

On the occasion of the XXI Annual Meeting, held in Belgrade on November 17-18, 1993, the Entomological Society of Serbia — headed by Prof. Dr. Ljubodrag MIHAJLOVIĆ as President — decided to start the journal *Acta entomologica serbica*, and elected the Editor-in-Chief. Thanks to the financial support of several prominent institutions, the publishing of this first volume of *Acta entomologica serbica* was made possible. It was issued by the Society in December 1996 — now with the Prof. Dr. Radoslava SPASIĆ as President. This is the year of two entomological jubilees in Serbia.

Dr. Josif PANČIĆ came to Belgrade 150 years ago — in May 1846. In addition to his predominant scientific work in botany, PANČIĆ was the writer of the first entomological monograph in Serbian language, *Ortoptere u Srbiji* (1883).

The First Congress of entomologists of the new-established state took place at the Institute of Zoology of the University of Belgrade 70 years ago — in May 1926. The Society established at the Congress, started to publish *Glasnik Entomološkog društva Kraljevine Srba, Hrvata i Slovenaca* [Bulletin of the Entomological Society of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes]. Two volumes of *Glasnik* were issued, in Belgrade 1926 (I) and 1927 (II). After that, the Society changed the name, and its journal appeared as *Glasnik Jugoslovenskog entomološkog društva* [Bulletin of the Yugoslav Entomological Society]. Two volumes of *Glasnik* were published, in Belgrade 1929 (III/IV) and 1931 (V/VI).

After forty years, entomologists of the whole former Yugoslavia re-established the Yugoslav Entomological Society, and continued to publish its journal — then as *Acta entomologica Jugoslavica* (volume VII), in Zagreb 1971. The last volume of *Acta* (XXIII) was published in Zagreb 1991. During this period, several supplement volumes of *Acta* were also issued.

*Acta entomologica serbica* is a scientific journal of the Entomological Society of Serbia, published in English. *Acta* will publish mainly the original research papers: however, the summarizing reviews and the short communications will be accepted as well. Extensive studies will be published as supplement volumes of *Acta*.

The advantage of having a scientific journal for the development of entomology in our country is needless to explain. All we need now are the contributions from our members, and a bit of good luck.

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