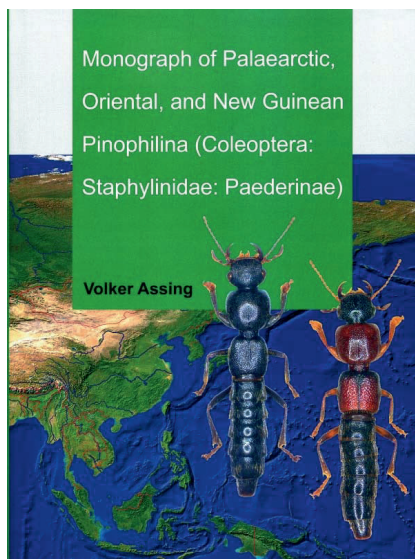


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The publication of big monographs is always special, in this case in particular, because it was published shortly before the author's untimely passing.

Pinophilina are usually well represented in collections, mainly due to the fact that many of them are regularly attracted to light sources. However, the taxonomic situation left much to be desired, not only at the species level but also at the generic level. Therefore, Volker Assing's plan to revise the entire subtribe was greatly appreciated within the community.

The result of this endeavour are 419 pages of valuable information, containing the descriptions of 11 new genera and 241 new species, as well as many new combinations and also a few new synonymies. Keys to genera and species allow navigation within this speciose and taxonomically quite difficult group. Numerous color plates, partly also depicting the variability of aedeagi, and distribution maps for all species, add to the overall formidable impression.

Through the years, we got used to the author's enormous output rate, but what makes this monograph so remarkable is that it has been accomplished within a very short time span, while still maintaining the high scientific quality standard he applied to all of his publications, and considering the fact that thousands of specimens had to be studied.

I am sure that this monograph will induce numerous follow-up publications on Pinophilina, hopefully by keeping up the high standard introduced by Volker Assing.

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