Please find herewith:
- lists of additional literature for 1975 (list 6) and 1976 (list 2)
- information and a questionnaire concerning the 1977 International Conference on Fleas

PERSONALIA - With sadness we record the death of Miss Hilda JORDAN on Monday, 16.VIII.1976, aged 84 years. The elder of the two daughters of the late Dr Karl Jordan, she devoted much of her life to looking after her father, especially after the death of Mrs Jordan in 1927. Hilda often escorted her father on his various journeys and collecting trips. Her filial devotion was exemplary. Those of us who visited Tring in days gone by will fondly remember the cordial hospitality extended to them by the Jordan sisters. - Our sympathies go to Miss Ada Jordan, Hilda's surviving sister.

It was a pleasure to learn that the German Entomological Society awarded their Fabricius medal for 1975 to our colleague and friend Professor Dr Fritz PEUS on 3.III.1976. - (See: G. Becker, 1976, Laudatio anlässlich der Verleihung der Fabricius-Medaille der Deutschen Entomologischen Gesellschaft an Herrn Professor Dr. Fritz Peus am 3.2.1976, Mitt. Dtsch. ent. Ges. 34: 65-68. - F. Peus, 1976, Dankeworte anlässlich der Verleihung der Fabricius-Medaille, i.e.: 69-72. - A. W. Steffan, 1976, Fabricius-Preisträger 1975: Professor Dr. Fritz Peus, Berlin, Ent. gern. 2: 388-393, 7 figs.)

Congratulations to Dr J. C. B'Jacobino who, on 10.VII.1976, earned the title of Docteur ès Sciences Naturelles by successfully defending his fine thesis "Contribution à l'étude des Siphonapteres des mammifères du nord-ouest de la région méditerranéenne (France, Italie, Péninsule Ibérique)."

Time does go fast. It is difficult to realise that my correspondence with Dr George P. HOLLAND started 30 years ago and that by now he has retired (27.VIII.1976) from active service with the Entomology Research Branch of Agriculture Canada. Happily for all concerned, Dr Holland is definitely not relinquishing his great interest in fleas and we may therefore fortunately look forward to more very valuable contributions from his hand.

AFRICANA - The recently established Institute of Entomology and Parasitology of Africa (INEPA), U.S.T., Kumasi, Ghana (director: Prof. A. Bob Stam), intends to foster "more contacts between all entomologists and parasitologists working in or about Africa south of the Sahara as well as the medical or the veterinary field as in agriculture or in general entomology." "...INPA's principal aim is to be an interafrican contact and documentation centre..."

The Institute issues Newsletters (free; in English or French) and its library would appreciate receiving reprints on topics dealing with the African fauna. Requests for Newsletters to be addressed to Professor Stam.


"Very little that any individual discovers in a lifetime is really new."

T. W. M. Cameron, 1966
In the title of the 1975 paper by Yershova L.S., Trukhachev N.N. & Afanas'yeva O.V. [see FN 8] I placed a "[?]" after the word 'muscardinis' as I did not know the word and was not certain about the correctness of my translation. Subsequently I read in G. E. Cantwell's insect diseases I: 073 (1974): "muscardinis - a term used generally in connection with those mycoses of insects in which the fruiting of the pathogenic fungi (muscardin fungi) arise on the exterior of the insect.'

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OH, THESE THESIS ! - Dr Beaucournu's thesis, referred to overleaf, prompts me to make the following observations:

We find listed on p. 56: C. (Ctenophthalmus) egregius garganus Beaucournu et Grulich, sous prece; on p. 60: C. (Ctenophthalmus) spuri matili Beaucournu et Grulich, sous prece; in "Annexe 1": Hysteromycilla talpae riouxi Beaucournu et Rouin. In "Annexe 2" short diagnoses, without illustrations, are given of these new taxa "... afin qu'ils ne puissent étre considérés comme noms nud..." Although the thesis was produced by offset-photolithography (as is common nowadays), the edition is extremely limited -Dr Beaucournu kindly informed me that only 50 copies were made and it may therefore be virtually impossible to obtain a copy. I believe that for practical purposes this thesis should be regarded as unpublished and it is hoped that proper illustrated descriptions will be published soon in a formal medium.

There are other instances illustrating the undactability of describing new taxa in similar theses (dissertations).

M. W. Hastriter's M.Sc. thesis "Pleas (Siphonaptera) associated with small mammals of Morocco: their distribution and host-specificity" (Brigham Young University), produced in April 1973, is similar to that of Dr Beaucournu and contains illustrated descriptions of Ctenophthalmus andorrensis opisthatus [recte: opisthatus] n. sp. and Ctenophthalmus rusulae tangarenis n. sp. Now, C. a. opisthatus is identical with C. a. veletocres Beaucournu, Gilot & Véricard, a name which was published in 1973 without exact date and therefore to be dated 31.XII.1973. If we were to accept Hastriter's thesis as a proper publication, C. a. veletocres would be a junior synonym of C. a. opisthatus (April, 1973). A shortened version of this thesis was published in 1975 by M. W. Hastriter & V. J. Tipton (J. Egypt. publ. Hth Ass. 50[2]) and includes descriptions of C. rusulae tangarensis n. sp. and Leptosyrella alika agadirensis n. sp.; thus these authors regarded the 1973 thesis as unpublished and in their 1975 paper therefore used the name C. a. veletocres instead of C. a. opisthatus.

Another example, but without complications: Dr H. Ribiro's 1974 thesis "Sifonapéros de Angola", including full descriptions of 11 new taxa, was produced also by photo-litho offset in a very small edition but fortunately subsequently properly published in 1975 (Anais Inst. Hig. Med. trop. Lisb. 2[1-4]).

Recommendation: one should not include new taxa, or at least not name them, in a thesis (dissertation) which will be issued in only a very limited number of copies (e.g., fewer than 100).

F.S.
Anonymous - Instructions for determining the susceptibility or resistance of fleas to insecticides. WHO (Genève). 6 pp.


Joseph, S.A. - Incidence and ecology of the flea, Ctenocephalides felis felis (Bouché), 1835 of the palm civet Paradoxurus hermaphroditus (Pallas) of the Peninsular India. Cheiron (Madras) 4(2): 137-139, 1 fig.


LITERATURE ON SIPHONAPTERA PUBLISHED IN 1976 (list 2)


Bronswijk, J. E. M. H. van - De lange arm van de kattevlo. Vakbl. Biol. 56(12): 200, figs. 1, 2 [vide etiam l.c.(15): 249].


Grinbergs, A. - Latvijas blusu (Siphonaptera) katalogs. Latv. Ent. 18: 5-26, fig. 1.


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Dear Colleague,

The Conference fee will be £15 (to be paid on registration at Ashton Wold).

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An interpreter for Russian will be present.

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EXCURSIONS

There will be three afternoon excursions organised for the delegates (free of cost), namely on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from about 1.30 — 7.00 p.m. Transport will be by bus.

The Wednesday — 22 June — excursion will comprise a visit to Fotheringhay (where Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded), the duck decoy at Peakirk, Peterborough Cathedral and Burghley House.

The Thursday — 23 June — expedition will include a visit to Monk's Wood Experimental Station or the Huntington Research Centre (the latter organisation employing 750 chemists) and Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve. For those who are interested in English literature the party can visit (on the return journey) Little Gidding where T. S. Eliot wrote The Four Quartets.

The Friday — 24 June — outing will be to Cambridge University (45 km from Ashton) with visits to the Department of Zoology, the Cambridge University Press, Kings College Chapel, the Fitzwilliam Museum and other places of interest.

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Dear Colleague,

If you are a prospective participant of the Conference, please complete and return this questionnaire, without much delay, to the organising secretary: Miss J. Beer, Ashton Wold, Ashton, Peterborough PE8 5LZ, England.

Date

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  (a) in the village of Ashton in furnished cottages at a cost of £15 (including breakfast) for the duration of the conference, or
  (b) in the local hotel at a cost of £10 a night (incl. breakfast). Please note that prices may be subject to an inflationary increase.
- would like to consult the Rothschild/BMNH collection of fleas at the British Museum (Natural History), London — or not. If so, please indicate whether before or after the Conference and for which specific purpose (if any).
- would like to make the following suggestions, observations or requests