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## PREFACE

This series of symposia has traditionally been a unique scientific forum for discussions on ecological and behavioural interactions within the guild of insects feeding on aphids. Its focus is to understand how natural control works, with the aim to improve it. After the initial two meetings in Czechoslovakia, symposia were organised in Poland, Hungary, France, Belgium, Canada and Portugal. The ninth meeting was held once again in the Czech Republic.

Details on history of the meetings, with bibliographic data from all Proceedings, can be found at <[www.aphidophaga.org](http://www.aphidophaga.org)>. News will appear there continually.

This issue is the outcome of the 9th meeting that was attended by 56 participants from 21 countries. Abstracts of the presentations not included in this issue appeared under ISBN 80-86668-02-09, Ecology of Aphidophaga 9, Abstracts, 2004, Inst. Entomol. Acad. Sci. Czech Rep., 92 pp.

We look forward to the 10th meeting in 2007 that will be organised by N. Kavallieratos, E. Lucas and J.P. Michaud.

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*The Editors*