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Am 23. September 2022 ist Volker Assing nach kurzer schwerer Krankheit völlig überraschend in Hannover verstorben. Ein Schock für alle, seinen Sohn Jan mit Familie, seine Geschwister, Arbeitskollegen und Freunde, nicht zuletzt für die zahlreichen Koleopterologen, die ihn auf den Tagungen der Staphylinidologen und am „Deutschen Koleopterologen-Treffen“ in Beutelsbach (Baden Württemberg) schwer vermissen werden. Beide Veranstaltungen gehörten für ihn zum Pflichtprogramm, besonders die Staphylinidologen-Tagungen bereicherte er regelmäßig durch Vorträge.

Am 15. Oktober fand in Hannover die Trauerfeier statt, bei der neben der Familie, Kollegen und Freunden auch zahlreiche Entomologen anwesend waren. Inzwischen hat Volker seine letzte Ruhestätte im Ruheforst Deister bei Hannover gefunden. Ein schnelles Ende war immer Volkers Wunsch. Er hat oft darüber gesprochen, dass er selbstbestimmt leben wolle und auf keinen Fall als Pflegefall enden möchte. Ärzte waren ihm daher nur in unbedingten Ausnahmen genehm, er setzte eher auf Selbstdiagnosen und -behandlung. Leider ist ihm das bei seiner letzten Erkrankung zum Verhängnis geworden.



Volker Assing wurde am 24. November 1956 in Horsten (heute Ortsteil von Bad Nenndorf, Niedersachsen, Deutschland) als Sohn von Focko und Sophie Assing (geb. Hameling) geboren. Er verbrachte seine Kindheit und Schulzeit im Kreis einer großen Familie aber unter strenger Erziehung mit wenig Freiheiten. Seine Schulzeit absolvierte er in Hannover und Bad Nenndorf, wo er am Gymnasium 1976 sein Abitur ablegte. Schon früh entwickelte er ein großes Interesse an der Natur, hielt zu Hause Fische, Eidechsen und Schlangen. Auch musikalisch war er begabt, spielte Cello, Gitarre und auch Klavier. Nach absolvieren der 10. Klasse ging Volker für ein Jahr als Austauschschüler in die USA. Das war damals noch etwas ganz Seltenes und war sicher richtungweisend für seine Zukunft. Nach dem Abitur zog er in eine WG nach Hannover und begann entsprechend seiner Sprachbegabung und seinen zoologischen Interessen ein Studium für das höhere Lehramt in den Fächern Englisch und Biologie. Nach Abschluss des Studiums 1982 und noch einmal von Dezember 1984 bis Juli 1986 war er wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter im Fachbereich Biologie an der Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibnitz-Universität in Hannover, wo er sich intensiver mit entomologischen Themen zu beschäftigen begann, zunächst vorwiegend mit Ameisen, über die er auch einige, hauptsächlich faunistische Arbeiten publizierte. Ein großes Bodenfallenprojekt der Universität, bei dem unter anderem zehntausende Staphyliniden auszuwerten waren, brachte ihn schließlich zu den Kurzflüglern, denen er bis zum Schluss treu blieb. In den Jahren 1983 und 1984 absolvierte er ein Referendariat für das Lehramt an Gymnasien, welches er am 5. Oktober 1984 mit dem Zweiten Staatsexamen abschloss.



Abb. 1: Volker Assing; Ort und Zeitpunkt der Aufnahme unbekannt (Archiv: Jan Bellin).

Da an der Universität keine unbefristete Anstellung in Sicht war, wechselte Volker im September 1986 an die Käthe-Kollwitz-Schule (Gymnasium) in Hannover, wo er zuerst als angestellter, später als verbeamteter Lehrer für Englisch und Biologie tätig war. Seine umfangreichen entomologischen Studien setzte er in seiner Freizeit fort, speziell über die Gattung *Othius*, welche er als Basis für seine Dissertation („Untersuchungen zur Taxonomie, Systematik, Phylogenie, Biogeographie und Ökologie der Othiini Thomson (Insecta: Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Staphylininae)“) auswählte; Volker promovierte am 19. November 2002 an der Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg zum Doktor der Naturwissenschaften.

Seine Arbeit als Lehrer war Volker außerordentlich wichtig und er hatte da sehr eigene Vorstellungen, wie ein guter Unterricht zu gestalten sei. Englisch kommunizieren statt Vokabeln und Grammatik lernen, verstehen statt auswendig lernen waren seine Grundsätze. Diese konnte er dann auch ab 2001 in der Fachausbildung Englisch am Studienseminar Hannover I, seit 2011 als Fachleiter, an Referendarinnen und Referendare weitergeben und hat so, laut Aussage seiner Kollegen, „den Englischunterricht deutlich über die Grenzen Hannovers hinaus nachhaltig geprägt“. Noch auf unserer letzten gemeinsamen Reise nach Georgien im Sommer 2022 machte er ein kurzes Interview mit dem Sohn unserer Gastgeber in Ambrolauri, der sich mit seinen Freunden in bestem amerikanischem Englisch unterhielt, obwohl er nie Englischunterricht erhalten hatte; er hatte Englisch nur durch englischsprachige Filme, Internetinhalte und durch ständige Übung erlernt. „Das muss ich meinen Referendaren zeigen, damit sie begreifen, dass es nicht darauf ankommt Vokabeln und Grammatik zu lernen, das kommt von allein, wichtig ist sprechen, sprechen, sprechen“.

Der Arbeitsaufwand zu Volkers wissenschaftlichen Publikationen war gewaltig. Er war ein Arbeitstier und Ablenkung durch andere Interessen privater Natur schätzte er nicht. Darunter hatte auch sein Privatleben zu leiden, eine dauerhafte Beziehung war ihm nicht beschieden und auch der Kontakt mit seiner Familie war mitunter schwierig, so waren ihm Familienfeiern jeglicher Art ein Graus, Weihnachten etwa war er immer auf Exkursion. Geliebt hat er aber seinen Sohn Jan, mit dem er regelmäßig auf Reisen war, oft in den Alpen, in Italien und Spanien.

Volker war arbeitstechnisch gesehen ein Phänomen, ihn als einen Getriebenen zu bezeichnen ist da noch geschönt. Bis Dezember 2022 wurden insgesamt 629 wissenschaftliche Einzelarbeiten (inklusive einer Buchbesprechung – Nr. 25 in der untenstehenden Liste) publiziert; einige Manuskripte befinden sich derzeit im Druck, andere Arbeiten sollen posthum fertiggestellt werden. Volker veröffentlichte auffallend viele umfangreiche, erstklassige taxonomische Revisionen, z.B. über *Othius* (22 Publikationen ab 1995), *Leptobium* (2005 – Nr. 187), *Achenium* (2010 – Nr. 329), *Zyras* (2016 – Nr. 478, 2017 – Nr. 498), *Lomechusini* (2016 – Nr. 479) und *Pinophilina* (2022 – Nr. 625, mit 419 Seiten Volkers umfangreichste Einzelpublikation; siehe Book Review, p. 132). Außerdem fungierte Volker auch als Herausgeber des vierten Bandes der zweiten Auflage der „Käfer Mitteleuropas“ (ASSING & SCHÜLKE 2012 – Nr. 351). Dass andere Kollegen, die womöglich auch noch beruflich als Entomologen angestellt sind, viel weniger publizieren, hat er nie verstanden und das auch so kommuniziert. Da hat seine direkte und zielstrebige Art auch zu manchen Missverständnissen geführt. Ich selbst habe mich oft darüber beschwert, dass er bereits kurz nach der Rückkehr von großen Sommerexkursionen mit der Beschreibung neuer Arten begann, bevor alles Material überhaupt durchgesehen und aufpräpariert war. Aber so war er eben.

Im Laufe seines Lebens hat Volker, laut eigenen Angaben, eine Subtribus (Maorothiini), 52 Gattungen und Untergattungen, sowie 2.677 Arten beschrieben. Davon stammen, gemäß einer Suche im aktuellen Manuskript zum „Catalogue of Palearctic Coleoptera“ (ergänzt bis 2021), 2081 Taxa aus der paläarktischen Region, die übrigen stammen vorwiegend aus der Orientalis. Zuletzt arbeitete er an einer umfangreichen Revision der paläarktischen und orientalischen Arten der Gattung *Palaminus*, die posthum publiziert werden soll.



Abb. 2: Qinling Shan, Gansu, China, 2012 (Foto: Michael Schülke).



Abb. 3–4: Min Shan, Gansu, China, 2012; mit David Wrase, links unten (beide Fotos: Michael Schülke).



Abb. 5: Volker Assings letzte Ruhestätte im „Ruheforst Deister“ bei Hannover, Deutschland (Foto: Jan Bellin).

Volkers umfangreiche Sammlung nahm in seiner großen Wohnung in der Gabelsbergerstraße in Hannover mehrere Zimmer ein. Sie wird, gemäß seinem Wunsch, dem Naturhistorischen Museum in Wien (Österreich) übergeben.

Zahlreiche Kollegen würdigten Volker und dessen schier unglaubliches koleopterologisches Schaffen, indem sie neue Arten nach ihm benannten. Eine Durchsicht des “Index to Organism Names” (ION) und ein von Volker erstelltes Verzeichnis ergaben insgesamt 62 solcher Würdigungen unter den Koleopteren, sowie zwei parasitische, auf Käfern lebende Schlauchpilze (Laboulbeniales) – siehe untenstehende Liste.

Volker war ein hervorragender Sammler und Feldentomologe, immer auf der Suche nach endemitenhaltigen Substraten. Im Sieben von gewaltigen Mengen Bodenstreu war er unübertroffen. Auf gemeinsamen Exkursionen verarbeitete er stets die 2- bis 3-fache Menge an Boden. Wenn er dann völlig verschwitzt und von oben bis unten mit Erde bedeckt wieder aus dem Busch kam, wurden mitreisende Kollegen schon mal als Gentleman-Sammler bezeichnet. Teilweise benutzte er dazu selbst gebaute, besonders stabile Siebe, spätere, „gekaufte“ Siebetechnik unterlag bei ihm einem hohen Verschleiß. Um die gewaltigen Mengen an Gesiebe auch auszuwerten, kamen große Winkler-Apparate zum Einsatz, bei deren Bau seine Schwester Carola eine wichtige Rolle spielte. In den letzten Jahren hat er dann auch das Sammeln von bodenbewohnenden Staphyliniden für sich entdeckt. Seit dieser Zeit war ein Feldspaten immer mit im Gepäck, auch Eimer zum Ausschwemmen der Erdproben wurden am Exkursionsort zu einem wichtigen Utensil.

Auf seinen Reisen besuchte Volker nicht nur fast die gesamte Mediterraneis, sondern auch die Kanarischen Inseln, Madeira, den Kaukasus, und die Osttürkei. Besondere Höhepunkte waren auch die Reisen nach China in den Jahren 2012 (mit David Wrase, Gusow-Plattkow, Deutschland und Michael Schülke, Berlin, Deutschland), 2014 (mit M. Schülke), sowie 2013 nach Vietnam (mit Paul Wunderle, Mönchengladbach, Deutschland). Neben den bereits genannten Begleitern seien auch noch Klaus Renner (Bielefeld, Deutschland), Lothar Zerche (Eberswalde, Deutschland), Arved Lompe (Nienburg, Deutschland) und Thomas Forecke (Hannover, Deutschland) genannt.

In den letzten Jahren widmete sich Volker vor allem der Erforschung der Fauna des Kaukasus-Gebietes (Armenien 2016–2018, Georgien 2019–2022). Die Staphylinidenfauna von Armenien und Bergkarabach wurde von ASSING & SCHÜLKE (2019) zusammengefasst, für Georgien steht die Publikation noch aus. Weitere Pläne gab es für die Zeit nach seiner bevorstehenden Pensionierung. So hatte er schon einen Geländewagen (Suzuki Jimny) angeschafft, mit dem er ab dem Sommer 2023 auf Reisen gehen wollte.

Lieber Volker, Du wirst mir und auch vielen anderen Freunden und Kollegen fehlen, besonders die häufigen abendlichen Telefongespräche über Entomologisches und den Rest der Welt, werde ich vermissen.

Liste der entomologischen Publikationen von Volker Assing

1986

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1987

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1988

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1989

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6. ASSING, V. 1989: Die Ameisenfauna (Hym.: Formicidae) nordwestdeutscher *Calluna*-Heiden. – Drosera '89 (1–2): 49–62.
7. ASSING, V. 1989: Aleocharinen auf Äckern im Weserbergland (Staphyl.) (Kleine Mitteilung Nr. 2086). – Entomologische Blätter 85 (1–2): 117–118.
8. ASSING, V. 1989: Wiederfund von *Callicerus rigidicornis* Er. in Hessen (Staph.) (Kleine Mitteilung Nr. 2094). – Entomologische Blätter 85 (1–2): 122.

1992

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13. ASSING, V. 1992: *Sepedophilus constans* (Fowl.) in Hannover (Staphylinidae) (Kleine Mitteilung Nr. 2115). – Entomologische Blätter 88 (2–3): 153–154.
14. ASSING, V. 1992: *Atheta botildae* Brundin im südlichen Niedersachsen (Staphyl.) (Kleine Mitteilung Nr. 2118). – Entomologische Blätter 88 (2–3): 154–155.
15. ASSING, V. 1992: Zur Käferfauna von Buchfinkennestern. – Mitteilungen der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Rheinischer Koleopterologen 2: 77–79.
16. ASSING, V. 1992: Die Kurzflügelkäfer (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae) eines urbanen Inselbiotopkomplexes in Hannover. 3. Beitrag zur Faunistik und Ökologie der Staphyliniden von Hannover. – Berichte der Naturhistorischen Gesellschaft Hannover 134: 173–187.
17. ASSING, V. 1992: Zur Eignung der Bodenfallenmethode für Untersuchungen an Staphylinidenzönosen (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae). – I. Erfassung des Arteninventars und phänologische Untersuchungen. – Verhandlungen des Westdeutschen Entomologentages 1991: 55–66.

1993

18. ASSING, V. 1993: Zur Bionomie von *Xantholinus rhenanus* Coiff. und anderen bodenbewohnenden Xantholininen (Col., Staphylinidae) in Nordwestdeutschland. – Zoologische Jahrbücher, Abteilung für Systematik, Geographie und Biologie der Tiere 120: 13–38.

1994

19. ASSING, V. 1994: Gegenwärtiger Stand der Ameisentaxonomie in Mitteleuropa. – bembIX 2: 29–32.

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23. ASSING, V. 1994: Zum Vorkommen von *Acrotona rassii* Muona in Hannover (Staphyl.) (Kleine Mitteilung Nr. 2135). – Entomologische Blätter 90 (1–2): 123.
24. ASSING, V. 1994: *Pseudomicrodota jelineki* und weitere faunistisch bemerkenswerte Aleocharinen von der Porta Westfalica im Weserbergland (Staphyl.) (Kleine Mitteilung Nr. 2136). – Entomologische Blätter 90 (1–2): 123–124.
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1995

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29. ASSING, V. & WUNDERLE, P. 1995: A revision of the species of the subfamily Habrocerinae (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae) of the world. – Revue suisse de Zoologie 102 (2): 307–359.
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31. ASSING, V. 1995: Zur Kenntnis und systematischen Stellung von *Silusa pipitzi* Eppelsheim, 1887 (Col.: Staphylinidae). – Entomologische Blätter 91 (1–2): 78–84.
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33. ASSING, V. & WUNDERLE, P. 1995²: A revision of the Madeiran species of the genus *Othius* Stephens (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae). – Boletim do Museu Municipal do Funchal 45 [1993]: 53–65.

¹ ANMERKUNG DER REDAKTION: Das Erscheinungsjahr dieser Publikation wurde von den beiden Autoren auf 1995 korrigiert, was auch im „Catalogue of Palaearctic Coleoptera“ für *Stenus ruivomontis* ASSING & WUNDERLE so übernommen wurde. Dem widerspricht das zur Zeit mit 1994 als gültig anerkannte Publikationsjahr der Crustaceae *Bogidiella madeirae* STOCK (siehe z.B.: www.marinespecies.org). Beide Arten wurden im Band 1994 der madeirischen Zeitschrift „Bocagiana“ mit dem Erscheinungsdatum „29.XI.1994“ gedruckt. Artikel 21.2 der “International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature” (ICZN) besagt folgendes: “The date of publication specified in a work is to be adopted as correct in the absence of evidence to the contrary” (<https://www.iczn.org/the-code/the-code-online/>).

² ANMERKUNG DER REDAKTION: Im Gegensatz zu den oben genannten Arten *Stenus ruivomontis* ASSING & WUNDERLE (Coleoptera) und *Bogidiella madeirae* STOCK (Crustacea) herrscht bezüglich der in der madeirischen Schwesterzeitschrift „Boletim do Museu Municipal do Funchal“ publizierten Arten (Coleoptera: *Othius baculifer* ASSING & WUNDERLE, *O. ruivomontis* ASSING & WUNDERLE; Crustacea: *Gammarus nox* STOCK, *Sarothrogammarus cataractae* STOCK) zwischen den Autoren Übereinstimmung hinsichtlich des tatsächlichen Erscheinungsjahres. Der Band 45 (1993) wäre demnach erst 1995 erschienen. Aber auch hier gilt es, gemäß ICZN, einen Beweis zu erbringen.

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42. ASSING, V. & WUNDERLE, P. 1996: A revision of the species of the subfamily Habrocerinae of the world. Supplement I. (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae). – *Beiträge zur Entomologie* 46 (2): 373–378.
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