

# Sixteenth Neuroontogenetic Discussion Day

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Neuroontogenetical group of the Czech Physiological Society of the Czech Medical Society J. E. Purkyně organized its 16<sup>th</sup> Discussion day in neuroontogeny on December 12, 2006. The meeting was dedicated to the twenty fifth anniversary of the professorship in physiology of Stanislav Trojan, MD, DSc. After the opening speech of the President of the Czech Physiological Society ten excellent lectures from five different departments in Prague, Plzeň and Brno were presented. Since the fifties to seventies Czechoslovakia used to be one of the leading centres in the neuroontogenetical research. Two departments had the major credit for those achievements: Institute of Physiology of the Czechoslovak Academy of Science and Institute of Physiology of the First Faculty of Medicine where many influential scientists of other institutions began their carrier. Because ontogenetical studies are highly demanding, neuroontogenetical research in the world started to decline in eighties. In our country such trend occurred with a certain delay. Those, who have not considered the difficulties and have proceeded in developmental studies, appreciate the positive role of Professor Trojan in the organization of research and his scientific achievements. He achieved not only to maintain the ontogenetic orientation of the department, but also to participate in the consolidation of the environment for the mutual contacts and cooperation between scientists in ontogenetical research. It is necessary to stress his contribution it the organization of Neuroontogenetical Symposia. It is also his merit that a renewal of the interest in the ontogenesis can be recognized in the international scientific community as well as the growing tendency to renew specialized meetings for those who are involved in the ontogenetical research.



Figure 1 – Professor Stanislav Trojan, MD., DSc.