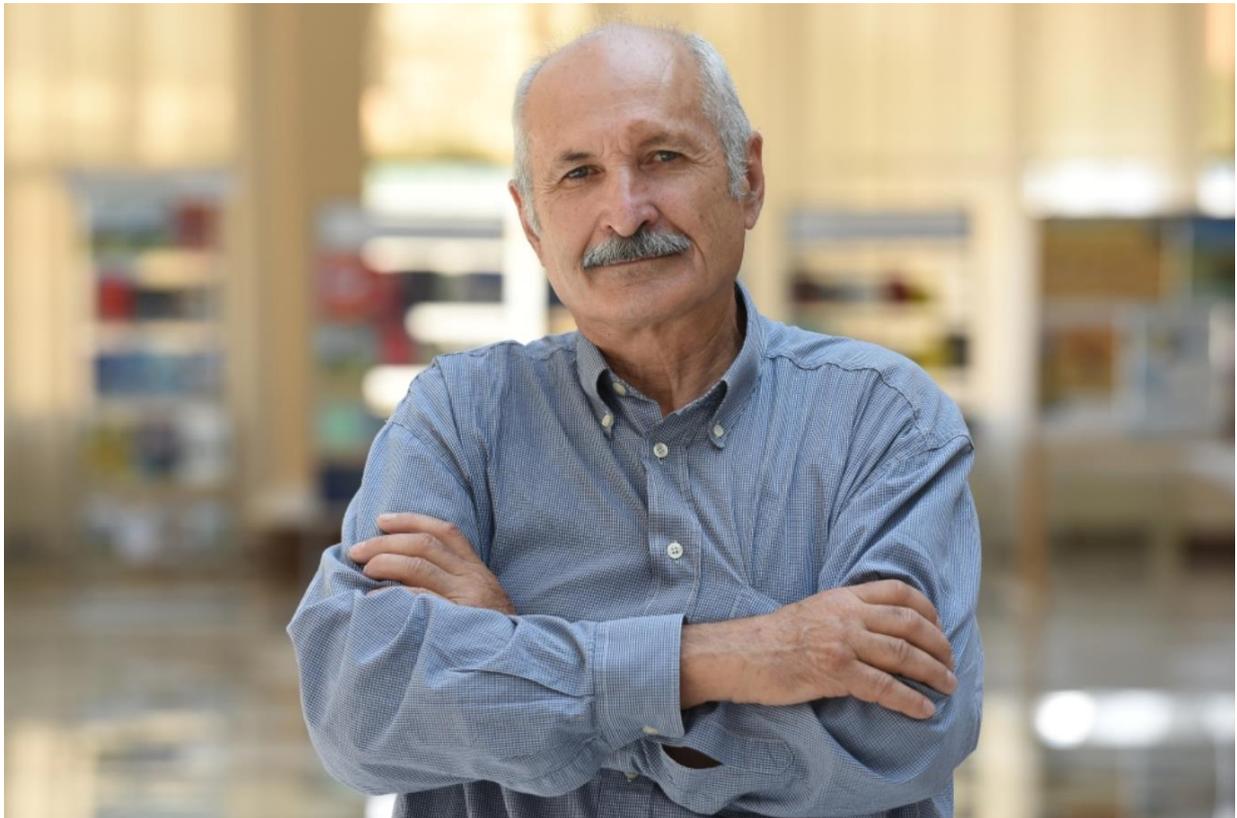


Bragin Evgeny Alexandrovich

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We are sad to announce that on August 26, 2020, as a result of complications caused by COVID-19, our colleague, ornithologist, active participant in environmental projects, professor of Kostanay State University, candidate of biological sciences Bragin Evgeny Alexandrovich, has passed away.

After graduation from Rostov State University in 1976, Evgeny Alexandrovich joined the Naurzum Reserve, first junior, and later a senior researcher, where he worked from 1976 to 2012. The Institute of Zoology of E. A. Bragin is linked to the years of postgraduate studies, which he took place here from 1985 to 1987. All these years, Evgeny Alexandrovich has been mostly studying the biology of predatory birds, which in 1989 defended his candidate's dissertation: "Biology of predatory birds of Kustanai steppes, ways to protect them and increase their number". Over more than 30 years of stationary work, they have collected extensive materials on the ornitofown of the region. The objects of his research were predatory birds, such as the Saker Falcon and Imperial Eagle, and many other species of predatory birds of the steppe zone, as well as cranberry and other rare species. Since 2002, in parallel with work in the reserve, Evgeny Alexandrovich began teaching at Kostanay State University, where he transferred to full-time work since 2012. However, here he continued to conduct ornithological research, carrying out them through international grants and projects. In his research, Evgeny Alexandrovich used the most modern methods, using satellite transmitters to study bird migration, and to find out intra-species and species relationships - molecular genetic research in close collaboration with foreign colleagues.

Bragin E. A. Bragin was a scientific expert of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) from the Republic of Kazakhstan, Deputy Chairman of the working group on falcons and owls of Northern Eurasia, a member of the Menzbirovsk Ornithological Society, the working group on cranes of Northern Eurasia and European Sustainable Use Group. He also participated in the work of public councils and commissions of the region - Tobol-Torgay Water Council, the commission on the distribution of hunting lands and regulation of the number of wild animals in the Kostanay region under the Regional Territorial Inspection of Forestry and Hunting.

Evgeny Alexandrovich took an active part in the implementation of national and foreign programs and projects on the study and protection of predatory birds, as well as on the creation of a number of large specially protected natural territories, preparation of the nomination for the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage List, the National Programme "Key Ornithological Territories", projects of the Institute of Zoology and the Institute of Geography. E. A. Bragin prepared five applications (nomination dossiers) from 10 wetlands of the Republic of Kazakhstan included in the Ramsar Convention list.

Continuous scientific and environmental activities did not prevent Evgeny from participating in young people's training and environmental advocacy. He led the group on bird study issues in the Research Center for Environmental and Biology, engaging students in research, advised the student club of bird observers (birdwatch), participated in the organization of various student events held at the department and faculty. In 2012-2014, he oversaw the work of students on the small grants program during their work at the field station in Naurzum. Under the leadership of E. A. Bragin, about 30 diploma works were prepared and successfully defended.

Evgeny Alexandrovich was awarded a bronze medal of the USSR VDNKh for his work in the direction of nature protection (1984), the breastplate of the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources "Excellence in the environmental sphere" (2014), silver medal named after A. Baytursynov (2014). In 2017, he received a diploma of the winner of the National competition "Best Teacher of the University".

Evgeny Alexandrovich published more than 250 scientific works, including a number of monographs and manuals. During his work at the department, he developed programs for 7 courses, including two programs in English. A training manual on zoogeography in Russian and English was prepared and published.

Evgeny Alexandrovich always kept in touch with the Institute of Zoology, with ornithologists of Kazakhstan and abroad, was full of energy and ideas, and a person in love with his work.

Bright memory to him...