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DR. RENÉ LICHY (1896-1981)

Professor Lichy was an outstanding lepidopterist who lived and worked for many years in Venezuela. I first knew him in 1938, and we have exchanged papers and occasional letters ever since. He taught on the faculty of the Universidad Central de Venezuela, was a member of the Academia de Ciencias Físicas-matemáticas y Naturales de Venezuela, an honorary member of both the Sociedad Venezolana de Ciencias Naturales and Sociedad Venezolana de Entomología. He was the honorary curator for Lepidoptera at the Museo de Ciencias Naturales in Caracas. He joined the Lepidopterists' Society soon after its foundation.

The last twenty years or so of his life were spent in France, the land of his origin. There he was associated with the Department of Entomology at the Museum d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris. He continued his great interest in Venezuelan Lepidoptera and furthered his world-wide studies of Sphingidae. René Lichy died on 6 April 1981. He is survived by three children and three grandchildren. His daughter and her three children live in France. Also, refer to Freiche & Lemaire (1981, *Bull. Soc. Ent. France* 86(9&10):313-314).

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