

OBITUARY: NIKOLAY NIKOLAYEVICH KUZNETSOV**7.04.1940 – 21.10.2013**

Professor Nikolay Nikolayevich Kuznetsov, an outstanding scientist and a wonderful person, passed away on 21 October 2013. Prof. Kuznetsov was a well-known acarologist, one of the leading experts on predaceous mites which was almost unstudied in the former USSR before his research. Nikolay Kuznetsov was also an excellent specialist on plant protection of various agricultural and arboreal plants in the Crimea. He was among pioneers of biological control of spider mites by phytoseiid mites in the former USSR. Having worked at the Nikita Botanical Gardens in Yalta for 50 years, Nikolay Kuznetsov was one of the founders of the Crimean acarological research group. Prof. Kuznetsov published 136 scientific papers, and he described 18 genera and 160 species of mites. Seven species of mites were named after him.

Nikolay Nikolayevich Kuznetsov was born on 7th of April 1940 in the village Novo-Cherkuti-

no of the Dobrinsk district, Lipetsk Province of Russia. In 1957 he graduated with honors in the small town of Griazi of Lipetsk Province. In the same year, he entered the Voronezh Institute of Forestry, where he graduated in 1962 with a degree of forestry engineer and a recommendation for postgraduate studies. While a student, Nikolay studied coccids, participated in the examination of Voronezh greenery, and worked on the forest pest survey of the Caucasian State Nature Reserve.

In 1963 Nikolay became a postgraduate student of the Nikita Botanical Gardens (NBG) in Yalta, Crimea. During his years of post-graduate studies (1963–1966), he conducted research on pests of conifers on the southern coast of the Crimean peninsula. The results of these studies were included in his thesis on coccids — pests of conifers of the Crimea, which Nikolay Kuznetsov successfully defended in 1968 in Rostov-on-Don.

He found 36 species of coccids, including 16 new for the fauna of the Crimea, and 2 species described were new to science.

After completing graduate school in 1966, Nikolay Nikolaevich worked at the Department of Entomology and Phytopathology of the NBG, where, in 1974, he led a research group on orchard and park entomology. The region of his research was not limited to the Crimea, but also included the Baltic states, the Caucasus, Middle Asia and other parts of the former Soviet Union. Particular attention was paid to mites, especially to the family Tydeidae, in which Nikolay Kuznetsov was one of the few specialists in the world. Prof. Kuznetsov's study of the fauna, systematics and bioecology of predatory mites as potential biological agents in plant protection, were the basis for his doctoral dissertation, "Predatory mites of the Crimea", which he completed in April 1988. He was one of the authors of the well-known "Key to Soil-Inhabiting Mites. Trombidiformes". Prof. Kuznetsov participated in many international conferences and congresses, thanks to his knowledge of German and English, and Spanish.

In 1989–1995 Nikolay Kuznetsov headed the Department of Environmental Studies of NBG. In 2002, Prof. Kuznetsov was awarded the title of Professor and "Honored Worker of Science and Technology of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea".

Prof. Kuznetsov worked at the Nikita Botanical Gardens for 50 years and continued to work there until his death. The loving memory of Nikolay Nikolaevich Kuznetsov — scientist, teacher and friend — will be forever cherished by those who knew him.

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Phytoseiidae

Anthoseius tenuis Kuznetsov, 1984; *A. beskaravainyi* Kuznetsov, 1984; *A. richteri* Kuznetsov, 1984; *A. tardus* Kuznetsov, 1984; *A. ordinatus* Kuznetsov, 1984; *A. nobilis* Kuznetsov, 1984; *Amblyseius tshernovi* Kuznetsov, 1984; *A. kolodochkai* Kuznetsov, 1984; *A. inflatus* Kuznetsov, 1984; *A. tauricus* Livshits et Kuznetsov, 1972; *A. cinctu-*

tus Livshits et Kuznetsov, 1972; *A. alustoni* Livshits et Kuznetsov, 1972; *A. insuetus* Livshits et Kuznetsov, 1972; *Seiulus (Typhloctonus) aruntunjanii* Kuznetsov, 1984; *Typhlodromus beglarovi* Kuznetsov, 1984; *T. innabilis* Kuznetsov, 1984; *T. intercalaris* Livshits et Kuznetsov, 1972; *T. commenticius* Livshits et Kuznetsov, 1972; *T. tranquillus* Livshits et Kuznetsov, 1972; *T. involutus* Livshits et Kuznetsov, 1972; *Pamiroseius bidentatus* Kuznetsov, 1994; *Kuzinellus torulosus* Kuznetsov, 1994.

Anystidae

Genus *Neotarsolarcus* Kuznetsov, 1983; *N. clypeatus* Kuznetsov, 1983; genus *Paratarsotomus* Kuznetsov, 1983; *P. scutellatus* Kuznetsov, 1983.

Cheyletidae

Nodele superba Kuznetsov, 1977; *Microcheyla granifera* Kuznetsov, 1977; genus *Paracheyletiella* Kuznetsov, 1977; *P. volgini* Kuznetsov, 1977; *Chelacheles bacchusi* Bochkov, Khaustov et Kuznetsov, 1999.

Bdellidae

Bdella taurica Kuznetsov et Livshits, 1979; *Neomolgus raptor* Kuznetsov et Barilo, 1984; *N. longipalpus* Kuznetsov, 1984; *Odontoscirus asiaticus* Kuznetsov et Barilo, 1984; *Bdellodes (Bdellodes) montanus* Kuznetsov et Barilo, 1984; *Biscirus vulgaris* Kuznetsov et Barilo, 1984; *Spinibdella tadjikistanica* Kuznetsov, 1984; *S. rapida* Kuznetsov et Livshits, 1979.

Cunaxidae

Cunaxa heterostriata Khaustov et Kuznetsov, 1998; *C. anomala* Khaustov et Kuznetsov, 1998; *C. sudakensis* Khaustov et Kuznetsov, 1998; *C. bochkovi* Khaustov et Kuznetsov, 1998; *Cunaxoides trepidus* Kuznetsov et Livshits, 1979; *C. fidus* Kuznetsov et Livshits, 1979; *C. ulcerosus* Kuznetsov et Livshits, 1979; *C. longistriatus* Kuznetsov et Livshits, 1979; *C. desertus* Kuznetsov et Livshits, 1979.

Paratydeidae

Genus *Walytydeus* Kuznetsov, 1973; *W. tauricus* Kuznetsov, 1973.

Camerobiidae

Neophyllobius nemoralis Kuznetsov et Livshits, 1979.

Cryptognathidae

Cryptognathus distortus Kuznetsov, 1974, *C. ob-servabilis* Kuznetsov, 1974.

Caligonellidae

Caligonella venusta Khaustov et Kuznetsov, 1997; *Molothrognathus dilucidus* Kuznetsov, 1978.

Raphignathidae

Raphignathus scutatus Kuznetsov, 1976, *R. rarus* Kuznetsov, 1976, *R. tumidus* Kuznetsov, 1976.

Stigmaeidae

Ledermuelleria coronaria Kuznetsov, 1977; *L. pinnata* Kuznetsov, 1977; *Ledermuelleriopsis tolerates* Kuznetsov, 1977; *Stigmaeus unicus* Kuznetsov, 1977; *S. livschitsi* Kuznetsov, 1977; *S. solidus* Kuznetsov, 1977; *S. corticeus* Kuznetsov et Wainstein, 1977; *S. fidelis* Kuznetsov, 1978; *S. nikitensis* Kuznetsov, 1978; *S. pilatus* Kuznetsov, 1978; *S. planus* Kuznetsov, 1978; *S. pulchellus* Kuznetsov, 1978; *S. dignus* Kuznetsov, 1978; *S. separatus* Kuznetsov, 1978; *S. petrophilus* Kuznetsov et Petrova, 1979; *S. stercus* Kuznetsov et Petrova, 1979; *Agistemus gratus* Kuznetsov et Wainstein, 1977; *Agistemus herbarius* Kuznetsov et Wainstein, 1977; *Mediolata uspenskii* Kuznetsov et Sizova, 1978; *M. conserva* Kuznetsov, 1977; *M. polinae* Kuznetsov, 1978; *M. eocenica* Kuznetsov, Khaustov et Perkovsky, 2010 (fossil); *Cheylostigmaeus proximus* Kuznetsov, 1984; *Ch. kazahstanicus* Kuznetsov, 1984, genus *Paravilliersia* Kuznetsov, 1978; *P. grata* Kuznetsov, 1978; genus *Postumius* Kuznetsov, 1977; *P. tectus* Kuznetsov, 1977; *P. gloriosus* Kuznetsov, 1978; *Eryngiopus placidus* Kuznetsov, 1977; *E. tauricus* Kuznetsov, 1978, genus *Parastigmaeus* Kuznetsov, 1984; genus *Prostigmaeus* Kuznetsov, 1984; *P. tauricus* Kuznetsov, 1984.

Tydeidae

Pronematus neglectus Kuznetsov, 1972; *P. rapidus* Kuznetsov, 1972; *P. testatus* Kuznetsov, 1972; *Pronematulus alimuhamedovi* Kuznetsov et Sizova, 1978; *P. oblongus* Kuznetsov, 1973; *P. lagunovi* Kuznetsov, 1978; genus *Pausia* Kuznetsov et Livshits, 1972; *P. taurica* Kuznetsov, 1972; genus *Reckitydeus* Kuznetsov, 1978; *R. heterounguis* Kuznetsov, 1978; *Tydaeolus sphaeroclaviger* Kuznetsov, 1972; *Coccotydaeolus incisus* Kuznetsov et Petrov, 1984; *C. expressus* Kuznetsov, 1973; *C. robustus* Kuznetsov, 1979; *C.*

opimus Kuznetsov, 1979; *Microtydeus bellus* Livshits et Kuznetsov, 1973; *Triophtydeus immanis* Kuznetsov, 1973; *T. ineditus* Kuznetsov, 1974; *T. mundus* Kuznetsov, 1974; *Paratriophtydeus haustovi* Kuznetsov, 1978; *P. polozhencevi* Kuznetsov, 1974; *P. elegans* Kuznetsov, 1979; genus *Tyndareus* Livshits et Kuznetsov, 1972; *T. rostratus* Kuznetsov, 1972; *Tydeus oophorus* Kuznetsov et Sizova, 1978, *T. cavernarus* Kuznetsov et Petrova, 1979; *T. diversus* Kuznetsov, 1973; *T. devexus* Kuznetsov, 1973; *T. volgini* Kuznetsov, 1973; *T. wainsteini* Kuznetsov, 1973; *T. elinguis* Kuznetsov, 1973; *T. electus* Kuznetsov, 1973; *T. jaculus* Kuznetsov, 1973; *T. longisetosus* Kuznetsov et Zapletina, 1972; *T. obnoxious* Kuznetsov et Zapletina, 1972; *T. opimus* Kuznetsov et Zapletina, 1973; *T. praefatus* Kuznetsov et Zapletina, 1973; *T. argutus* Kuznetsov et Petrov, 1981; subgenus *Eotydeus* Kuznetsov, 1973; *E. mirabilis* Kuznetsov, 1973; *Lorryia taurica* Kuznetsov, 1971; *L. minuta* Kuznetsov, 1971; *L. echinulata* Kuznetsov, 1971; *L. insignita* Kuznetsov, 1971; *L. delicata* Kuznetsov, 1971; *L. pinnigera* Kuznetsov, 1973; *L. regia* Kuznetsov, 1973; *L. electra* Kuznetsov, 1973; *L. scopa* Kuznetsov, 1975; *L. sororcula* Kuznetsov, 1975; *L. polita* Kuznetsov, 1975; *Paralorryia incrustata* Kuznetsov, 1972; *P. latiuscula* Kuznetsov, 1972; *P. scabriseta* Kuznetsov, 1972; *P. longiuscula* Kuznetsov, 1972; *P. subularis* Kuznetsov, 1972; *P. ocellata* Kuznetsov, 1972; *P. obliqua* Kuznetsov, 1973; *P. maga* Kuznetsov, 1973; *P. pinifera* Kuznetsov, 1973; *P. opifera* Kuznetsov, 1973; *P. lena* Kuznetsov, 1973; *P. flamma* Kuznetsov, 1973; *P. fibra* Kuznetsov, 1975; *P. livshitsi* Kuznetsov, 1974; genus *Venilia* Kuznetsov, 1979; *V. ovata* Kuznetsov, 1979; *V. caudata* Kuznetsov, 1979; genus *Tydides* Kuznetsov, 1975; *T. ulter* Kuznetsov, 1975; *Tydulosus dumosus* Kuznetsov, 1973; *T. visendus* Kuznetsov, 1973.

**TAXA OF MITES NAMED AFTER
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1. *Amblydromella kuznetsovi* Denmark et Welbourne, 2002 (Phytoseiidae)
2. *Bdella kuznetsovi* Maslov et Khaustov, 2013 (Bdellidae)
3. *Cercoleipus kuznetsovi* Khaustov, 1997 (Cercomegistidae)
4. *Kampimodromus kuznetsovi* Kolodochka, 1979 (Phytoseiidae)
5. *Neobonzia kuznetsovi* (Sergeyenko, 2005) (Cunaxidae)

6. *Raphignathus kuznetsovi* Dogan, 2003 (Raphignathidae)
7. *Stigmaeus kuznetsovi* Khaustov, 2014 (Stigmaeidae)

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