This number of Czech Mycology is dedicated to František Kotlaba and Zdeněk Pouzar on the occasion of their 85th and 80th birthday, respectively

This year, Czech mycologists František Kotlaba (born 20 May 1927) and Zdeněk Pouzar (born 13 April 1932) both celebrate an important jubilee. Among mycologists they are well-known as a tandem which has produced and still produces excellent publications on the taxonomy, distribution and ecology of several groups of fungi, mostly polypores, corticioid fungi and some groups of agarics and gasteromycetes; Z. Pouzar is also known as a specialist on stromatic pyrenomycetes and expert on botanical nomenclature and botanical Latin. Both of them are still very active in mycological life in the Czech Republic, as collectors (especially F.K.), identifiers of rare collections (Z.P.), reviewers and advisors. Their activities are continuously supported by staff members of the Botanical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences (F.K.) and the Mycological Department of the National Museum, Prague (Z.P., partly also F.K.).

Last but not least they are friendly and wise men who are always prepared to share their lifelong mycological experience with whoever interested.

The Editorial Board of Czech Mycology (Z. Pouzar is still its member and, until 2010, its Editor-in-Chief) wish F. Kotlaba and Z. Pouzar good health and unceasing enthusiasm for the future years.

For their most recent biographies and bibliographies, see Czech Mycology 59: 139–140, 2007 (F. Kotlaba) and Czech Mycology 54: 3–6, 2002 (Z. Pouzar).





F. Kotlaba (left) and Z. Pouzar (right), 19th May 2012, during a conference of the Czech Scientific Society for Mycology titled "News in taxonomy, ecology and chorology of macromycetes" and held at the Department of Botany, Charles University, Prague, on the occasion of their jubilees. Photo by Jiří Burel.