

## Introduction to the Memorial Volume in Honour of Professor Ivo Chlupáč

This special issue of the Bulletin of Geosciences is edited in honour of late Professor Ivo Chlupáč who passed away after a series of increasing health problems. Until the end of his life he worked as a devoted geologist, university professor, pedagogue, researcher, writer, science promoter and a natural “man in the centre” in many ways and on many occasions. After graduation *cum laude* from the Charles University, Faculty of Science, in 1955 he joined the Czech Geological Survey (former Central Geological Institute) where he worked until 1990. The culmination of his fruitful research life was connected with this institute. Ivo Chlupáč took advantage of the geological boom in the 1950s and 1960s and concentrated his efforts at coordination and completion of stratigraphic and paleontological investigations of the Lower Paleozoic in the Barrandian area. However, also the Moravian, Silesian and Lusatian Paleozoic, though metamorphosed, was in the centre of his interest. Ivo’s contacts in the East and West grew gradually during the following years and manifested themselves in his participation at numerous geological conventions, including International Geological Congresses. The name Chlupáč started to be well known far beyond the Czech geological community and, for his publications and activities, he became a respectable member of the Early Paleozoic stratigraphic and paleontological fraternity. The investigation and international acceptance of the Silurian/Devonian boundary stratotype and other auxiliary stratotypes can be considered one of the Ivo’s greatest achievements. Ivo Chlupáč asserted his love of students and teaching during his pedagogic career which started in 1990 at the Faculty of Science, Charles University, Prague. As a full professor of geology he supervised numerous undergraduate and graduate students which admired him as the natural leader of a broad geological community. Some of them have proceeded in his footsteps and successfully investigated his beloved Lower Paleozoic in many parts of the Bohemian Massif.

Ivo’s interests were almost unlimited: Not only geology, but also literature, history, people, geography, environment and politics; only sports represented really a marginal item in his life. He was gifted so much that he could have become a writer, a historian, a linguist...

Ivo Chlupáč will always be remembered for his sincere dedication and competence, and will be missed by all those who knew and admired him.

This special volume consists of the collection of papers dealing with the stratigraphy and paleontology of the Lower Paleozoic. In spite of time shortage, many researches contributed to this volume, many offered an apology but expressed their deepest sympathy. The introductory paper is a posthumous work of Ivo Chlupáč which remained unfinished and was completed by the editor. We found also useful to include Chlupáč’s complete bibliography consisting of published works, unpublished reports and maps. The whole Chlupáč’s 52 years long career is mirrored in this bibliography which starts with papers written during his university years and ends with publications edited after his death.

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Guest Editor



Prof. RNDr. Ivo Chlupáč, DrSc. (1931–2002)

### TALE OF THE TAPE

Height: 174 cm

Weight: 62 kg

Wins: Countless, many K.O.s

Defeats: One

Draws: Some reasonable agreements to compromise

Titles: Champion in the Lower Paleozoic stratigraphy and paleontology