Dear friends,

From 13-16 September 2000 the Buprestologists’ European Millenium Congress took place — thanks to our well-known friend Franco TASSI — in the National Park of Abruzzo, Italy. It was not only a meeting where we listened to very interesting lectures and where we had intensive discussions but also a festivity of hospitality ad midst a picturesque landscape. You will find a brief reports some lines later.

Thanks to all supporting me with their reprints. I can write only that what you bring to my attention. So let the others know what you have done, what you want to do and what you want to see or need for your work.

Please check your addresses in the mailing list. Moreover, if you will have meanwhile an email contact, let me know it.

The new deadline for the next issue of BUPRESTIS will be 15. December 2001.

Hans Mühle
Editor
A. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

Svata Bílý sent the following lines: With P. SVOBODA, we have nearly finished a new revision of *Anthaxia proleus* species-group and I have started also with a large paper on *Philanthaxia* with descriptions of many new species. Parallel with these projects I continue with the revision of the North American species of *Melanthaxia*.

Wonmok Kim is a graduate student at the Korean Entomological Institute and major in Buprestidae. He is going to study the Korean Trachyini.

Ahir Kiran is a research student working on invertebrates of Gir forest-GUJARAT (India). He has special interest in buprestids and wants to get training on taxonomy. Who can help?

Yanytsky Taras is studying the Buprestidae of Western Ukraine. He writes: I am interested in contacts with specialists who ever worked in the Carpathian’s region. Recently I carried out my research in Buprestidae of the Ukrainian steppe and got interesting material of *Agrilus*, *Trachys* and *Cylindromorphus*.

B. SPECIES WANTED FOR RESEARCH OR EXCHANGE

Svata Bílý wrote: I am working on my new Grant-project on larval bionomy of Buprestidae of C Europe. For this study, I am very interested in larvae of the following European Buprestids: *Coraeus rubi*, *Yamina sanguinea*, *Capnodis tenebricosa*, *Agrilus laticollis* and *Chalcophorella stigmatica*. I would be very obliged to anybody for larvae of these species and I can offer in exchange a lot of Palaearctic and Oriental Buprestids.

C. REQUESTS FOR LITERATURE

D. FORUM

Shelley Barker has sent us a letter with the news that Stan Watkins passed away:

Stanley Glen Watkins (1931-2001)

Stan Watkins died in Lismore on 12th June after a long illness and will be sadly missed by his friends and colleagues. He was born at Laguna Beach California and began collecting beetles as a teenager. His special interest was geographical variation in species of *Cicindela* occurring in southwestern U.S. Most of his early collecting trips were made in the company of Buprestid specialist, notably Dave Verity. When Cicindelids were scarce, he collected Buprestid specimens and thus gained an interest in the group. Later he took the undergraduate course in Entomology at University of California, Berkeley during which he was taught by two very well known entomologists, E. G. Linsley and R. L. Usinger. His major was in histology and he studied it under Frances Weesner. On graduation, he was employed as an industrial chemist for some time before leaving to go on a four month collecting trip to British North Borneo (Sabah). He returned to San Francisco and was appointed histologist at the G. W. Hooper Foundation, University of California, and later was in charge of the histology laboratory until 1971. During that time, he met and married Rosalie a migrant from South Africa, also an histologist. They later moved to Sidney where Stan was employed to run a histopathology laboratory at the Department of Medicine, University of N.S.W. He retired in 1987. Because of our depauperate Cicindelid fauna Stan began collecting Buprestids and after retirement moved to a country property near Taree, in the heartlands of Buprestid country in N.S.W. Eventually he moved to the suburbs of Lismore.

I first met Stan at the end of the 1980s and went on several collecting trips with him. He was a consummate collector and entertaining company in the field. The only long trip I made with Stan was
to Onslow in W.A. in 1989. On the way over, we called in to Balladonia Station to visit Mrs Amy Crocker, the notable artist and insect painter. On sitting Stan with his long white beard, she instantly piped up with ‘Hullo Father Xmas’, which got a hearty response. Since that trip, I had been continuously in touch with Stan by letter and telephone. He was extremely generous with material and it was a pleasure to receive his specimens, which were always immaculate. His collection consists of foreign and local beetle specimens and the 160 odd boxes containing it have been donated to CSIRO according to his wishes. He is survived by his wife Dr Rosalie Watkins and his son Wolfgang.

May be some of you already know that the leader of the Society of Coleoptera and Lepidoptera in Japan, Dr. Yoshihiko Kurosawa passed away 27th, February 2001. We lost a great teacher and brilliant specialist of Buprestidae who gave us many fundamental ideas in his works. On 6th, December 2000 Wilhelm Lucht, a world specialist of Eucnemidae and Cerophytidae and also a great friend of Buprestidae passed away. We will keep you in mind.

Chuck Bellamy sent the following texts:
Greetings all!
Following comments by several of you and new publications of two of you, I have made some readjustments to the ordering that I think might work utilizing traditional ideas, those from Cobos and the recent scheme of Holynski. I am trying to get us to a system that we can agree with from which to pattern the world catalogue after.

I would appreciate your ideas, or adjustments, as your interest and time will allow.

Cheers

Chuck Bellamy

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Schizopodidae LeConte
  Schizopodinae LeConte
    Schizopodini LeConte
      Schizopodina LeConte
      Dystaxiina Théry

Buprestidae Leach
  Julodinae Lacordaire
    syn. Sternocerinae Reitter
    Julodini Lacordaire
    Julodina Lacordaire
    syn. Amblysterina Cobos

Polycestinae
  Xyroscelini Cobos
    Xyroscelina Cobos
  Polycestini Lacordaire
    Polycestina Lacordaire
    Perucolina Cobos
  Polycetesini Cobos
    Polycetesina Cobos
    Chrysophanina, subtribe nov.
    Thrinopygini LeConte
Thrincopygina LeConte
Prospherini Cobos
  Prospherina Cobos
Tylauchenini Cobos
  Tylaucheniina Cobos
Tyndarini Cobos
  Tyndarina Cobos
  Acherusiina Cobos
  Pseudacherusina Cobos
Astraenini Cobos
  Astraena Cobos
  Bulma Bellany
Acmaeoderini Kerremans
  Acmaeoderina Kerremans
  Acmaeoderoidina Cobos
  Nothomorphina Cobos
  Ptosimina Kerremans
Mastogenini LeConte & Horn
  Mastogeniina LeConte & Horn
Paratrichysini Holynski
  Paratrichysina Holynski
Chalcophorinae Lacordaire
  Julodimorphini Kerremans
    Julodimorphina Kerremans
Chrysochroini Laporte
  Chrysochroina Laporte
    syn. Catoxanthina Descarpentries
    syn. Iridotaeniina Toyama
  Callopistisina Kurosawa
  Epistomentina Levey
Vadonaxiini Descarpentries
  Vadonaxiina Descarpentries
Mendizabalini Cobos
  Mendizabaliina Cobos
Chalcophorini Lacordaire
  Chalcophorina Lacordaire
    syn. Buprestina Jakobson
    syn. Chalcophorellina Toyama
  Pseudoperotina Toyama
  Lampropeplina Holynski
  Hypoprasina Holynski
  Euchromatina Holynski
  Euplectalecina Holynski
  Pristipterina Holynski
  Agaeocerina Nelson
  Lamprochetina Holynski
  Evidina Toyama
  Hippomelanina Holynski
  Paratassina B=Ally & Volkovitsh
  Psilopterina Lacordaire
    syn. Capnodina Jakobson
Haplotrinechina Holynski

Buprestinae Leach
  Sphenopterini Lacordaire
  Sphenopterina Lacordaire
  Bubastini Obenberger
  Bubastina Obenberger
  Dicercini Kerremans
  Dicercina Kerremans
  Haplotrinechina Holynski
  Phthiriina Cobos
    syn. Paraleptodemina Cobos
    syn. Cinyrina Cobos
    syn. Exagistina Toyama

Buprestini Leach
  Nascionina Holynski
  Trachykelina Holynski
  Buprestina Leach
    syn. Ancylocheirina Jakobson
  Thomassetiina Bellamy
    syn. Philanthaxiina Holynski

Stigmoderini Lacordaire
  Stigmoderina Lacordaire

Anthaxiiini Gory & Laporte
  Trigonongeniina Cobos
  Coomaniellina Bily
  Melobasina Bily
  Melanophilina Bedel
  Kisanthobiina Rikhter
  Anthaxiiina Gory & Laporte
  Anilarina Bily
  Xenorhipidina Cobos
  Maoraxiina Holynski
  Neocurina Holynski
  Curina Holynski

Chrysobothrini Gory & Laporte
  Chrysobothrina Gory & Laporte
  Actenodina Kerremans

Agrilinae Laporte
  Agrilini Laporte
    Coraebina Bedel
    Amyina Holynski
    Rhaeboscelina Cobos
  Agrilina Laporte
    Galbellina Reitter

Aphanisticini Jacqueline du Val
  Aphanisticina Jacqueline du Val
  Anthaxomorphina Holynski
  Germaricina Cobos
  Cylindromorphina Portevin
  Cylindromorphoidina Cobos

Trachydini Laporte
  Trachydina Laporte
Following my paper (1999. Nomenclatural notes in Buprestidae (Coleoptera). Folia Heyrovskyana 7(1):1-11.) where I suggested that certain names in the works of BOISDUVAL (1835) and LAPORTE & GORY (and GORY & LAPORTE) could be attributed to others, e.g. HOPE, BUQUET, etc., I have received enough contrary comments to decide against this idea and will revert to accepting only obvious authorship except when clearly stated that alternatives do exist within specific works. This was, of course, the reasoning I followed in declaring other authors in the DEJEAN catalogues, as I outlined in that paper (1998. A clarification of authorship of buprestid genera originally defined in the catalogues of P. F. M. A. DEJEAN (Coleoptera: Buprestidae). Fragmenta Entomologia 29(2):365-382.) and I have now retreated from that concept. I am grateful to Svata Bílí, Roman HOLYNSKI, Gayle NELSON and Rick WESTCOTT for showing me the error in my ways. Thanks Chuck

Now to our meeting — the Buprestologists' European Millennium Congress.

It was excellently organised by Franco TASSI and his stuff. I want to express my thanks for doing this. Also thanks to all who participated and made with their lectures and discussions the meeting an unforgettable event.

It is foreseen to publish the result of the meeting. Therefore, I want to tell you only very short to what we listened to. It has been a wide range of themes beginning with exposures on the systematic of buprestids (Anthaxinae and Polycestinae) up to the large field of ecology of buprestids and the preservation of their habitats. We heard something about specific localities of buprestids in Italy, how Swedish biologists comprehend the conservation of nature and what an adventure the exploration of the coronas of trees in a tropical rainforest is.

The meeting ended with a visit of the insect house of the National Park where we had our last exposures dealing with the possibilities of protection of insects and insect habitats. Last but not least the festivities where crowned by a garden party offering all of the delicious specialities of the Italian kitchen which made it very difficult to say Good Bye.

E. PUBLICATIONS


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