

**In memoriam Sebastian Endrödy-Younga
(1934 - 1999)**

Am 26.II.1999 verstarb Dr. Sebastian Endrödy-Younga in Pretoria (Südafrika) nach längerer Krankheit. Erst kurz zuvor war er als Leiter des Coleoptera Department des Transvaal Museums (Pretoria) in den verdienten Ruhestand getreten. Den Coleopterologen der Welt wird er als Spezialist für Clambidae, Cybocephalidae, Tenebrionidae und einer Reihe weiterer Familien in Erinnerung bleiben.

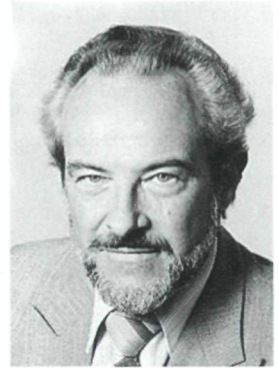
Sebastian Endrödy-Younga wurde 1934 in Ungarn (Budapest) geboren, als Sohn des berühmten Scarabaeiden-Spezialisten Sebő Endrödi. Im Jahre 1959 promovierte er an der Roland Eötvös Universität in Budapest und arbeitete in der Folge - zusammen mit Z. Kaszab - sechs Jahre lang am Természettudományi Múzeum in Budapest.

Seine erste Reise auf den Schwarzen Kontinent führte ihn im Zuge einer zoologischen UNESCO Expedition in den Kongo, danach verbrachte Sebastian Endrödy-Younga acht Jahre als Mitglied der FAO in Ghana und kam schließlich 1973 nach Südafrika, wo er Dr. Charles Koch als Leiter des Coleoptera Department des Transvaal Museums ablöste. Die nun folgenden Jahre gehören wohl zu den produktivsten im Leben von Endrödy-Younga. Jetzt konnte er seiner Schaffenskraft vollen Lauf lassen; es gelang ihm, eine erstklassige, nationale Käfersammlung aufzubauen, was nicht zuletzt durch seinen ungeheuren Einsatz und durch seine zahlreichen, oft Monate dauernden Exkursionen im südlichen Afrika zustande kam.

Im Laufe seines Lebens beschrieb Endrödy-Younga zahlreiche neue Arten, von denen die meisten aus Afrika stammen. Aber auch in der Liste der mitteleuropäischen Käfer findet sich der Name Endrödy-Younga mehrfach als Autor: *Ochthebius hungaricus* (Hydraenidae), *Clambus dux*, *C. evae*, *C. radula* (Clambidae), *Cybocephalus fodori* (Cybocephalidae).

Seine alte Heimat sollte er im Sommer des Jahres 1997 zum letzten Mal sehen. Im Rahmen dieser Europa-Reise besuchte er auch das Naturhistorische Museum in Wien, wo er die Mitarbeiter der Coleoptera-Sammlung im Laufe eines gemütlich-heiteren Nachmittages durch seine gewinnende Persönlichkeit und seinen ausgeprägten Hang zur Geselligkeit unwillkürlich und nachhaltig in seinen Bann zog.

Sebastian Endrödy-Younga hinterläßt seine Frau Eva, seinen Sohn Thomas und seine Tochter Uta.



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