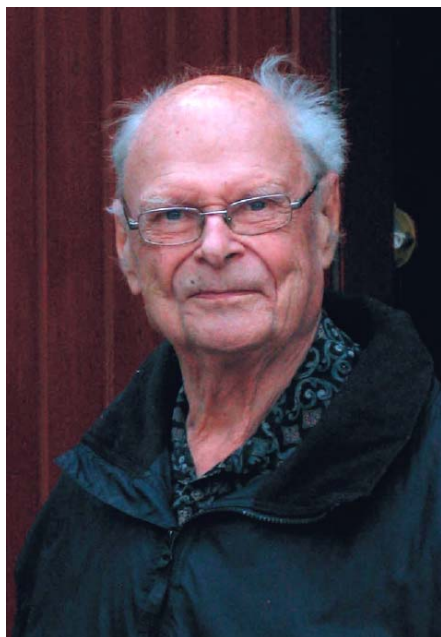


In memoriam RAUNO E. LINNAVUORI (1927–2019)

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RAUNO E. LINNAVUORI, Raisio (Finland), 2012. (Photo: M. WILSON).

With deep emotion, we must announce that RAUNO E. LINNAVUORI died on 26 February 2019 after a long illness. RAUNO LINNAVUORI was undoubtedly one of the greatest hemipterists of the past 100 years, not only from the scope of his work but the number of papers published and the number of species described. He has published 306 papers since 1948 (KMENT & WILSON 2017), describing 308 genera and subgenera, and 2.894 species and subspecies (KMENT & CARAPEZZA 2017, WILSON 2017, LEMAÎTRE et al. 2017). He is also perhaps one of the last specialists to contribute substantially to descriptive studies in both Auchenorrhyncha and Heteroptera, and largely through his extensive explorations in desert regions. His expeditions to parts of the Middle East (Israel, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Iran) and northern half of Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo) may have been difficult when carried out but would be almost impossible now due to various security issues (WILSON et al. 2017).

We are pleased, that ENTOMOLOGICA AMERICANA could honor this exceptional entomologist and explorer with three special issues dedicated to him: **122**(1–2)/2016 including 28 papers devoted to Heteroptera, **122**(3)/2017 with 13 papers on Auchenorrhyncha, and **122**(4)/2017 including biography, bibliography, lists of all taxa he described, and a list of taxa named in honour of R. LINNAVUORI.

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