



PERSONAL ANNIVERSARY OF
AS. PROF. RNDr. SVATAVA TITLBACHOVÁ, CSc.

Svatava Titlbachová was born on January 6th, 1923 in Chlum near Třeboň in South Bohemia in the family of a teacher. She graduated from Grammar school in Třeboň and after the II World War, from the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Charles University in Prague. She was awarded the doctor's degree of natural sciences in 1950 after defending her thesis "Normal form of human hand in the relation to biotype". In 1960 she reached degree of the candidate of biological sciences after presentation of the paper "Anthropological characteristic of a sportswoman", and in 1966 the scientific and pedagogic title of Associate Professor at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Charles University in Prague on the basis of her study "The influence of exogenous and endogenous factors on woman's body build".



From the beginning of her pedagogic and scientific activities until now she remained faithful to the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Charles University in Prague, where at present she is vice director of the anthropological department and is active in many important other functions.

Svatava Titlbachová is a member of numerous scientific associations and in the Czechoslovak Anthropological Society of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences is a long-time member of the Central Committee and vicechairmen of the Prague branch. She is also responsible for the Hrdlička's Museum of Man at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Charles University in Prague. Prof. S. Titlbachová is an experienced pedagogue popular with the students. She participated in compiling the textbook on anthropology for university students.

At the beginning she devoted her scientific work to forensic anthropology and later she concentrated fully on physical anthropology. She was mainly concerned in the problems of the influence of sport activities on physical build of a woman, application of anthropology in criminology where she specialized especially in research of hair and in identification of human skeletal findings. She studied also the developmental changes of human teeth starting with those in

prehistoric times up to the present, the problems of the growth and development of young people in Czechoslovakia, and the influence of maternity on the body build of women. In this latter scientific field she became the founder of the section of the anthropology of maternity and she was the main initiator of the International Symposium on Anthropology of Maternity and co-author in the exhibitions held in Brno, Prague and Berlin. She published a great number of scientific papers and took part in organizing a number of scientific symposia and congresses. She has been awarded the medal of Dr. A. Hrdlička for outstanding work in anthropology, and the honorary badge of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Charles University, Prague for pedagogic work, and a number of other honours.

People who see each other almost every day usually do not notice how the time is flying. Also we who have been meeting for years in the hospitable work-room of Svatava Titlbachová, always embellished with flowers with exceptional taste, to discuss the activities of the Prague branch of the Anthropological Society can hardly believe the calendar reminding us the life anniversary of our modest and diligent colleague and friend.

At the festive session of the Czechoslovak Anthropological Society of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences on January 6th, 1983 in Prague S. Titlbachová was awarded the honorary diploma of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences for her outstanding scientific work. It is my pleasure to wish her all the best, good health and a lot of further success on behalf of all Czechoslovak anthropologists.

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A RESEARCH PROJECT OF THE STUDY OF
LOCOMOTION AND BEHAVIOUR OF MONKEYS
WITH REGARDS TO THE ENVIRONMENT

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In 1981 (July, August 1981, 1982) the Institute of Experimental Pathology and Therapy of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR launched a research project studying the relations of locomotion, behaviour and environment in the ontogenetic development of monkeys. Within the framework of co-operation between the Anthropological Group of the Department of Evolutionary Biology of the Microbiological Institute of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Prague and of the Ethological Group of the Zootechnical Department of the Institute of Experimental Pathology and Therapy of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR in Sukhumi the project has been realized by Dr. Václav Vančata, CSc. (Prague), Dr. Marina A. Vančatová (Sukhumi) and Dr. Valerij G. Čaljan, CSc. (Sukhumi — Head of the Zootechnical Department). The main objective of the project is to study the ontogenesis of locomotion and behaviour of monkeys with regards to the environment, to study the general characteristic and certain special features of locomotion in monkeys and to study the capability of ontogenetic and phylogenetic adaptation in their behaviour and their social structure. Four species of monkeys kept in large secluded areas are being studied (hamadryas baboon, stump-tail macaque, rhesus macaque and the crab-eating macaque) and hamadryas baboon also in a natural reserve area in the Caucasus Mountains. The project involves in all cases large groups of freely mating and reproducing groups of monkeys of normal social and age structure. Each individual