

Ph.D. candidate introduction

Josef Juráň came to our faculty in 2007, in the time, when I started thinking about extension of scientific portfolio of our lab. We all concern on cyanobacteria only and I offered him a life of lonely wolf - Euglenophyta are ecologically important group, but in this time no one person concern on this question in whole country. Josef agreed and surprisingly he does not regret it yet.

He started building his knowledge from solid professional backgrounds, from deep literature review, he has become a valuable expert of determination (invited speaker for several determination courses), he has detail knowledge of hydroecology, taxonomy etc.

As a byproduct he used happy combination of chemical knowledge, manual skills and patience and he is now one of the best curators of microorganismal culture collections in the Europe and if anyone has a problems with cultivation, we all ask Josef to advice.

Josefs scientific work included six paper of Euglenophytes. For PhD student it is an interesting quantity, but from my point of view is here something more important. List of this papers shows, that Josef is able working as a team member with word scientific celebrities, but he is able to publish paper alone too and that he concern on more than one aspect of euglenas life.

Excluding core science, Josef was a mentor of one bachelor thesis and he extremely help with creation of a few others, he is really good on science popularization – this part of Josef life included every year courses for high school teacher or students or papers in popularization magazine. As a main editor of our book Atlas of the cyanobacteria and algae of the Czech Republic I am very appreciated his giant work on this project, because he is an author of all “flagellate” chapters – Euglenophyte, Dinophyte, Cryptophyte and Volvocales plus many pictures to other chapters.

Thanks of twelve year of hard work on euglenophyte Josef became one of the promising phycologist of young generation in the Czech Republic. I hope that it is not the last day of our collaboration and I am looking forward to further joint projects with him.

Doc. RNDr. Jan Kaštovský, Ph.D.

Česke Budějovice, 4.3.2019

