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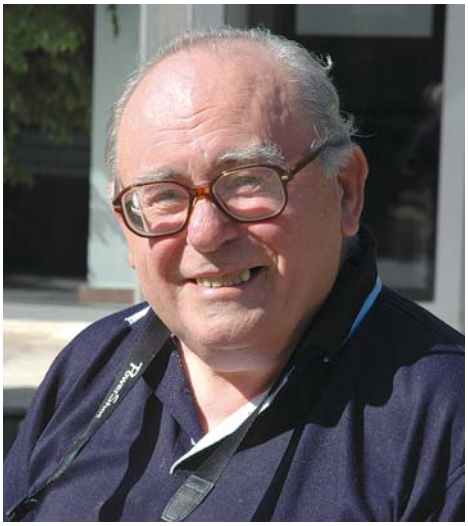

RNDr. Pavel Lauterer (*1933) was born in Brno, to a family closely interested in natural history. He soon developed a passion for nature, and particularly for insects. He studied biology at the Faculty of Science at Masaryk University, Brno, going on to work briefly as an entomologist and parasitologist at the Hygienico-epidemiological Station in Olomouc. From 1962 until his retirement in 2002, he was Scientific Associate and Curator at the Department of Entomology in the Moravian Museum, Brno, and still continues his work there as a retired research associate. Most of his professional career has been devoted to the study of psyllids, leafhoppers, planthoppers and their natural enemies. He has built up a huge collection of these groups and has published over 200 scientific papers on their systematics and faunistics, as well as applied entomology. He has also always been an enthusiastic populariser of entomology, especially among younger people.



RNDr. Jaroslav L. Stehlík, CSc. (*1923) was born in Jihlava. Ever since his grammar school studies in Brno and Třebíč, he has been interested in entomology, particularly the true bugs (Heteroptera). He graduated from the Faculty of Science at Masaryk University, Brno in 1950 and defended his CSc. (Ph.D.) thesis at the Institute of Entomology of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Prague in 1968. Since 1945 he has been professionally associated with the Moravian Museum, Brno and was Head of the Department of Entomology there from 1948 until his retirement in 1990. During this time, the insect collections flourished and the journal *Acta Musei Moraviae* became established as a scientific periodical. To date, he has published over 120 scientific papers, many of them addressing the systematics and taxonomy of world Pyrrhocoridae and Largidae and the faunistics of Czech and Slovak Heteroptera.

EDITORIAL

This specially-published edition of *Acta Musei Moraviae, Scientiae biologicae* is dedicated to two outstanding entomologists, RNDr. Jaroslav Stehlík, CSc. and RNDr. Pavel Lauterer who, in 2013, celebrated their ninetieth and eightieth birthdays respectively. Both have devoted their entire professional careers to the Hemiptera and to the Moravian Museum. In the museum, they have, for several decades, set consistently high standards of research and built up huge scientific collections in the Department of Entomology. They kept both the museum and Czech entomology in continuous contact with the international scientific community, even in the times when politics rendered this exceptional and far from easy, and when the world was far less technically interconnected than that which we take for granted today.

We include 27 contributions on the taxonomy, systematics, biology and faunistics of the Heteroptera, Auchenorrhyncha and Psylloidea – insect groups close to the hearts of Jaroslav Stehlík and Pavel Lauterer – from a total of 53 authors from all over the world. In addition to the authors, many other colleagues have participated in the volume with peer-reviews of individual papers or personal memories: Charles Bartlett (University of Delaware, Newark, USA), Jérôme Constant (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels, Belgium), Jakob Damgaard (Zoological Museum/Zoological Institute, Copenhagen, Denmark), Dmitry Dmitriev (Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, USA), Jowita Drohojowska (University of Silesia, Katowice, Poland), Sakis Drosopoulos (Athens, Greece), Murray Fletcher (Orange Agriculture Institute, Orange, Australia), Dimitri Forero (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia), Paul Freytag (University of Kentucky, Lexington, USA), Ian Hodkinson (Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, UK), Gernot Kunz (Graz, Austria), Mallik Malipatil (Bioprotection, Ferntree Gully Delivery Centre, Australia), Lorèn Marchal (Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France), Felipe F. F. Moreira (Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, Brazil), Wolfgang Rabitsch (Umweltbundesamt, Biodiversity and Nature Conservation, Vienna, Austria), David Rider (North Dakota State University, Fargo, USA), Dariusz Świerczewski (Jan Długosz University, Częstochowa, Poland), and James Zahniser (Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, USA). Tony Long (Svinošice) sub-edited and helped to work up most of the English texts with his usual enthusiasm and close attention to detail. We thank all of these people for their contributions and, on their behalf, extend to Jaroslav Stehlík and Pavel Lauterer the "Many Happy Returns" that their years and the anniversaries merit.

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