

THE IMAGE OF JOHANN E. PURKINJE  
IN CZECHOSLOVAK RESEARCH DURING THE 1980s

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During the 1980s, in connection with the two-hundredth anniversary of his birth, material concerning Johann Evangelist Purkinje (1787–1869) began appearing in Czech academic literature and the popular press. The author of this article analyzes this literature on the basis of its diversity and new points of view vis-à-vis the previously existing literature, which concentrated especially on Purkinje as a physiologist. The 1980s featured attempts to popularize the findings of research on Purkinje. This resulted not only in traditional monographs, commemorative articles, and academic symposia, but also radio plays, television dramas, and exhibitions. The article

first summarizes the conclusions of the earlier research on Purkinje; then the literature from the 1980s is chronologically organized in Purkinje's First and Second Prague Periods and the Breslau Period.