim of the conference was to present the latest achievements of veterinary parasitology and related sciences in Poland and neighboring countries and to popularize them in order to use the research results in practice.

In connection with the 130th anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Polish school of parasitology, prof. dr hab. dr hab. c. multi by Witold Stefański, in memory of this great scientist and organizer of science, as well as outstanding professors of the Lublin center, the late prof. dr hab. Jerzy Lech Gundłach, late prof. dr hab. Andrzej Bernard Sadzikowski and the late prof. dr hab. Krzysztof Kostro this scientific event was dedicated to.

The honorary patronage over the conference was taken by: Rector of the University of Life Sciences in Lublin, prof. dr hab. Krzysztof Kowalczyk and the Marshal of the Podlaskie Voivodeship, Artur Kosicki. The Honorary Committee of the conference was formed by: Rector of the University of Life Sciences in Lublin – prof. dr hab. Krzysztof Kowalczyk, Rector of the University of Life Sciences in Lublin – prof. dr hab. dr h.c. multi Marian Wesołowski, Marshal of the Podlaskie Voivodeship – Artur Kosicki, Rector of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences, prof. dr hab. dr h.c. Włodzimierz Kluciński and Rector of the Warsaw

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The conference was held thanks to the financial support of the Minister of Education and Science as part of the "Excellent Science" grant from the Minister of Education and Science and the generosity of the sponsors, pharmaceutical companies: Elanco, Intervet, Zoetis and Boehringer Ingelheim. The partners supporting the conference were also the "Centrowet" Group, the Lublin Medical and Veterinary Chamber and the National Medical and Veterinary Chamber.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the best scientific centers representing veterinary parasitology and related sciences in the country and abroad, a large group of invited guests and people interested in parasitological issues, as well as leading practicing veterinarians. The conference participants were honored with the award of 30 educational points by the Council of the National Chamber of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. During the four days of deliberation, over 150 people participated in selected scientific sessions, backstage meetings (during which posters were presented) and accompanying social and cultural events.

The conference programme included separate sessions devoted to parasitoses of selected groups of animals and parasitic zoonoses in the context of their control. During the conference, 8 scientific sessions were held, including one in the Biebrza National Park. Session topics included – Parasitic Zoonoses; – Livestock parasites; Free-living animals parasitoses – 3 sessions; – Predator parasites; – Horse parasites; – New diagnostic and therapeutic solutions.

42 lectures on parasitology were delivered, based on the scientific work of 129 authors of conference reports. The authors represented 56 different research units from Poland and abroad as well as 14 other units, including laboratories and service and treatment units.

The special guests of the conference were prominent parasitologists from neighboring countries, incl. prof. Georg von Samson-Himmelstjerna director of the Institute of Parasitology at the University of Berlin, prof. Hubertus Herzberg from the Institute of Parasitology at the University of Zurich, prof. Vitalii Kharchenko, director of the Institute of Zoology named after I. I. Schmalhausen in Kiev and prof. Martina Miterpakowa, prof. Zuzana Hurnikowa and prof. Daniel Antolowa from the Institute of Parasitology in

Košice, Slovakia. The conference was also honorees by the presence of the Rectors of the University of Life Sciences in Lublin: prof. dr hab. Krzysztof Kowalczyk, prof. dr hab. Marian Wesołowski, dr hab. Urszula Kosior-Korzecka prof. of the university and the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, prof. dr hab. Marta Kankofer. The participants of the conference highly appreciated its scientific and organizational level as well as the pleasant atmosphere that gives the opportunity to get to know each other personally and exchange all information.

In the opinion of the participants, a very interesting event was also an off-site scientific session in the Biebrza National Park devoted to the parasitosis of free-living animals, combined with a visit to the National Park. We want to express our sincere thanks for warm welcome and hospitality of the entire management of the park and the group of guides, especially the director, M.Sc. Eng. Artur

Wiatr. The presence of participants in this unique place prompted the organizers to include in the conference program also a patriotic element in the form of laying a wreath in the national colors and lighting candles on the graves of the 1939 "Heroes of Wizna" on Góra Strekowa.

All participants of the Conference, enchanted by the hospitality of Podlasie, as well as the beauty of the Museum of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine and the Open Air Museum of Podlasie Architecture illuminated in the September sun, left Ciechanowiec with the decision to return soon for the next edition of the Parasitological Conference.

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