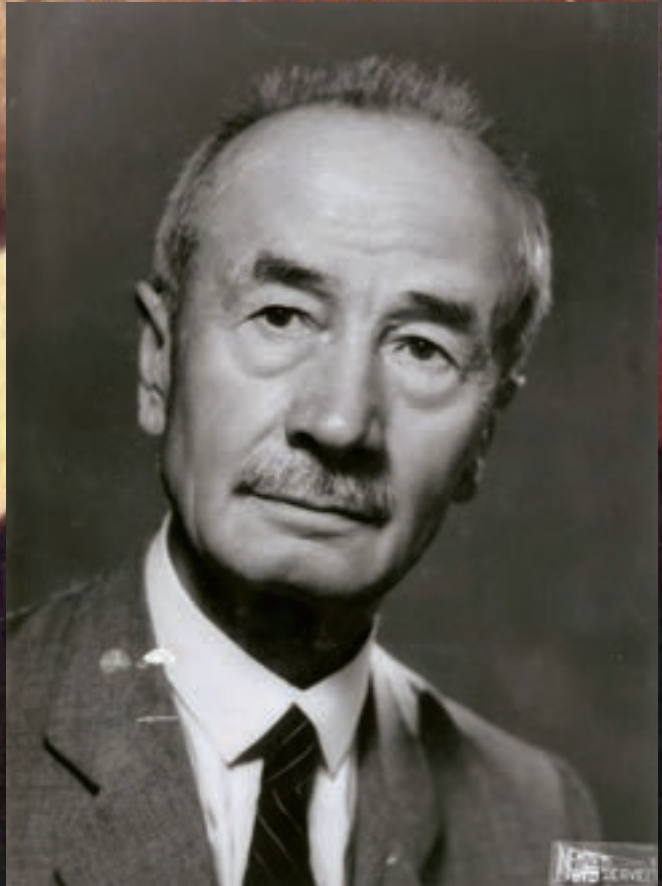
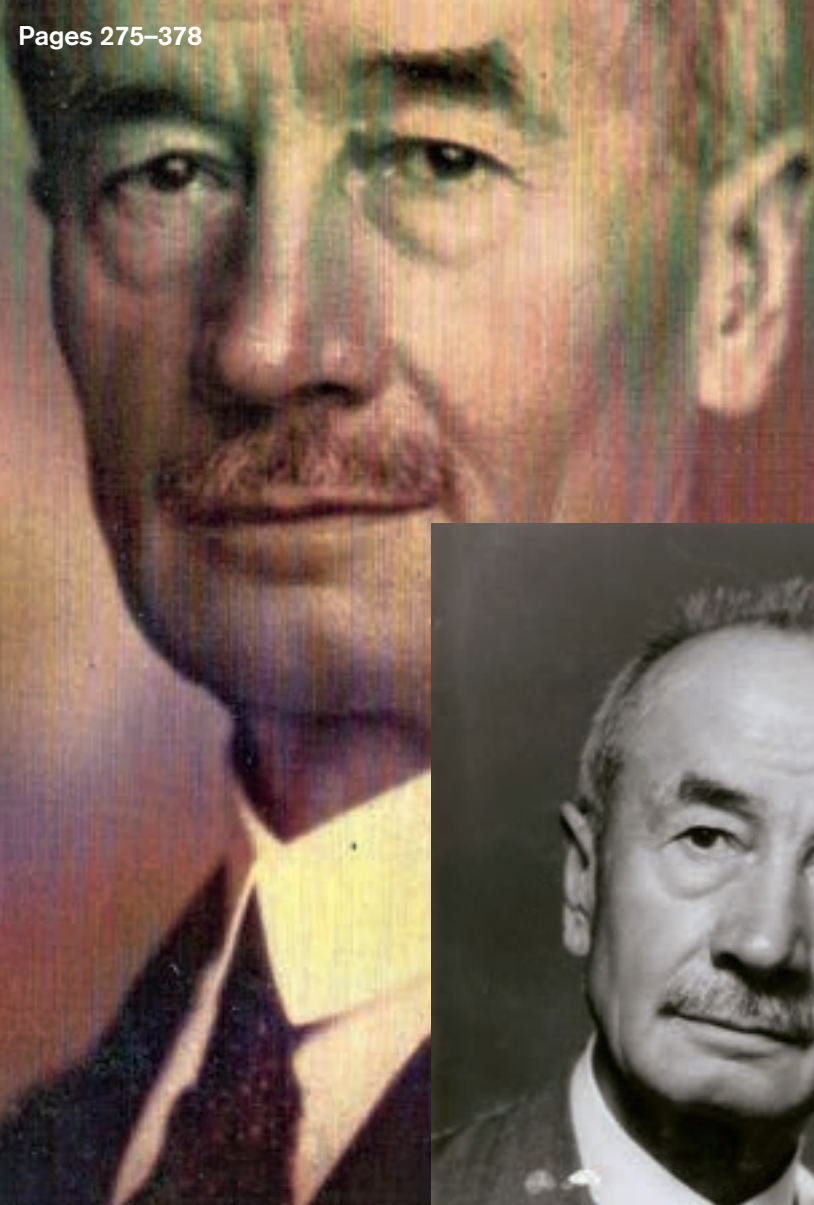


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### *About the cover*

**József Marek (1868–1952)** was born in Vágszerdahely (today Horna Streda, Slovakia) in a poor peasant family on March 18, 1868. After finishing his elementary education in Vágszerdahely, he attended the Gymnasium of the Archdeacon of Nagyszombat. In 1889 he matriculated at the Royal Hungarian Veterinary School/Academy (RHVA) and received his veterinary diploma in 1892.

After a short period as a practicing veterinarian he was promoted to be a Royal Hungarian Veterinarian. In 1895 Marek was appointed as the head of the laboratory of the Veterinary Office Kőbánya in Budapest. In 1897 he joined the RHVA as a junior faculty and simultaneously was granted an one year leave to study for his PhD degree at the University of Bern. After receiving his PhD in 1898, Marek was promoted to senior lecturer. In 1901 he became a full professor of Department of Internal Veterinary Medicine and director of the Institute of Internal Medicine of the Royal Hungarian Veterinary College until 1935, when he retired. In addition to teaching, diagnostics, therapy, care and research, consultation and several other university activities, he was always very much interested in scientific research in infectious and non-infectious animal diseases. He published his research in 154 Hungarian and foreign scientific journals. Marek authored several textbooks (Clinical Diagnostic, Veterinary Internal Medicine, Spezielle Pathologic und Therapie der Haustiere, Lehrbuch der Klinischen Diagnostik der Inneren Krankheiten der Haustiere) alone or with his lifelong mentor, Ferenc Hutyra, or other colleagues. These textbooks were translated from Hungarian into several other languages, which established his worldwide reputation as an outstanding veterinary pathologist and researcher. Currently, Marek is mostly known for his seminal paper “Multiple Nervenentzündung (Polyneuritis) bei Hühnern” describing the clinical signs and histological lesions in four diseased cockerels in the *Deutsche Tierärztliche Wochenschrift*, 30:417–421, 1907. In 1961 Professor P.M. Biggs proposed to name the polyneuritis and associated tumors in domestic fowl Marek’s disease in honor of József Marek.

His scientific achievements and moral integrity were honoured by membership of the Upper House of the Hungarian Government, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, foreign veterinary associations, and honorary doctorates from several universities.

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