

## SHORT HISTORY

In 1924 in the structure of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Sofia University was founded the Department of Special Pathology, Parasitology and Therapy with Clinics, without teaching parasitology, yet. First, Dr. Kostantin Matov in 1936 began to give lectures in parasitology as a private associate professor. Later he became the first head of the separate Department of Parasitology established in 1949, which was renamed Department of Parasitology with Clinic of Invasion Diseases in 1950, and Department of Parasitology and Invasion Disease in 1953. Since 2000 the former Department exists as Parasitology Unit within the joined Department of Veterinary Microbiology, Infectious and Parasitic Diseases. In the past, heads of the Department and the Unit respectively were: Professor Konstantin Petrov Matov (1949 – 1965); Academician Ivan Vasilev Ivanov (1966 – 1972 and 1975 – 1989); Professor Yuriy Ivanov Vishnyakov (1972 – 1975); Professor Petar Dimitrov Kamburov (1990 – 1995); Professor Dimitrina Asenova Georgieva (1995 – 2009) and Professor Ventsislav Tsvetanov Koinarski (2009 – 2016). Teachers at the Department in the past were: Acad. Ivan Vasilev Ivanov (1945 – 1989); Prof. Konstantin Petrov Matov (1936 – 1965); Prof. Yuriy Ivanov Vishnyakov (1946 – 1975); Prof. Stamat Kirov Komandarev (1955 – 1965); Prof. Petar Dimitrov Kamburov (1965 – 1995); Prof. Dimitrina Asenova Georgieva (1978 – 2009); Prof. Yotko Kamenov Ivanov (1975 – 1997); Prof. Ventsislav Tsvetanov Koinarski (1979 – 2016)] Assoc. prof. Georgi Kolev Dimitrov (1954 – 1979); Assist. prof. Mihail Georgiev Georgiev (1967 – 1976); Assist. prof. Mihail Dimitrov Yankov (1989 – 1990).

In the past years students were educated in “Parasitology and invasion diseases” and “Tropical diseases”.