

IN MEMORIAM

**PROF. DR. MILOJE BRAJKOVIĆ  
(1949-2010)**

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Professor Dr. Miloje Brajković was born on 21 February 1949 in the village of Tovrljani near Prokuplje (south Serbia). He attended primary and secondary school in Prokuplje and on completion came to Belgrade in 1967, where he studied biology at the school of Pedagogy. From 1969 to 1972 he continued his biology studies at the Faculty of Science, University of Belgrade. From 1972 to 1980 he was Curator of the Belgrade Natural History Museum. In 1980, Dr. Brajković was elected to be junior assistant at the Department of Animal Morphology, Systematics and Phylogenetics at the Faculty of Biology and started his University career. After two years of teaching at the Faculty of Biology, in 1982 Dr. Brajković defended his master's thesis, entitled: "Resistance to low temperature during ontogenesis of some butterfly species (Lepidoptera, Insecta)". In 1984 he became a research assistant and in 1986 he defended his PhD thesis entitled: "Comparative morphology of mouth and genital structures of Braconidae (Hymenoptera) and their importance in taxonomy and phylogeny" under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Miloje Krunić (Faculty of Biology, Belgrade) and Prof. Dr. Konstantin Vasić (Faculty of Forestry). Dr. Brajković completed the main part of his PhD thesis in the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, USA. In 1988, Dr. Brajković was promoted to Assistant Professor, he became an Associate Professor in 1995 and in 2003 he achieved the highest university title of Full Professor. During his University career he taught with great success courses such as: comparative morphology and



systematics of invertebrates, evolutionary morphology, entomology, etc. He published 9 textbooks and 2 monographs in entomology and invertebrate systematics and morphology, which represent a fine opus and contribution to student education.

From 2001 to 2004, Dr. Brajković served as president of the Entomological Society of Serbia. He was a member of the editorial board of *Acta Entomologica Serbica* from 1996. During this period he organized two entomological symposiums.

The main part of his scientific interest was in biodiversity, faunistics, morphology and taxonomy of braconid wasps. Dr. Brajković was the first researcher from Serbia to investigate the braconid fauna in Serbia and other parts of the former Yugoslavia. He built a base for further research into this very important and diverse insect group.

Dr. Brajković published over 100 scientific papers in national and international journals, and took part in many national and international meetings. He also supervised around 20 masters and PhD theses.

One of Dr. Brajković's remarkable features was his great generosity in sharing his time and knowledge with colleagues and students. I personally thank him for all he did for the Faculty of Biology, the Entomological Society of Serbia and the young scientists at the Department of Animal Morphology, Systematics and Phylogenetics

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