The conference “Invertebrate Zoology – new century” to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the MSU Department of Invertebrate Zoology

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The conference “Invertebrate Zoology – New Century” was held in M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU) December 19–21, 2018 and was devoted to the 160th anniversary of the Department of Invertebrate Zoology of MSU. As the largest scientific and educational center, the Department of Invertebrate Zoology have been making a valuable contribution to the development of biological science in Russia and in the World through the years. To this meeting, 57 speakers (including 16 plenary speakers) and 62 poster participants came from cities of Russia and Ukraine (Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kazan, Vladivostok, Borok, Kiev) (Figs 1, 2). Talks and posters were devoted to the problems of morphology and developmental biology of invertebrates, the biological diversity of living and fossilized invertebrates, problems of the study of parasitic invertebrates, macroecology, and phylogeography of invertebrates. Participants noted the implementation of modern biological research methods such as molecular methods, confocal microscopy, 3D modeling, electron microscopy and computed tomography is an important basis to the development of invertebrate zoology. Participants of the conference are doing their research in Moscow State University, St. Petersburg State University, institutes of Russian Academy of Science: Shirshov Institute of Oceanology, Koltsov Institute of Development Biology, Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution, Borissiak Paleontological Institute, Papanin Institute for Biology of Inland Waters, Zoological Institute, Institute of Cytology, National Scientific Center for Marine Biology of Far East Branch of the Russian Academy of Science; as well as of the Russian Federation Research Institute of Fishery and Oceanography (VNIRO).

To encourage young researchers participating in the conference, the competition for
Fig. 1. Group photo of participants of the conference “Invertebrate Zoology – New Century” devoted to the 160th anniversary of the Department of Invertebrate Zoology of Moscow State University which was held in Moscow, December 19–21, 2018.


Fig. 2. Three day conference “Invertebrate Zoology – New Century” was devoted to the problems of morphology and developmental biology of invertebrates, the biological diversity of living and fossilized invertebrates, problems of the study of parasitic invertebrates, macroecology and phylogeography of invertebrates.

Рис. 2. Трехдневная конференция «Зоология беспозвоночных – новый век» была посвящена проблемам морфологии и биологии развития беспозвоночных, биологическому разнообразию живых и ископаемых беспозвоночных, проблемам изучения паразитических беспозвоночных, макроэкологии и филогеографии беспозвоночных.
The competition for the best poster among students participating in the conference “Invertebrate Zoology – New Century” took place. The jury examined scientific aspect as well as quality of presentation of the work.

Fig. 4. The jury nominated Vladimir Kutyumov, PhD student of St. Petersburg State University, for “Mitochondrial genome of freshwater bryozoan *Cristatella mucedo* (Bryozoa: Phylactolaemata)” and two students of Moscow State University: Maria Petrova for “Regeneration of walking legs of *Nymphon brevirostre* Hodge, 1863 (Pycnogonida)” and Pyotr Kuznetsov for “Morphology and 3d-reconstruction of organ systems of *Ochetostoma*.”
Fig. 5. A scientific photography competition was held at the conference “Invertebrate Zoology – New Century”. The members of jury were Vladimir Yushin, an expert in microscopies, and professional photographers Anton Lange, Alexander Semenov, Ilya Gomyranov.

Fig. 6. The competition was held in three nominations: “Through powerful instruments”, “Juicy invertebrates” and “My colleagues and other animals”. Audience awards in photo competition were presented to Alexander Tzetlin as well as Anna Zhadan and Elena Temereva.
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