



Project Beetle diversity in Laos

Special Issues: Invitation to publish

Introduction

As you may know an important part of our project "Beetle diversity in Laos" is the publication of the results. We intend to publish these in special issues of the journal "Entomologica Basiliensia". We plan to give out two volumes dedicated only to the Fauna of Laos. The first will be published in 2012 and the second in 2013.

Aim

As the title of the project suggest, it is intended to publish contributions giving an overview of the knowledge of a group. So we will specially appreciate monographic papers, dealing with a revision of a group, for instance a family, subfamily, genus or species-group. We are aware that very often a revision is not easy to provide, in this case we would like to get an introduction situating the actual situation concerning the knowledge.

Deadline

The publication language is English. Manuscript should be sent to the address below as soon as possible, not later than June 2012 or June 2013.

Instructions to authors

Entomologica Basiliensia is a journal of the Natural History Museum in Basel which publishes contributions dealing completely or partly with the Arthropoda deposited in the Entomological Department of this institution. All works are reviewed and their acceptance is determined by an editorial board.

The article should be divided into standard sections thus: Abstract, Key words, Introduction, Material, Methods, Results, Discussion, References. The Title, Abstract and Key words must also be provided in English. An Abstract and/or Summary in the language of the contribution can be also attached. Individual descriptions may be divided into paragraphs and marked as Differential diagnosis, Description, Remarks, Distribution, Derivatio nominis, etc. The section "Differential diagnosis" is absolutely obligatory in descriptions of new taxa. All the prescriptions of the current edition of International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN) should be strictly followed.

Any manuscript (MS) submitted must include: (1) a diskette with the electronic version of the text, (2) two hard copies of the printed text file, (3) drawings or other artworks mounted on A4 paper sheets, including their numbers and scales. Artwork (incl. tables, drawings, maps, graphs, photographs, slides) can also be submitted in electronic form, but a high-quality print is also necessary.

MS should be written in common text editors for IBM PC (preferably MS Word). The text should be written in a standard font (preferably Times New Roman),

without user-defined styles, paragraph indentation, tabs and divided words. Only generic and species names of taxa should be written in italics. The names of cited authors may be written in small capitals. (If italics and small caps are not printed, they must be underlined in the hard copy with a wavy line or Fully Underlined.) Captions to the artwork must be given in the computer file after References or as an independent file. Hard copy of the captions must be separate from the text. Authors can indicate in pencil the general location of the individual graphics on the hard copy.

References in the text should be cited as: Crowson (1955), (Gardner 1989), Lawrence & Newton (1995). We recommend that the names of periodicals be written with the full wording, with the first letters of each word in capitals (excepting connectives). Transliterations of Cyrillic should follow the British standard. Examples:

Crowson R. A. (1955): The natural classification of the families of Coleoptera. London, Nathaniel Lloyd, 214 pp.

Gardner J. A. (1989): Revision of the genera of the tribe Stigmoderini (Coleoptera: Buprestidae) with a discussion of phylogenetic relationships. *Invertebrate Taxonomy* 3: 291–361.

Lawrence J. F. & Newton A. F. (1995): Families and subfamilies of Coleoptera (with selected genera, notes, references and data on family-group names). pp. 779–1006. In: Pakaluk, J. & Slipinski, S. A. (eds): *Biology, phylogeny, and classification of Coleoptera. Papers celebrating the 80th birthday of Roy A. Crowson.* Warszawa, Muzeum i Instytut Zoologii PAN.

For symbols (sexes, arrows, etc.), keys as #, \$, @, § should be used. Abbreviations for all taxonomical novelties should be written in a latinised form, i.e. "gen.nov.", "sp.nov.", "stat.nov.", "comb.nov.", etc., with no space after the first point. The month as a part of date in a text should be written in minuscules, e.g. "1.viii.1999" (no spaces between points). Data about primary types (Holo-, Lecto-, Neo-, Syntypes) are required as quotations from the original writing, i.e. re-written from labels and put in quotation marks; this is not obligatory in the other type categories and non-type material examined.

The author receives the work for final proof-reading before printing. Authors are strongly requested not to make extensive additional changes to the text. Standard correction marks should be used.

Requested artworks are returned together with the reprints.

The authors are welcome to submit their internet connection (e-mail address) for faster communication with editors.

Contributions should be sent to:

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Looking forward for a good cooperation
Cordially,

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