



*Dr. Charles Paul Alexander*  
(1889-1981)

Entomology will never forget Charles Paul Alexander, “Doc Alex”. The sheer numbers of his taxonomic accomplishments will not allow it: the description of some 11,000 species of flies in more than 1,000 publications. He dedicated his life to making better known a family of Diptera he found fascinating, the crane flies or Tipulidae. His prolific output of species descriptions, particularly the naming of more than 10,000 species in a single family (including more than 2000 species in India), most likely will never be surpassed.

Professor Alexander was more than an outstanding taxonomist. He was a well-rounded student of natural history; an enthusiastic teacher who introduced the basics of entomology to an estimated 4,000 students at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; an administrator, who at Amherst served as Chairman of the Department of Entomology and Zoology (1930-'59) and as Dean of the School of Science (1945-'52); and an active member of several scientific societies and as president of the Entomological Society of America, Royal Entomological Society (UK). He was decorated with the Commander Order All Merito Bernardo O'Higgins, Chile.

To honor this illustrious scientist, the Department of Zoology, University of Delhi, organizes annually ‘Dr. C. P. Alexander Memorial Lecture’ through an endowment fund bequeathed by late Dr. Alexander to the University of Delhi.

## *Previous Dr. C.P. Alexander Memorial Lectures*

2021	Dr. (Ms.) Chandish R. Ballal	Biodiversity & biocontrol
2013	Dr. V. V. Ramamurthy	Reinventing Taxonomy- Traditional and Modern Methods
2011	Dr. T.M. Manjunath	Bt & Bt crops: Their Safety and Relevance in Insect Pest Management.
2009	Dr. M.B. Malipatil	The Critical Role of Taxonomy and Reference Collections in Bioprotection and Biodiversity
2007	Dr. Anantanarayanan Raman	The Gall problems and the Insect Factor
2005	Prof. A.P. Das	Malaria: Are we losing the battle?
2004	Prof. C.A. Viraktamath	Systematic and Biology of Leaf hoppers on the Indian Subcontinent
2003	Prof. A.F.G. Dixon	Ladybirds and the Biological control of Aphid population
2002	Prof. C.P.S. Yadav	Phytophagous Scarabs and their Management in India
2001	Dr. S.P. Singh	Progress and Potential of Biological Control in India
2000	Dr. J.R.B. Alfred	Getting the Measure of India's Insect Diversity
1999	Prof. R. Gadagkar	The Evolution of Sociality in Insects
1998	Prof. V.K. Sehgal	Insect Biosystematics and Sustainability in Agriculture
1997	Dr. A. K. Gosh	Biodiversity and Entomology
1996	Prof. K.S. Khushwaha	Diverse Behaviour of Insect-Pest Complex in Agro-ecosystem
1995	Prof. S. Jayaraj	Biological Control and Integrated Pest Management: Progress and Perspectives
1994	Prof. K.N. Mehrotra	Insecticide-resistant Pest Management
1993	Prof. Santokh Singh	Man-Machine Interference in Mountain Ecosystem and its Impact on Insect Life
1992	Prof. K.N. Saxena	Developing Biointensive Pest Management Strategies: An African Experience
1991	Prof. M. S. Mani	Insect Life in Himalaya: Ecology Origin and Evolution
1990	Prof. M.L. Roonwal	Biological and Ecological Importance of Wing Micro-sculpturing in Termites
1989	Prof. T.N. Ananthkrishnan	Perspectives in Insect Mycophagy