

THE 1999 FREJKA MEMORIAL CONFERENCE

Brno, June 17 to 18, 1999

The 8th Frejka Memorial Conference, an annual meeting of orthopaedists held in memory of *Professor Bedřich Frejka, DrSc.* (1890–1972), the founder of Moravian orthopaedics and head of the first orthopaedic clinic in Brno, took place on the 17th and 18th June 1999. The conference organised by Brno orthopaedic departments in cooperation with the Jevíčko Sanatorium was attended by specialists from the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Germany, and was held in an old pilgrimage place dominated by Santini's Baroque church in Jaroměřice near Jevíčko, in the picturesque landscape of Malá Haná.

The Conference was concerned with current issues of bone and joint tuberculosis and also included a session of young orthopaedists who presented the results of their research and clinical studies. For the first time the Frejka award was presented to appreciate the three best papers. *Dr. Matějková* from Třebíč received the first, a team of young specialists from Lehnice, Slovakia, the second and a team of orthopaedists from Göppingen, Germany, the third prize.

The Conference had a high standard in terms of both attendance and quality of presentations. In addition to meeting and exchanging information, the participants had an opportunity to learn about the latest medicinal, implant and prosthetic aids presented by Czech and foreign producers. We hope that this tradition will further develop and will contribute to disseminating information on progress in orthopaedics and will cultivate the good name of orthopaedic departments of the Faculty of Medicine in Brno.

The organisers wish to thank the Johnson & Johnson Company whose support allowed them to make this conference an international event, to publish a collection of abstracts and to award the best presentations. They also appreciate that the selected papers are made available to the medical profession by being published in *Scripta Medica*, the scientific journal of the Faculty of Medicine in Brno.

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