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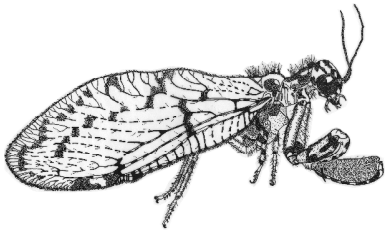

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What?
XIII International Symposium on Neuropterology
When?
17-21 June 2018
Where?
Academy for Nature Conservation and Landscape Management (ANL) in Laufen (DE)
Why?
Because we are neuropterologists! 😊

Please send all communications concerning *Lacewing News* to agostino.letardi@enea.it (Agostino Letardi). Questions about the International Association of Neuropterology may be addressed to our current president, Dr. Michael Ohl (Michael.Ohl@mfn-berlin.de). Concerns about the XIII International Symposium on Neuropterology (Laufen on River Salzach 2018) should be directed to Dr. Axel Gruppe (gruppe@wzw.tum.de).

From Rinaldo Nicoli Aldini

Maria Matilde Principi (1915-2017).
In memoriam.

Maria Matilde Principi, the Grande Dame of Neuropterology (a very fine definition by Horst and Ulrike Aspöck), who passed away on Sunday 10 September 2017 at the age of 102, was commemorated shortly after her death in the latest issue of *Lacewing News* (No. 25, Autumn 2017) with a photograph portraying her as a young woman outdoors collecting neuropterans. In some previous issues of *Lacewing News* (Nos. 22, 20, 19) several brief but significant articles were dedicated to Prof. Principi on the occasion of her 100th birthday (May 4, 2015).
Now she is no longer among us, I feel it is right and proper to add a few words in her memory here too: she was the doyen of the Italian entomologists and of the world neuropterologists, Professor Emeritus of the University of Bologna, holder of the Italian Gold

Medal to the Meritorious in Education, Culture and Art, member of the Italian National Academy of Entomology and of other academies, and member of the Italian Entomological Society (for eighty years) and of other important scientific associations.

M. M. Principi was born in San Mariano of Corciano (Perugia, Umbria) on May 4, 1915. She studied the classics at school and in 1937 graduated cum laude in Agricultural Sciences from the University of Perugia, with a thesis on the Chrysopidae of Umbria. After winning a grant from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, she was nominated by Prof. Guido Grandi to the Institute of Entomology, which he had founded and was directing, at the University of Bologna. She became Assistant Professor in 1948 and in 1951 she became Professor of Agricultural Entomology. In 1958 she succeeded Prof. Grandi as Head of the Institute, which she directed for thirty years. In Bologna she founded the Research Doctorate in Agricultural Entomology and served as Coordinator; she directed the School of Specialization in Phytopathology and was the Director in Charge of the prestigious *Bollettino dell'Istituto di Entomologia "Guido Grandi" dell'Università di Bologna*. As a teacher, she contributed to the training of generations of graduates in agricultural sciences.
Her scientific activity ranged over various areas of basic and applied research and gave her international fame. She contributed to knowledge of the Neuropterida, above all Chrysopidae, through research into morphologic, taxonomic, systematic, faunistic and bio-ecological aspects. She also studied the morphology and biology of some phytophagous insects (flea beetles, leaf blotch miners, gall midges) and of parasitic wasps. The problem of protecting plants from arthropod pests through enhancing beneficial insects led her to organize and coordinate a working group for the application of integrated protection in orchards. M. M. Principi produced 110 publications which are remarkable for their breadth, depth, rigor and clarity as well as for the incomparable quality of the illustrations.

A strong believer, impeccable in her style and manner, she is much missed by her few surviving colleagues and the numerous pupils, collaborators and admirers who enjoyed her consideration and benefited from her competence and generous help.
The photograph in remembrance chosen by her relatives portrays her in the academic dress of a young full professor, and it is pleasing to remember her thus, always 'young' within and lucid until her final days, despite her age, as is possible for one who dedicated her life to the study of living organisms, to the wonders of the biosphere and to our fascinating neuropterans.

Current researches

From Rolf Becker

Neuropterology at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST)

A small group of lacewing enthusiasts had been formed at the Namibia University of Science and Technology in Windhoek, Namibia. The group consists of Gail Morland, Alma Moller and Rolf Becker, who, together with their students, have started to revive Neuroptera studies in Namibia. The group has obtained funding through the Nedbank Namibia GoGreen Fund to do a census of Neuroptera in the different Namibian vegetation types. They also form part of a substantial European Union funded project to advise on the management of biodiversity of the Iona - Skeleton Coast Transfrontier Area, straddling the Kunene River that separates Angola and Namibia, together with the adjoining Kaokoland Conservancies. This is one of the most remote, inaccessible and vast desert regions in the world and is still greatly understudied. Working there is bound to lead to exciting new findings and range extensions of all kinds of Neuroptera.
Any Neuropterophiles wishing to join the group as collaborators to study the biota of this fascinating 44 000 km^2 area are welcome to contact Rolf Becker at rbecker@nust.na .
Below are some pictures of the innovative "NUST" Light Trap that has been assembled by the group. It consists of a shop-bought drying rack covered with mosquito netting expertly sown by Alma. It is relatively cheap, easily transported and ideal for Namibian conditions.

Innovative "NUST" Light Trap ideal for Namibian conditions (Photo by Rolf Becker)

"NUST" Light Trap in use with students collecting specimens (Photo by Morgan Hauptfleisch)

Social meetings

From Atilano Contreras-Ramos, Roberto Lopez Garcia, and David E. Bowles. Photos by Valeria Cuellar and David Bowles

Neuropterists convened at the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America from 5 to 8 November 2017, Denver, Colorado, USA. At this meeting, there was a symposium titled Americas Neuropterists Meeting that was organized and convened by Roberto Lopez Garcia, Atilano Contreras-Ramos, and David E. Bowles.

The poster announcing our session.

Authors (**speakers in bold**) and titles presented at the symposium included:

Catherine A. Tauber, Francisco Sosa, Gilberto Albuquerque, Atilano Contreras-Ramos, Shelby Kilpatrick and John Oswald—Recent collaborative studies in the systematics of New World Chrysopidae.

Yesenia Marquez-López and **Atilano Contreras-Ramos**—Coniopterygidae and Hemerobiidae (Neuroptera) of Nanacamilpa, Tlaxcala, Mexico.

Roberto López-Garcia—Advancement in the taxonomy of the genus *Myrmeleon* of the Neotropics

Fernando Acevedo—Current knowledge of antlion larvae in Mexico

Renato Machado and **John Oswald**—A new phylogeny and classification of the Myrmeleontidae (Insecta: Neuroptera) based on anchored hybrid enrichment data.

Rodolfo Cancino-López—Towards studying the diversity of Neuroptera in an altitudinal gradient, Volcan Tacana, Chiapas, Mexico.

David E. Bowles, Michael Ferro, and Robert W. Sites—The Neuroptera of Missouri: 70 years after Froeschner.

Some of the speakers at the meeting (left to right: Samuel Howard, Rodolfo Cancino-López, Fernando Acevedo, David Bowles-seated, John Oswald, Atilano Contreras-Ramos, and Roberto López-García).

Other papers on Neuropterida given at the conference, but were not included in the symposium included (**presenters in bold**):

Makani Fisher—Spongillafly biology in Utah (Neuroptera: Sisyridae: *Climacia californica*)

Harlee Pauley, Jackie Fletcher, Daniel Payne, Hannah Payne, and Barbara Liedl—Exposure and behavioral assays of four OMRI approved insecticides on the biocontrol generalist predator, green lacewing, *Chrysoperla rufilabris*

Good food was had by all (left to right: Rodolfo Cancino-López, Fernando Acevedo, Pilar Abad-Ballesteros, Andrea Abela-Posada, Magali Luna-Luna, Valeria Cuellar, Roberto López-García, Atilano Contreras-Ramos).

Brett Nash—Controlling aphid populations in daylily crops using green lacewings (*Chrysoperla rufilabris*)

Jordano Salamanca, Brígida Souza, Jonathon Lundgren, and Cesar Rodriquez-Saona—Electrophysical and behavioral response of *Chrysoperla rufilabris* (Neuroptera: Chrysopidae) to methyl salicylate.

Rene Luna, Luziani Bestete, **Jorge Torres**, and Christian Silva-Torres—Susceptibility of the lacewing *Chrysoperla externa* (Hagen) to lambda-cyhalothrin and behavior and predatory response.

Roberto López-Garcia giving his presentation.

James Nechols, John Ruberson, Dustyn King, Aavudai Anandhi, and Catherine A. Tauber— Has climate change caused a shift in the photoperiodic response for diapause in a green lacewing?

Enjoying cold Colorado (left to right: Roberto Lopez-García, Magali Luna, Rodolfo Cancino-López, Valeria Cuellar)

Approximately 25 people attended the session. Neuropterists David Faulkner, Jeffrey Heilveil, and Makani Fisher also were in attendance. A group dinner followed at a local restaurant, and all had a great time.


A lovely Colorado Sunset.

From Horst Aspöck & Ulrike Aspöck

In the course of the past months several biological (and particularly entomological) meetings and events took place in Austria, which were also attended by neuropterologists. Here are a few photographs

10 October 2017. Vienna, Austria. In front: Alessandro Minelli (Padova) (middle) presented a lecture “Phylo Evo Devo” at the Natural History Museum Vienna. Left of him Ulrike Aspöck, right Hannes Paulus. (Photo archive H. & U. Aspöck)

10 October 2017. Vienna, Austria. From left to right: Alessandro Minelli (Padova), Horst Aspöck and Elisabeth Haring. (Photo archive H. & U. Aspöck)

21 October 2017. Vienna, Austria. Symposium of the Austrian Entomological Society on biodiversity in agriculture and forestry. Johannes Gepp (right) and Herbert Christian Wagner (myrmecologist). (Photo archive H. & U. Aspöck)

4 November 2017. Linz, Austria. 84th Meeting of the Upper Austrian Entomological Society. From left to right: Eyjolf Aistleitner, Horst Aspöck and Hans Malicky. (Photo archive H. & U. Aspöck)

11 February 2018. Vienna, Austria. 19th Meeting of the Society for Biological Systematics. Left: Michael Ohl and Susanne Randolf, right: Ulrike Aspöck. (Photo archive H. & U. Aspöck)

Parerga und Paralipomena

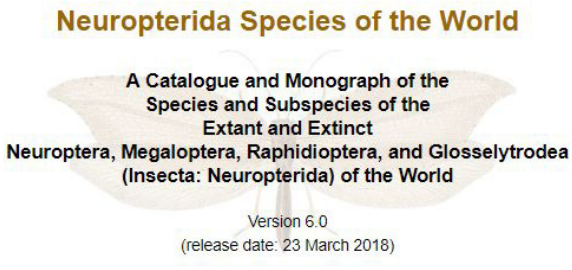
From John D. Oswald

Neuropterida Species of the World (Ver. 6)

We are pleased to announce that version 6.0 of the Neuropterida Species of the World (NSW) catalogue/monograph was released on 23 March 2018. The new version contains several important upgrades. Most importantly, version six contains a new output page format – the "Monograph Record" page. The original NSW output page format – the "Catalogue Record" page – presents data in blocks that are organized around individual, unique, species-group names. The new Monograph Record pages aggregate NSW data by valid species and subspecies (ca. 7600+), which allows data that were published for the same species or subspecies under synonymous taxon names to be programmatically integrated into a single page. Some of the classes of integrated data that may be of interest to most users include: (1) complete species/subspecies-level synonymical listings for all valid species-group taxa, (2) tabular listings of country-level geographic distributions for each species, and (3) links to lists of keys that contain each valid species as a terminal taxon. Version six also provides access to a new dataset that contains information about (and often PDF links to) >80,000 different Neuropterida figures that have been published in >3500 journal articles and books. The metadata captured for these figures provide, essentially, a new set of standardized captions for a large proportion of the technical illustrations that have been published to date in the global Neuropterida literature.

Version six also incorporates several new interface improvements. These include a more liberal use of icons to provide direct links to PDFs of relevant literature (be sure to log in to the site to maximize literature access), and links to corresponding records in the Bibliography of the Neuropterida (for access to full bibliographic details of each work). Much of the data displayed on the Monograph Record pages is contained in a new kind of scrollable and collapsible table, which allows the Monograph Record pages to display large amounts of information in a relatively compact space, and gives users some flexibility to customize the kinds of information that they want to see on each Monograph Record page.

We hope that you find the new data and functionality available in version six useful for your studies, and we are always happy to receive comments that we can consider for making additional improvements in the future.



Recent Literature on the Neuropterida (2017-2018)

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Picture of the semester

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