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The authors of „Festschrift 25 Jahre Deutsche Gesellschaft für Protozoologie” Prof. Dr. Klaus Hausmann and Dr. Renate Radek should be congratulated on their efforts in collecting and elaborating on an important part of the Members of the German Protozoologists Society’s undisputable achievements in protistology. Their activities are clearly and impressively presented. The authors have not only gone through the sequence of Society Members’ activities of those years, but have also emerged as individuals, with their extensive contributions and recollections of prominent scientists who have passed away.

The twelve parts of the book consist, among other things, of: the history, formation-establishment and progress of the German area; consecutive appointments to the German Protozoologists Society’s authority and presidency; membership; members awarded; obituary and memories; Annual Meetings; IX Congress on Protozoology; prominent scientists awards and medals; Eduard Reichenow’s medal; Ilse and Wilhelm Foissner’s research grant; books, journals and movies; new arrangements of the Society.

The book is addressed mainly to their German colleagues and written in German, however a number of documents concerning meetings or obituaries are in English.

The authors are to be congratulated on producing an extremely useful book, which gives an insight into our German colleagues’ lifetime involvement in exploring the unicellular eukaryotes’ world over the course of 25 years, 1981-2006. It should be underlined that the activities of the German Protozoologists Society inspired colleagues all over the world but mostly from neighbouring countries, to take part in their meetings and set a strong example to others to take up fruitful collaboration in research.

Special mention should be given to the excellent photography of a number of prominent German Protozoologists Society Members. Their unconventional way of illustrating consecutive chapters by means of spectacular pictures of protists is an excellent addition to the text.

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