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Research Colleagues,

I hope that this issue of the CIE Newsletter finds you in good health during this challenging period of our history. I am thankful for the help of a Vanderbilt University science librarian in searching databases for recent literature due to COVID-19 library closures. We are saddened by the loss of our colleague, Michel Krémer, who made significant contributions to our science and whose obituary and photographs appear in this issue. The Recent Literature section contains citations of 54 original research papers, reviews, books, reports, and letters representing diverse areas of research. I have again included figures with images from five of these papers on the last pages of this issue.

In my opinion, the most creative title of a paper in this issue begins with "Living la Vida T-LoCoH ..." by <u>Dihn et al</u>. Also, a significant work (94 pp.) cited in this issue is a revision of Neotropical predaceous midges in the genus *Downeshelea* (<u>Santarém et al.</u>) in which 18 new species are described. <u>My thanks to all who sent material to be included in this issue.</u>

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If anyone is not listed in the <u>Directory of Workers</u>, please send your contact information (or an update) to me. Lastly, please also send copies of your published papers, research summaries, requests for information, etc. to me for the December, 2020 issue by <u>Friday</u>, <u>Dec.</u> 4th.

With Kind Regards, Steve Murphree, Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.

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Obituary

In Memory of Michel Krémer (1936- March 27, 2020)

Submitted by: Glenn Bellis and Claire Garros, with help from John Boorman, Shahin Nawai and Bruno Mathieu

Professor Michel Krémer, Honorary Professor at the School of Medicine at the University of Strasbourg, Officer of the Order of Academic Palms, Knight of the Order of Agricultural Merit, passed away 27th March 2020 at 84 years old. He is survived by: Madame Monique Krémer, his wife; Doctor Eric Krémer and his wife Anne; Madame Valerie Klumb and her husband Daniel; Mister Quentin Krémer and his wife Elisabeth;



his grandchildren, their spouses and his great- grandchildren.

Professor Michel Krémer was the second Director of the Institute of Parasitology and Tropical Pathology of Strasbourg (IPPTS), founded by Jacques Callot in 1961. During his tenure as Director of IPPTS, Professor Krémer developed a program of internationally renowned entomological studies and founded a unique entomological reference collection of *Culicoides* species.

The President of the University of Strasbourg and the Dean of the School of Medicine wrote:

"Very invested in his three statutory roles as teacher, researcher and hospital practitioner, Professor Krémer was also strongly involved in institutional life by being a member of the council of the Faculty of Medicine and as an assessor of the Dean in 1979 and 1980. In the field of research, he assumed the role of Director of the Institute of Parasitology and Tropical Pathology. In addition, he was appointed as a corresponding member of the National Museum of Natural History as well as the Royal Academy of Overseas Sciences of Belgium."

From John Boorman, Guildford, Surrey, United Kingdom:

I was greatly saddened to hear about Michel. He was one of a (sadly) diminishing band of *Culicoides* experts from the early '50s to the late '70s.

I got to know him quite well; he had a great sense of humour and was always very generous with help and loan of specimens. Our family (myself, wife and three children) spent a very enjoyable holiday in Strasbourg with Michel and Monique, following which our two teenage sons exchanged visits. He was one of the pioneers of research into the biology of midges, and his monograph on the *Culicoides* of France and neighbouring countries was the foundation and inspiration of much of what we know today. He will rightly be remembered as one who laid the foundations of midge studies in the whole of Europe.

From Shahin Nawai, Berlin, GERMANY:

In memory of Prof. Michel Krémer:

I first met Michel Krémer in 1974, at the workshop of international ceratopogonidologists in Strasbourg. At that time I studied at the University of Maryland with Paul Bystrak, Bill Grogan, Joyce Utmar and Bill Waugh under the supervision of Don Messersmith, and Bill Wirth at the Smithsonian Institution. From this group Bill Grogan, Bill Wirth and I attended the workshop, which was held at the Institute de Parasitilogie et de Pathologie Tropical de Strasbourg. Michel was the director of the Institute and the workshop was well planned, with a very friendly and warm atmosphere. For me, also visiting the stable colonies of *Culicoides* was interesting since in Iran with G. Nakata at Razi Institute we could not rear *Culicoides puncticollis*. One day I worked in the collection room and compared some species from Africa with my specimens from Southwest Asia.

At the end of the workshop, Michel and Monique invited us for a wonderful French dinner at their home, a night to be remembered for their special hospitality. When I finished my Ph.D. I went back to Iran where I started to work in the School of Hygiene at Tehran University. Shortly afterwards, my international connection was cutoff completely due to stupid politics and crises of the new government.

A few years later, when I was out of Iran, I wrote Michel and asked for his help to find a job in Europe. During the 1990s I traveled to Strasbourg two times and visited Monique and Michel on both occasions. I invited them to Berlin but Monique did not like to travel and did a lot of glass painting.

The last time I visited Michel at his Institute was just before his retirement. He seemed sad that in the future no one would be working there and taking care of the collection. But, I am glad that Bruno Mathieu started a few years ago and is working today at the same institute.

[Below is a photograph of Michel and Monique Kremer with Shigeo Kitaoka that was submitted by Shahin Navai and was taken in Strasbourg on 4 September 1986 – Ed]



Announcement

<u>Cancelation</u> of the 64th Annual Livestock Insect Workers Conference June 14-17, 2020 in Dallas Texas

LIWC 2020 has been canceled due to closures and travel restrictions associated with the ongoing pandemic.

The 2021 meeting will be held in Kerrville, Texas.

The 2022 meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas.

Contributions/Requests from Scientists:

From: Claire Garros, Cirad, Montpelier, FRANCE

Colleagues,

We have been very happy to see the pictures, submitted by Richard Lane, which appeared in the December, 2019 issue of the CIE newsletter. Jean-Claude Delécolle would like to share some updates [see below – Ed] for the first picture taken at the 1st International Ceratopogonidae meeting held in Strasbourg, France, 1974.

- 3: Francis Schaffner
- 9: Mohammad Taher Ismail
- 11: Philippe Arnold
- 14: Jocelyn Waller
- 15: André Razolohery (there is a typo in the family name, should be written with a h)
- 17: Martine Dussaucy (who married Bernard Molet)
- 18: still unknown



<u>1st International Ceratopogonid meeting, Strasbourg, France, 1974</u> - 1 Amelia Pucat (Canada); 2 Jason Glick (US/Kenya); 3 Francis Schaffner; 4 John Boorman; 5 Michel Cornet; 6 Jean-Pierre Rieb; 7 Bill Grogan; 8 Ryzard Szadziewski; 9 Mohammad Taher Ismail; Jean Clastrier; 11 Philippe Arnold; 12 Peter Havelka; 13 E Chaker; 14 Jocelyn Waller; 15 André Razolohery; 16 Claudine Rebholtz; 17 Martine Dussaucy; 18 ?; 19 Jean Callot.

[Additionally, Claire shared the photo and identities below from Jean-Claude Delécolle. It was also taken at the 1st International Ceratopogonidae meeting in Strasbourg, France in 1974 – Ed].



<u>Top row</u>: left to right, J.-C. Delecolle, J. Clastrier, J. Boorman, M. Kremer, B. Molet; <u>Middle row</u>: A. Neveu, C. Hirtzel, P. Havelka, M. Cornet; <u>Bottom row</u>: J. Callot and W.W. Wirth

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From Gregg Hunt, Beaufort County Mosquito Control, Beaufort, South Carolina, U.S.A.:

The Ceratopogonidae researcher in the 3rd image that appeared in the December, 2019 issue CIE Newsletter is Dr. Wayne Rowley (former medical entomologist at Iowa State University, Ames, IA and now retired). He served as my major professor from 1976 to 1978. From 1984 to 2003, I served as a support entomologist under Dr. Walter Tabachnick (USDA Arthropod-borne Animal Diseases Research Laboratory, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY) and worked with Bob Jones, Fred Holbrook, David Akey, Ed Schmidtmann, Wayne Kramer, and others, and few times with visiting Bill Grogan.

I appreciate the vintage photos! Gregg J. Hunt ghunt@bcgov.net



1st International Ceratopogonid meeting, Strasbourg, France. 1974 - American ceratopogonid worker Wayne Rowley with his wife and Michel Kremer (right).

From: William L. Grogan, Jr., Research Associate, Florida State Collection of Arthropods, Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A.

Colleagues,

I recently received a 2017 monograph by Neuhaus et al. from our colleague Patrycja Dominiak. I had not previously seen it but it is extremely thorough and cites Wirth & Marston's (1968) classic phenol-ethanol and Canada balsam methods that I have used since 1973 except for a few pinned *Palpomyia* holotypes that cleared in a NaOH solution when I was just beginning work on my MS degree at the Univ. of Maryland. [This article is cited with a link to the PDF in this issue – Ed]

Best wishes, Bill william.grogan@fdacs.gov

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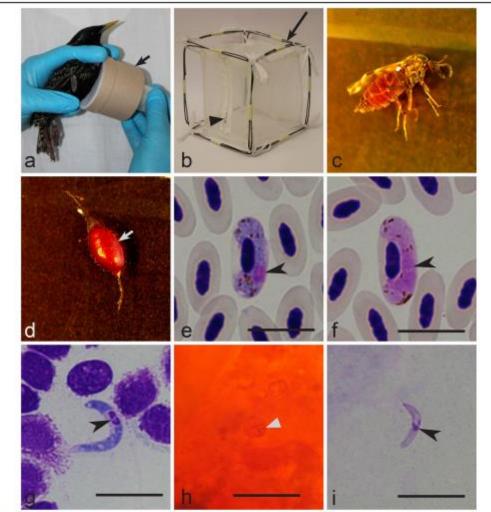
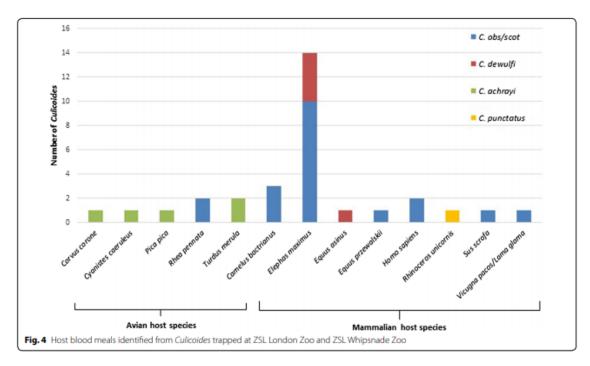


Fig. 3 Main procedures of exposure of Culicoides nubeculosus colony to Haemoproteus pastoris (lineage hLAMPUR01) infection by allowing the insects to take blood meal on naturally infected common starling Sturnus vulgaris (a, b). Note that exposure was done by gentle touching of a cardboard box (arrow) with biting midges to the pectoral muscle of the infected bird (a) and then engaged insects are released into a larger insect cage (b) (note that a zipper is sewed into one side of the cage) long arrow, insect cage; triangle arrowhead, zipper. Exposed females (c) were maintained in insect cage made of boiling silk (b) and their midguts were dissected (d) (arrow, dissected midgut full with blood). Mature gametocytes (e, f) were present in the peripheral blood of the infected starling (arrowheads, parasite nuclei), and the sporogonic stages (g-i) developed in exposed female biting midges: macrogametocyte (e); microgametocyte (f); cokinete (g) (arrowhead, parasite nuclei); oocyst (h) (arrowhead, oocyst); sporozoite (ii) (arrowhead, parasite nuclei). Giemsa (e-g, ii) and mercurochrome (h) stained preparations. Scale-bars: 10 μm

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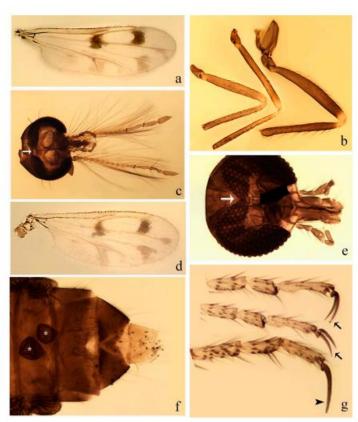


Figure 11. Downeshelea carioca, male: (a) wing; (b) fore-, mid-, hind legs (left to right), lateral view; (c) head, anterior view; arrow: eyes separation. Female: (d) wing; (e) head, anterior view; arrow: eyes separation; (f) apex of abdomen, ventral view; asterisks: spermathecae; (g) arrow: fore-, mid legs claws; arrowhead hind legs claw (top to bottom), lateral view.

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Fig. 2. Forcipomia fuliginosa sucking at a freshly emerged Aeshna juncea in dorsal view. Nadibani, Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Georgia (29-vi-2014). Photo: MS

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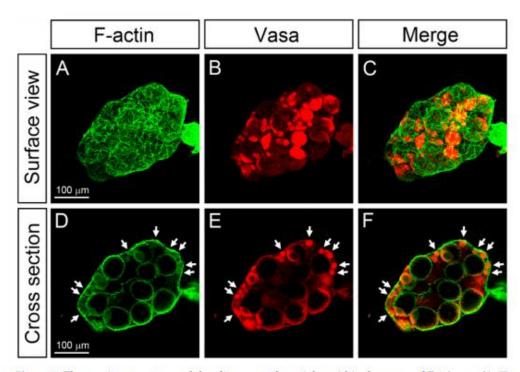


Figure 3. The ovarian structure and the alignment of ovarioles within the ovary of F. taiwana. (A–F) Confocal micrographs showing the ovarian structure of F. taiwana at 15 h post-blood meal. The F-actin was revealed by phalloidin staining (green), whereas the germline cells were marked by polyclonal rabbit anti-Vasa antibody (red). (A–C) The surface view revealed the F-actin enriched ovarian sheath (A) and germ line cells (B). (C) Merged image. (D–F) The optical cross-section showed that the germarium of each ovariole (arrows in E) was bound to the ovarian sheath (arrows in D). (E) Merged image.

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