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Andrey V. Martynov (1879–1938), the distinguished Russian entomologist, laid the foundations of modern entomology and palaeoentomology. In addition to the outstanding contribution to the systematics of the caddisfly, he created a system of insects and a picture of their evolution, which largely retained their values up to the present while continuing to encourage their further development and improvement. At the same time, Martynov began the study of fossil insects of the USSR and created a team of palaeoentomologists on such forward-looking basis, that in the second half of the twentieth century, this group became the world leader in palaeoentomology, and by the end of the century gave rise to the paleoentomological booming worldwide. Now the study of fossil insects are no longer exotic, but one of the leading topics of paleontology with an extensive taxonomic research products as well as the undoubted theoretical and practical importance (the theory of evolution, the dynamics of biological diversity, the reconstruction of past conditions, the correlation and dating of sediments, etc.).

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