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The Biology Centre ASCR was established on 15 December 2005 on the basis of a resolution of the XXVII session of the Academy Assembly that directed the merger of five Academy institutes located in the town of České Budějovice.

Pursuant to Act No. 341/2005 Coll., the Biology Centre became a public research institution as of 1 January 2007.

Biology Centre includes the Institutes of Entomology, Hydrobiology, Parasitology, Plant Molecular Biology, and Soil Biology, and a Technical and Administrative Service unit. Most of the research conducted there is oriented ecologically, but several other fields of biology, including biomedicine, are also represented. The Centre builds its scientific reputation on collaboration across disciplines, use of diverse methodological approaches (molecular biology, genetics, taxonomy, field ecology, mathematical modelling, etc.), and the combination of the analytical and holistic approach to problem solution. Much of the research aims at improving agricultural practices, management of water resources, and landscape management with emphasis on nature conservation. Results of these activities have an economic impact and are important for the quality of human life.

The Centre publishes the *European Journal of Entomology* and *Folia Parasitologica* and organises annually one to three international meetings for up to five hundred participants.

The Centre shares a campus of and closely collaborates with the University of South Bohemia in teaching and scientific training of students.

More detailed information about the organisational structure of the Institute and its research and specialised units can be found at the following URL:  
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