

Book Review

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This special issue of *Invertebrate Systematics* is dedicated to the memory of Ebbe Schmidt Nielsen (7.6.1950–6.3.2001). Ebbe's tremendous beneficial influence on lepidopterology can hardly be described just by a few lines. Niels Peder Kristensen (2001, *Nota lepidopterologica* 24 (3): 3–9) already reminded of him as a European lepidopterist, as one of the founders of the Societas Europaea Lepidopterologica, and as a leader of Australian lepidopterology. *Invertebrate Systematics*, a journal whose Advisory Committee he chaired for several years, now commemorates his life and contributions to science. Contributions were invited from friends and colleagues of Ebbe, who had worked and collaborated with him during his career. J. L. Edwards, R. B. Halliday, M. J. Scoble, and M. Whitten write about Ebbe's leading activities in lepidopterology, his achievements in terms of the management for the Australian National Insect Collection, his bioinformatics legacy and compiled a bibliography of Ebbe. A number of scientific papers were collected and edited by Marianne Horak and Bruce Halliday in order to honour Ebbe and thus his broad impact on lepidopteran systematics, which reaches well beyond the groups that he worked on himself. Just to give examples, the issue includes the description of the new monotrysian moth family Andesianidae from South America (by D. R. Davis & P. Gentili), descriptions of the new genera *Plesiozela* (Heliozelidae) by O. Karsholt & N. P. Kristensen, *Xanadoses* (Cecidosidae) by R. J. B. Hoare & J. S. Dugdale, and *Ebbepterote* (Eupterotidae) by R. G. Oberprieler, W. A. Nässig & E. D. Edwards. Several new species are described from Guam, Argentina, New Zealand, Tasmania, mainland Australia, Japan, Papua New Guinea, and Sulawesi. Studies of host-plant relationships of several lepidopteran groups, a reassessment of the pyralid *Anerastiini*, and a test of the Gondwanan ancestry of Australian butterflies are given. The entire issue includes information about so many lepidopteran families from around the world that it will be an important addition to the libraries of Lepidoptera biologists worldwide. All papers included in the journal are of good standard and layout, as a tribute to Ebbe should be. Congratulations to all authors and especially the two editors, Marianne Horak and Bruce Halliday for this fine contribution!

The issue is for sale as a stand-alone title from CSIRO Publishing
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