

In memoriam RNDr. Ing. Luděk J. Dobroruka, 1933-2004

Luděk Dobroruka was born on the 20th October, 1933 in Prague. He was educated in the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Charles University, and subsequently in the Faculty of Agronomy, University of Agriculture, Prague. Luděk was a very comprehensive zoologist whose research interests included both vertebrates and invertebrates.

Luděk Dobroruka worked in the zoo in Prague and Dvůr Králové nad Labem for thirty-five years. He was especially keen on studying ungulates, primates, and leopards. Dobroruka took part in several expeditions to Africa, where he organised the capture of wild animals for the Zoo. He gave many lectures, translated and wrote several books, etc. Dobroruka was also interested in the study of centipedes (description of 37 new species), Symphyla, and Paupoda.

Luděk was interested in the jumping spiders (or salticids), particularly their ethology. He studied the predatory behaviour of several *Evarcha* species and also the building of prey-capture webs by *Pseudicius encarpatus*. Luděk was the first to record *Pseudicius epiblemoides* from the spider fauna of the Czech Republic. In the new millennium, Luděk began examining specimens from his own collecting trips to Spain, Corsica, Croatia, Greece, Crete, and Tunisia. He described three new salticid species from Greece and Crete (DOBRORUKA 2002a) and one new salticid species from India (DOBRORUKA 2004b). Unfortunately, this work remained unfinished. Luděk Dobroruka died suddenly on the 4 July, 2004 in Dvůr Králové nad Labem. His spider collection will be deposited in the National Museum in Prague.

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