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IN MEMORIAM:  
Dr. SAKO B. TUNIYEV  
(1983-2015)

Sochi National Park, Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Herpetological Society after A.M. Nikolsky, regrets to announce the tragic passing of 32 year old talented zoologist Sako Tuniyev on January 5, 2015. Because of his passion for the mountains and travel, he is buried in the vicinity of Sochi in the cemetery near the village Sergey-Pole, surrounded by mountain forests, where his family members also rest in peace.

Sako Borisovich Tuniyev was born on January 11, 1983 in Sochi, and beginning at the age of four he participated in expeditions in the Caucasus Nature Reserve together with his father – doctor of science Boris S. Tuniyev. His desire to study animals developed in his childhood, and the Caucasian Reserve was where Sako Borisovich started his scientific carrier as a lab assistant. In 2005 he graduated from the Biology Faculty of the Krasnodar State University, where he regularly participated in expeditions. Starting in 2005, he worked at the research department of the Sochi National Park, progressing from a lab assistant to a leading researcher. In 2007, he completed postgraduate program at Maikop State Technological University, and in 2008 he defended his Ph.D. thesis "Ectothermic vertebrates of the Sochi National Park: taxonomic composition, zoogeography and conservation" at the Zoological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences (St. Petersburg). During his short life he was a participant and organizer of numerous expeditions across virtually the entire Caucasus region, Turkey, and Kalmykia. He was a competent researcher in both ichthyology and herpetology, authoring the description of several new species and subspecies of cyclostomes, lizards and snakes. Sako Borisovich leaves an outstanding contribution of more than 95 scientific articles and collective monographs. He was well-known among Russian and foreign scientists, many of whom he had a joint expeditions and publications.

Sako was characterized by great kindness, a youthful spirit for discovery, indefatigable plans on work, and a commitment to the development of new methods, including modern molecular genetic techniques. His life, flashed as a bright comet, has been broken at the peak

of his activity, creative plans, and work on his doctoral dissertation. He was a great scholar, friend and colleague.

Our science has suffered a heavy loss. He was a genuine scientist, faithfully devoted to the beloved Caucasus and will live forever in our memories.

*Boris S. Tuniyev*

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