

Professor Dr. August Dehnel

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It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death on November 22nd, 1962, in Warsaw, of the eminent Polish theriologist Professor August Dehnel, Ph. D., correspondent member of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Head of the Mammals Research Institute of the P. A. Sc. at Bialowieża.

A. Dehnel, Ph. D., was docent of Warsaw University, and since 1950 Professor of the M. Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, where until almost the last days of his life he directed the Chair of Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrate.

It was owing to his unfailing energy and devotion to scientific work that a research centre was established at Białowieża, of which he was both splendid organiser and also the head and heart of the Institute.

He was the founder and editor of the periodical series - "Acta theriologica".

Professor Dehnel was a State prize winner and member of Polish and foreign scientific societies, including the Polish Zoological Society, the American Society of Mammalogist, and the Deutsche Gesselschaft für Säugetierkunde e. V.

For his services to science and his organising activities he was decorated with the Knight's Cross of the Order of "Polonia Restituta" and Gold Cross for Outstanding Services.

Polish science has lost an outstanding biologist, a talented research worker, and teacher and inspirer of numerous group of young mammalogists.

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