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IN MEMORIAM
Dr. David John Stradling
1939 - 2012

Dr. David John Stradling, who died in August in the UK after a long illness, was an entomologist and ant expert who loved the wildlife of Trinidad. Born in 1939, he went to school in Bristol, did a BSc and PhD at the University of Bangor, North Wales, and assisted with research on ants in Britain, before working on the biological control of pests in Switzerland and Bariloche, Argentina. In the seventies, he was a Zoology lecturer at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine in Trinidad, and married Helen, a local headmistress. They returned to the UK where he was appointed lecturer at the University of Exeter, and in his spare time rose to

become chairman of the Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust, which runs Paignton and Newquay Zoos. He will be missed and remembered with affection by his many students and friends for his unfailing loyalty, enthusiasm and optimism, and for his work on ants especially *bachacs*, Lepidoptera and *Avicularia* spiders. Active to the end, his last paper with Victor Quesnel on the significance of eye-spots in two butterfly genera was published in the *Living World 2012* issue. He is survived by Helen, a son Michael and a daughter Claire.

Malcolm Cherrett