

Obituary

In memoriam:

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Dr. h.c. Erich Scholtyseck (7.10.1918–18.4.1985)



The recent death of Erich Scholtyseck, our friend teacher, and colleague brought to an untimely end an active and productive career. He was born on the 7th of October 1918 in Wülfrath/West Germany. After studies at the University of Bonn he was awarded the doctorate degree in 1952. Beginning with his habilitation until his death while preparing for a conference in Nairobi, he focused his research with enthusiasm on the biology of coccidian parasites, particularly the developmental stages, by use of electron microscopy. In 1965 he was nominated Professor for Proto- and Parasitology and in 1970 he became Head of the “Abteilung für Protozoologie” of the University of Bonn.

This laboratory had attracted many colleagues coming from all over the world. His friendly personality and his work as researcher was often honoured. Thus, he became President of the German Society for Parasitology during the years 1971–1974 (co-organizing the World Congress of Parasitology in Munich 1974). He was nominated Honorary Member of the American Society of Protozoology (1982) and he was awarded the Dr. h.c. from the Andrews University in Berrien Springs, USA (1983) in recognition for his contributions as an international scientist. His basic and successful research work is documented in more than 200 publications, including 3 books. The results obtained from his research are now found in many text books over the world indicating the value of the work done by our friend. We will never forget his enthusiasm, which encourages us in the same spirit and initiative that characterized his own work.

For the Editorial board of the “Zeitschrift für Parasitenkunde” (of which he was member for many years).

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