

Puthz, Volker. Puthz, of Germany, was born on July 9, 1941. Volker became intrigued with staphylinids when he found many species of *Stenus* in a single collection of beetles in debris. He was encouraged by other entomologists at the Deutsche Entomologische Gesellschaft, and by Herbert Franz. He is primarily interested in the Steninae, Megalopsidiinae, and Euaesthetinae of the World and in the history of science, particularly for biology and entomology. His goal is to review all the species and genera of the three subfamilies and to publish catalogs and keys for them. He is currently working on the Steninae of China and the Euaesthetinae of Australia. Through 1998 he has described more than 1,300 species and 2 genera, and has published more than 340 articles including a monograph of the African species of *Stenus*, more than 250 articles on the Steninae, 79 on the Euaesthetinae and 21 on the Megalopsidiinae; these numbers do not include the numerous notes reporting species from various sites. When possible, he has published critical illustrations for all species. Probably the most impressive feature of his work is his continual refinement of the taxonomy and classification. His body of work on the Steninae constitutes a major contribution to the understanding of the group.



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