Summary

ON THE LEGACY OF JAROMÍR JEDLIČKA

Jaromír Jedlička (1869–1901), closely associated with Listy filologické, left an inheritance allowing his granddaughter, the author of this article, to provide an insight into Jedlička’s life and research in the field of Indo-European and Greek studies, which were abruptly terminated by premature death.

Surviving notes and correspondence give inter alia an account of the friendly atmosphere at the University of Leipzig, where Jedlička was invited to pursue his doctorate under Karl Brugmann for Indo-European and Ernst Windisch for Greek. Brugmann accepted the Czech student with real interest and paid constant attention to his dissertation, but for technical reasons Jedlička earned his doctoral degree in 1894 at the Czech University in Prague in the same disciplines under the supervision of Josef Zubatý and Josef Král. His habilitation was planned in Vienna on the proposal of Zubatý who was a world-known scholar publishing in the most prominent journals. However, the habilitation was prevented by Jedlička’s sudden and unexpected death. Jedlička and Zubatý shared high esteem for Alfred Ludwig, a Professor at the German University in Prague by whom Jedlička studied Vedic and Finnish. They both applied Ludwig’s ideas and proposals in their works. The good relationship between the two Prague Universities and especially the undervalued scholarship of Alfred Ludwig deserve to be discussed more comprehensively in a separate article.

The most important part of the inheritance is the unpublished manuscript of Jaromír Jedlička’s dissertation O zvláštním případu paralelismu suffixů v jazycích indoevropských [“On a Special Case of Suffix Parallelism in Indo-European Languages”], 178 pp. This work describes
s-stem nouns and adjectives with suffixes -rö-, -ló-, -mó-, -nó-, taking into account all Indo-European languages recognized at that time and analysing 284 roots. If published, this work could have been an important contribution to the problems discussed later in Indo-European research within the framework of the so-called Caland system, and it is also of interest for the present research. Systematic account of substantival s-suffix provides a remarkable perspective of the semantic area covered by parallel nominal suffixes and contributes to the understanding of relationships between the nominal and verbal representation of the roots.

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