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M. S. Moulds: Bibliography of the Australian butterflies (Lepidoptera: Hesperioidea and Papilionoidea) 1773-1973. Paperback, ca. 18x24 cm, 239 pp.; Australian Entomological Press, Greenwhich, N. S. W., 1977. Price: not stated.

Although there are little factual connections between the lepidopterological literature of Europe and Australia, the above cited book deserves more than this brief mention. It is an example of thorough and worthwhile work and it includes useful material also on the publications regarding the Palaearctic butterflies (e.g. Fruhstorfer); also many 'general' and 'classical' works can be found, often with references to new species-group names proposed therein, and dates of publication of individual parts. The compilation of similar bibliographies for European butterflies would constitute much greater contribution to the advancement of lepidopterology than many an 'original' paper (e.g. with descriptions of some more new subspecies). It is somewhat unfortunate that the index of authors is not supplemented by a good classified subject index; it was probably beyond the scope of the work. The author deserves our thanks for what he has done. And, one can always hope, his work might get some followers — in Europe.

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C. Gomez de Aizpurua: Atlas propisional Lepidopteros del norte de Espana. Paperback, ca. 17x25 cm; 221 maps and unnumbered pages at front and back; AEPNA, Vitoria. Price: not stated.

In the first part of the proposed mapping programme for the Lepidoptera of Spain the author compiled and — to a great extent himself recorded or checked — the distribution of Papilionoidea, Hesperioidea and Zygenoidea in north-central Spain. The maps are based on the usual U.T.M. 10 km side-squares and distinguish between records before and after 1950 and between pre 1950 checked and unchecked by the author. Most of the data are post 1950 and a collecting programme has been organized to cover the territory as thoroughly as possible. An index to localities according to U.T.M. squares is also provided, a very useful improvement on the earlier EIS distribution maps. The work has been sponsored by three Spanish bodies and their members: Agrupacion para el Estudio e Proteccion de la Naturaleza en Alava (AEPNA) de Vitoria, Sociedad de Ciencias Naturales Aranzadi de San Sebastian and Sociedad Hispano-Luso-Americana de Lepidopterologia (SHILAP) de Madrid. The work has been produced as a Spanish contribution to the European Invertebrate Survey programme and represents one of the best lepidopterological results so far achieved. It is only to wish that the Spanish lepidopterists extend their plans on the whole country, with an additional inclusion of a good bibliography and data of the material used.

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