

## From the Editor

We are very happy, marking the Symposium of Croatian Entomologists to be held as part of the 10th Conference of Croatian Biologists in Osijek from September 16 – 20, 2009, to be able to print this number of *Entomologia Croatica*, which we have dedicated to a great figure in Croatian biological and entomological science, Academician Zdravko Lorković. In the entomological history of the country, there are many highly meritorious and prominent entomologists, but the spur for this number was the discovery of some unpublished works of Zdravko Lorković, which, when we read them, we realised to be of great interest and importance for our entomological history and science. The MSS were obtained by Dr Mladen Kučinić, who kept them safe for years, seeking the chance to publish them. I think that this occasion is the most suitable for the readers to be able to comprehend the acuity of this senior figure of our discipline.

We are publishing two papers, the first written in 1954, entitled “Rhopalocera of Croatia with particular reference to the fauna of Plitvice Lakes”, while the second Meditation about Rhopalocera Fauna of Republic Croatia was penned in the 1990s, in which Academician Lorković was in advanced years, and wrote a text that he did not manage to publish, but the content of which is essential for the knowledge of the fauna of butterflies in Croatia.

The MSS of Academician Lorković have not been sub-edited, and are given in their Croatian originals. The foreign reader can find out about the works of Lorković from the reviews of Dr Kučinić. Dr Kučinić and coauthors dedicates a new article about *Leptidea duponcheli* (Staudinger, 1971) of their memory of the Academician.

And not to make prominent this entomologist of world reputation at the end – great admirer of Academician Lorković, Dr Zoltan Vargas, Emeritus Professor, with his works gives the framework of the scientific work of this senior figure, placing particular prominence on his contribution to the clarification of important biological questions about heredity, achieving this primarily with a thorough knowledge of the biology of the researched species of butterfly through long-years of investigations in field-work conditions, which he afterwards confirmed with meticulous laboratory research. Thus he won the fame of an acknowledged biologist, geneticist and entomologist, here and at large.

In order to round off the scientific oeuvre of our academician and encourage young entomologists to become thoroughly acquainted with it, we also provide the scientific bibliography of Academician Lorković.

We thank curator M. Šašić MSc. of the Croatian Natural History Museum for having enabled us to photograph parts of the legacy of Academician Lorković.

*The Editor*