

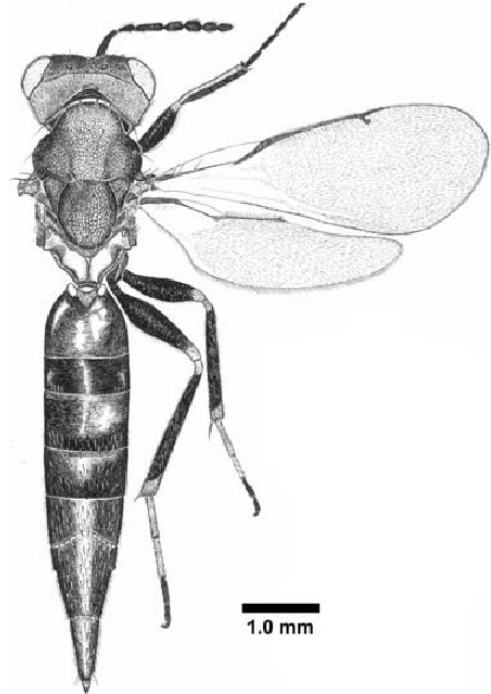
MARINA ZEROVA

(1934 - 2021)

Subject: Parasitic Wasps

Fields: Ecology/ Taxonomy **Nationality:** Ukrainian

Entomologist
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Marina Dmitrievna Zerova was a Ukrainian entomologist and ecologist, who was fascinated by the parasitic wasps. Born to mycologist Mariya Yakovlevna Zerova and botanist Dmytro Zerov, Marina was raised with a love for insects, inspiring her to start her own collections as a child. After graduating from the University of Kyiv in 1957 with a degree in Invertebrate Zoology, Marina worked at the University Zoological Museum until 1963, when she entered the graduate school of the Institute of Zoology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Her dissertation, titled *Hymenoptera (Hymenoptera, Chalcidoidea): morphs, biological features, evolution and classification*, provided detailed research into wasps of the groups Eurytomidae and Harmolitinae. Marina established a laboratory of entomological taxonomy and ecology at her alma mater in 1981 and was awarded the Award of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, named after D. K. Zabolotny. Her lab was made into a separate department in 1986, which she headed until 2011. During her career, Marina described nearly 300 new types of wasps from around the world, and several species have been named in her honor, including *Entedon zerovae* Gumovsky (pictured).

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