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FOREWORD

Dear colleagues and friends,

*On behalf of the Organizing Committee it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the **International Conference “One Health and Zoology”**.*

We are happy that the conference, with its location at wonderful ancient town of Hisarya, has attracted such an interest.

The scientific forum is organized by the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” – Department of Zoology, the Medical University of Plovdiv, the National Center for Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency with the active support of the Ministry of Health, and the Southeast European Center for Surveillance and Control of Infectious Diseases in Tirana (SECID).

The purpose of the conference is to enable scientific researchers, university academics, students, veterinarians, epidemiologists, microbiologists, virologists, and other experts in the subject, to present scientific results and exchange experience and ideas related to epidemiology, vaccines, the control of zoonotic diseases and their vectors, taxonomy, faunistics, ecology, applied zoology, genetics, molecular biology, etc. The conference aims to promote the One Health approach in the prevention of infectious diseases common to humans and animals and the coordination of various departments and stakeholders in this field.

*We hope that the **International Conference “One Health and Zoology”** will provide an opportunity for a dynamic exchange of information, ideas and scientific discoveries and will enable the participants to network, facilitate future collaborations for further research in a pleasant and relaxed environment.*

We wish you fruitful work, success and a pleasant stay in beautiful town of Hisarya and in Bulgaria!

Welcome!

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The intestinal nematode fauna of bats of the genus *Myotis* (Chiroptera: Vespertilionidae) in Serbia

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ABSTRACT: Bats are the only true flying mammals, and their capacity for flight has contributed to their worldwide distribution. Consequently, they have important functional roles in terrestrial ecosystems in general. These mammals are reliable bioindicators of the condition of the environments they inhabit and have a regulatory effect on the abundance of crepuscular and nocturnal insects. Many species of bats feed on insects that are either vectors of pathogens that cause diseases of animals and people, or agricultural pests that inflict grave economic losses. The endoparasitic helminths of bats have attracted relatively little attention from parasitologists; therefore, the aim of this study is to contribute to the knowledge on the intestinal nematodes of *Myotis* bats in Serbia. We investigated the helminth fauna of 65 individual bats belonging to five different species of the genus *Myotis* (*M. mystacinus*, *M. alcaethoe*, *M. brandtii*, *M. blythii*, *M. myotis*). The hosts were sampled from ten sites on the territory of Serbia. Four nematode species were identified: *Molinostrongylus alatus*, *Capillaria neopulchra*, *Physaloptera* sp. and *Rictularia bovieri*. Intestinal nematodes infected 48 host individuals, resulting in a prevalence of 73.8%. *Molinostrongylus alatus* had the highest prevalence (64.6%) and mean abundance (8.2). None of the registered nematode species have zoonotic potential.

Key words: Chiroptera, *Myotis*, roundworms, prevalence, helminths

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