

Antonio Berlese



Antonio Berlese (Padova, 26 June 1863 - Firenze, 24 October 1927), a pupil of Giovanni Canestrini, became an entomologist of world wide fame. From 1890 to 1903 he taught Zoology at the high school in Portici, and then went on to direct the Agrarian Entomology Institute in Florence from 1903 until 1927. His works on Protura, mites, and flies parasite on fruit plants are of fundamental importance. Among the numerous works he published (more than 300), of particular interest are two volumes on "*Gli Insetti*" (Milano, 1909 and 1925) and "*Acari, Myriapoda et Scorpiones (afterward Pseudoscorpiones) hucusque in Italia reperta* (1882-1903) which came out in 101 issues with 988 plates drawn by Berlese himself. He founded and, until his death, edited the journal "*Redia*. He is also famous for the apparatus he invented for extracting microarthropods from the ground.