

Cover dedicated to Maria Matilde Principi for her 90th birthday

Maria Matilde Principi, Emeritus Professor at the University of Bologna, is a truly remarkable woman. On May 4, 2005, on her 90th birthday, she was working in her office at the Department checking her mail. That same day she helped me choose the best drawing for the new cover of the Bulletin of Insectology (formerly Bollettino dell'Istituto di Entomologia "G. Grandi" dell'Università degli Studi di Bologna). In one of her papers published in 1940 (the second of a long list) Ms. Principi carefully and artistically represented the beautiful morphological features of Chrysopidae. The drawing shown here of a *Dichochrysa flavifrons* (Brauer) pupa, which had just emerged from the cocoon, was also taken

from this work. Ms. Principi continued doing research on Neuropteroidea for more than 50 years conducting outstanding scientific studies not only on Neuroptera, but also on biological control applications and pioneering work on Integrated Pest Management. Her noticeable teaching skills were appreciated by several generations of students of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Bologna. We are truly indebted to Ms. Principi for her kindness and enthusiasm. Therefore, we, the entomologists in Bologna, and her pupil Roberto Pantaleoni wanted to wish our teacher all the best for her 90th birthday!

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