

Preface

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Doctor of Biological Sciences, Professor, Chief Researcher of the Federal Scientific Center of the East Asia Terrestrial Biodiversity (Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences), well-known Russian entomologist, good friend, and always a polite and friendly chap, Sergei Yuryevich Storozhenko will turn 70 on November 14, 2025. We are especially excited to present this special volume in his honor.

After graduating from the Far Eastern State University (Vladivostok, Russia) in 1978, all of his scientific and social activities have taken place within the walls of the Federal Scientific Center of the East Asia Terrestrial Biodiversity (formerly the Institute of Biology and Soil Sciences), Vladivostok, Russia. For almost half a century, the main topic of his research was, and remains, the taxonomy, zoogeography, ecology, and paleontology of grylloblattids and other orthopteroid insects of the Palaearctic, Oriental, and Australian Regions. So far he has published 372 scientific papers, in which 480 recent and fossil taxa were described as new to science.

The global reach of his work is demonstrated by the enthusiastic support for this special volume by entomologists all over the world. In total, the volume includes editorial and 40 scientific papers contributed by 75 authors from 17 countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, Latvia, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam.

The focus of the articles included in this special volume is the taxonomy and distribution of both fossil and extant taxa of insects. The authors collectively describe 79 new taxa: 3 subfamilies, 1 tribe, 14 genera, 1 subgenus, and 60 species. The extant taxa are in Coleoptera, Dictyoptera, Diptera, Hymenoptera, Lepidoptera, and Orthoptera from the following 17 countries: Burundi, China, Colombia, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Laos, Madagascar, Malaysia, New Caledonia, Russia, South Korea, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam. The fossil taxa are in Caloneuroidea, Coleoptera, Diptera, Hemiptera, Hymenoptera, Mantodea, Neuroptera, and Plecoptera based on imprints and inclusions in amber. Thirty-seven of the 79 new taxa have been named in honor of Sergei Yuryevich Storozhenko: 1 subfamily, 3 genera, and 33 species. This confirms the recognition of his jubilee among fellow scientists studying not only grylloblattids and other orthopteroid insects, but also insects from many other orders.

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And, of course, we extend our warmest gratitude to Sergei Yuryevich Storozhenko for his inspiring dedication and impressive results in scientific work—he is an example to follow in striving for the heights of research. We wish him many years of continued scientific contributions, collaborations, and good health!

Happy birthday, our dear Sergei Yuryevich!