

**Valerij Nikolaevich Danilov<sup>1</sup>**  
**Obituary and List of Publications**

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Valerij Nikolaevich Danilov was born on the 17th of August 1940 in Syktyvkar, capital of the Komi Autonomous Republic of the Soviet Union. He finished Middle School there with a gold medal in 1957. In the same year he began the study of entomology in the biology department of the M.G. Lomonosov School of Moscow State University. In 1963 he started work toward a degree in the E. I. Marcinovskij Institute of Medical Parasitology and Tropical Medicine in Moscow. In 1967 he defended his thesis on "The Biology, Epidemiological Significance, and Geographical Distribution of *Triatoma* Bugs, Transmitters of American Trypanosomiasis." On this theme he published 11 articles. From 1967 to 1971 he worked on a World Health Organization onchocerciasis project in the Republic of Guinea.

Valerij N. Danilov's interest in mosquitoes and gnats started in 1973 and lasted throughout the rest of his life. His chief interest in this group was its systematics. In the 70s and 80s he took part in fieldwork to study the "gnus" (bloodsucking Simuliidae) and development of methods of combatting them in the Yakutian Autonomous Soviet Republic and various other localities in the Soviet Union and also studied residual foci of malaria in Azerbaijan and Tajikistan. The many trips he made enabled him to make extensive collections of bloodsucking flies of the USSR. These collections added significantly to the collections made over a period of 50 years in the Marcinovskij Institute. His facility with the English and French languages and somewhat lesser skill with other European languages enabled him quickly to master the world literature on mosquitoes and gnats and maintain close contact with students and workers in foreign countries. During the 80s he became a leading specialist and did much to prepare scientists and practical workers coming to the Institute from various parts of the USSR to

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study culicid systematics, taking part in the preparation, publishing, and editing of bulletins and reports being issued in various regions of the USSR.

As a specialist V.N. Danilov was characterized by enthusiasm, was attracted by difficulty in a problem, and was careful and thorough; as a person he was sincere, honest, and of great goodwill.

Valerij Nikolaevich Danilov died on the 7th of August, 1987 of an illness which for a long time undermined his strength.

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