Cerambycidae (Coleoptera) types of the Fernando de Zayas collection, Havana, Cuba

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Abstract

Habitus photographs of the cerambycid types (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) of the Fernando de Zayas Collection, Havana, Cuba, are presented. Color photographs are available on the Internet. Lectotypes are herein designated for two taxa, Plectromerus pinicola Zayas and Phidola superba Zayas (= Eupogonius superbus (Zayas)).

Resumen

Se presentan fotografías de los tipos de cerambícidos (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) de la colección de Fernando de Zayas, La Habana, Cuba. Las fotografías a color están disponibles en el Internet. Se designan lectotipos para dos taxas, Plectromerus pinicola Zayas y Phidola superba Zayas (= Eupogonius superbus (Zayas)).

Key words: Greater Antilles, Caribbean, holotype, lectotype, neotype

Introduction

The late Fernando de Zayas (1912–1983) was an avid collector of insects and a member of the Cuban Academy of Science. Zayas published several works on cerambycids (1956, 1957, 1975) and his 1975 revision continues to be the most important work on the Cuban cerambycid fauna. His collection, located at the Zayas house in Havana, is housed in 500 Paris Museum-style, glass-topped boxes and is considered one of Cuba’s great natural history treasures. The authors recently provided checklists of the lampyrid and cerambycid holdings (Branham, 2006; Nearns, 2006). The cerambycid holdings are the most complete representation of the Cuban fauna known and include 46 holotypes, two syntype series and a neotype (Nearns, 2006).