



### **Paul A. Sokoloff**

1946 – 2012

Like many amateur entomologists Paul Sokoloff experienced a tension between his entomology and his professional life. During his early career, even though working towards further qualifications, he found time for fieldwork, especially near his home in southeast London. He was interested in all Lepidoptera in Britain, especially the Gelechiidae. He became active in entomological societies, being elected President of the British Entomological & Natural History Society for 1984. He had published an illustrated paper on the genera *Teleiodes* and *Teleiopsis*, he also updated a publication of the Amateur Entomologists' Society *Practical hints for collecting and studying Microlepidoptera* in 1980 and produced a handbook *Breeding the British and European Hawk-moths* in 1984. In 1985 he took over as editor of the *Entomologist's Record*. His interest in literature and his ability with words were put to good use in this role. After ten years he resigned when he took on more demanding professional duties in a leading UK examinations board. In retirement he resumed his entomological activity and became a member of *Nota lepidopterologica's* editorial team. He met and collaborated with other editors even though he had never managed to attend one of the SEL Congresses. His editorial skill and the effort that he put into improving ma-

nuscripts in English published in *Nota* was greatly appreciated by the scientific editors, as well as the numerous authors whom he helped. Regrettably he was diagnosed with cancer in June 2012 and died in November. Our sympathy is extended to his widow Linda and their son and daughter.

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