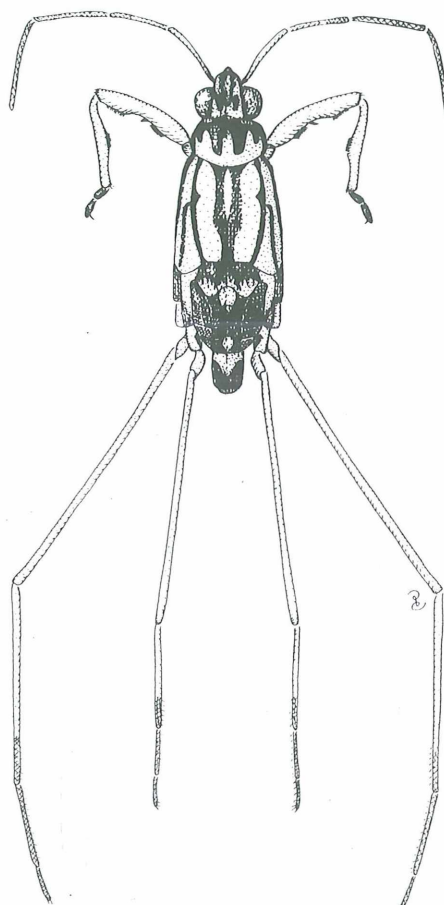


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A HoT preface

The project of "Heteroptera of Thailand" (HoT) is running slowly but well on its track through the cooperation among the collaborators. Looking at the launching point of the project, the original plan of working out the aquatic and semiaquatic bugs of Thailand, has been developed into a broader scheme, i.e. to include terrestrial bugs of Thailand, by the enthusiasm and support of many collaborators. We should objectively face the material we rely on for this task: there still is a huge demand for terrestrial bugs. The three main sources of acquiring material from Thailand remain the same: (1) to make field surveys to Thailand by collaborators; (2) to borrow it from known insect collections in Thailand; (3) to borrow it from known insect collections in Asia, Europe, and North America. We are still working on certain points regarding the above three points.

Again, as planned, the aquatic and semiaquatic Heteroptera of Thailand will be published as the first and second volumes due to the better understanding of their fauna; and although many new species have been found almost every year, the overview is reasonably clear. The following volumes of the handbook "Heteroptera of Thailand" will deal with terrestrial bugs, which is really challenging: A few bug groups can be expected to be worked out in a relatively short time; most groups will be a long-term task because of the lack of material and their poor background. Therefore, we suggest starting with presenting illustrated keys and reliable species lists in AMEMBOA. Such a solution would already be a big step toward filling in the nearly empty page of knowledge on Thai terrestrial bugs (see SCHAEFER & AHMAD in this volume.)

Through negotiation, some loan material of Thai bugs has been gradually sent to several collaborators. I would like to express my deep gratitude to those who have helped so much in this matter!

I would like to say I am happy to see that the health of Dr. Ivor Lansbury has been improved and he is now able to join this project (limnic Halovelinae) and has given much help with various suggestions to the project. Further, Dr. W. Ullrich (Lübeck, Germany) and Dr. D.A. Rider (Fargo, U.S.A.) are providing strong support with their work on Pentatomoidea, and Dr. A. Jansson (Helsinki) will contribute his experience in Corixidae.

For the convenience of final editing, using Wordperfect (DOS) or Corel Wordperfect Suit 7 as a word processor is required. A formula of writing each chapter is still under discussion; we hope to be able to present it soon. We hope to manage a distribution of guidelines (including model maps, etc.) to the cooperating authors in autumn.

To work on it, as a kind of side-work for all the collaborators, is definitely time-eating. Therefore, the slow progress is understandable. I sincerely thank all the collaborators for the effort and the donations. My specific thanks are due to Dr. Herbert Zettel for his excellent editing work on the project newsletter AMEMBOA, and to Prof. Dr. Carl W. Schaefer for his generous help to do the linguistic control for AMEMBOA!

Pingping Chen, chief editor of HoT

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