Larval information in entomological systematics

The preparation of this 'virtual' issue of Systematic Entomology is timed to coincide with a symposium on the Immature Stages in Insect Systematics at the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America in Reno, Nevada, 2008. Moderated and organised by Caroline Chaboo, University of Kansas, USA and Yves Alarie, Laurentian University, Canada, this topical theme reminds us of the importance of the 'baby bugs' in entomological studies. The theme of this issue of Systematic Entomology and the ESA symposium, concerns the incorporation into systematic studies of life history stages that have been ignored or of limited previous use in entomological systematics. The collected papers, and symposium presentations, emphasise characters of immature stages and their incorporation into phylogenetic analyses, providing many new insights. With the growth of molecular diagnostics, we can expect to see great advances in the association of many more immature stages with their better-known adults, and undoubtedly the generation of new ideas on relationships that were based previously only on the adult semaphoronts. The editors of Systematic Entomology will be happy to see the results of such research appearing in future issues of the journal.

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Luke B. Chenoweth, Susan fuller, Simon M. Tierney, Yung C. Park, Michael P. Schwarz DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-3113.2008.00432.X



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Estefania Micó, Miguel Ángel Morón, Petr Ípek, Eduardo Galante

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Joel F. Gibson, Gregory W. Courtney DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-3113.2006.00360.x



A phylogenetic study of Dermestidae (Coleoptera) based on larval morphology

Tatiana Kiselyova, Joseph V. Mchugh DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-3113.2006.00335.x



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José R. Verdú, Eduardo Galante, Jean-Pierre Lumaret, Francisco J. Cabrero-Sañudo DOI: 10.1111/j.0307-6970.2004.00256.x



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Rolf G. Beutel, Richard A. B. Leschen DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-3113.2005.00293.x



Review of competing hypotheses of phylogenetic relationships of Paussinae (Coleoptera: Carabidae) based on larval characters

Andrea Di Giulio, Simone Fattorini, Andreas Kaupp, Augusto Vigna Taglianti, Peter Nagel DOI: 10.1046/j.1365-3113.2003.00227.x

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