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## Obituary: Dr. N. S. Obratzsov

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On May 6th, 1966, Dr. Nikolaus (Nikolai) Sergejevich OBRAZTSOV died unexpectedly of heart failure in a hospital in his home town, Sea Cliff (Long Island), New York, at the age of 60 years.

Dr. OBRAZTSOV, a member of our Society for ten years, was on the staff of the American Museum of Natural History, New York. He was an outstanding Lepidopterist, an eminent specialist in Palaearctic Tortricidae or leaf-rollers. The importance of his work for the study of this group has been very great. All alone he revised the entire group in a revolutionary manner and reduced great chaos to order. He remained the leading specialist in Tortricidae and his views on the taxonomy of this family have been generally adopted.

His untimely death comes as a great shock and is a severe loss to science. Until his last day he was working on several large projects, some just embarked upon, others in an advanced stage. His series "Die Gattungen der Palaarktischen Tortricidae" in our *Tijdschrift voor Entomologie* is complete for over two-thirds and a few more parts would have finished it.

OBRAZTSOV was a modest man, completely devoted to his work, a man of amazing diligence and meticulous accuracy, extremely well read and with an impressive knowledge in his field of study. He was also a charming and kind man, devoted to his family and his friends who will miss his friendship and advice very keenly. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife, son and daughter.

An extensive obituary will appear later.

