An undescribed species of *Theognete* from leaf litter from the highlands of Oaxaca, Mexico
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Normark, Benjamin B. Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. 85721. U.S.A. Presently completing work on parthenogenetic weevils, particularly of the Naupactina. With Analia Lanteri has recently published a number of papers on this topic. Has switched to working on parthenogenetic aphids during his postdoctoral fellowship in Arizona.

Pelsue, Frank W. Jr. 1211 Electric Avenue, Seal Beach, CA. 90740. U.S.A. Presently revising the Curculionini of China. Plans to revise the Curculionini of the world and to work with selected genera of Baridini.

Prena, Jens. B.I.O., Habitat Ecology Section (B110), P.O.Box 1006, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 4A2. I am a trained ecologist with experience in marine environments. Through general interest I have worked on European weevils for approximately ten years and am now getting interested in neotropical weevils, especially those in the Baridinae. I am presently working on the systematics of the Ambatini of Costa Rica with a special interest in the genus Ambates. I would be interested in contacting other people who study weevils who have specimens of Ambates from Central America they would be willing to loan.

Stüben, Peter. Hauweg 62, 41066 Mönchengladbach, Germany. Continuing work on Palearctic Acalles, Echinodera and Ruteria (faunistics and systematics). Interested in the systematics, evolution and ecology of West Papuan (Irian Jaya) Zygopinae. I would be grateful to any colleague able to provide me with specimens from this region and subfamily.

REQUEST FOR COOPERATION

I would appreciate receiving alcohol preserved specimens of *Sitona hispidulus* from outside the US for genetic fingerprinting. I would need 50 to 100 weevils to represent each geographic population. These should be put into an alcohol concentrate for a day or two and then transferred to fresh alcohol for shipment. The more concentrated the alcohol the better (70-100%). I am also interested in learning of parasites attacking (hopefully regulating) this pest and in particular of the existence of geographic populations of the braconid *Microctonus aethiopoides*. Future plans would be to study the biological attributes and genetic diversity of these various geographic populations of *M. aethiopoides* relative to *S. hispidulus* suppression.

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WEEVILERS GET-TOGETHER IN LAS VEGAS

Weevilers met informally during the Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America in Las Vegas, Nevada in December 1995. "Old timers" present were Don Bright, Wayne Clark, Bob Hamilton, Henry Hespenheide, Anne Howden, Charlie O'Brien, Elbert Sleeper, and Barry Valentine. We were happy to introduce two new faces: Louis LaPierre, a student at UCLA who plans to work with Henry Hespenheide on leaf-mining weevils, and Jean Ribardo, Supervisor of the Insectary, Sandoz Agro Inc., in Palo Alto, California.

Anyone interested in weevils who wishes to attend one of these very informal get-togethers at an ESA meeting should feel free to join us. Look for the notice of the time and place on the bulletin boards at the next meeting.

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A NOTE FROM JEAN PERICART

Dear Colleagues:
I have given up my work on Curculionidae. Thank you for all you have done by maintaining contact between all weevil students.

Jean Pericart
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CURATION AND FIELD WORK IN COSTA RICA

From February 5-23, 1996, I was in Costa Rica at the invitation of their Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad (INBio) to both sort specimens in their collections as well as carry out field work. While there, I spent 6 days in the INBio collections sorting miscellaneous Curculionidae to tribe, genus and species (where possible). This follows an earlier trip made in May of 1995 at which time I also spent 4 days sorting weevils. While there is still much more work to be done in the collections there, at least now over 90 drawers of fully unsorted Costa Rican Curculionidae have been sorted to the best of my on-site capabilities. I would estimate that there are still approximately 40 drawers of fully unsorted weevils present and still needing work. The collection has good holdings in most weevil tribes present in Costa Rica but is especially strong in Molytini (especially the genera Heilipus, Heilipodus and their relatives, and Conotrachelus), Cholini (genus Cholus), and Rhynchophorinae.
Material can be borrowed on loan by contacting Angel Solis, Curator of Coleoptera, INBio, Apto. 22-3100, Santo Domingo de Heredia, Heredia COSTA RICA (email asolis@rutela.inbio.ac.cr). As Sr. Solis is not a specialist in Curculionidae, you may also wish to contact me to ask about the availability of specific taxa in the collection and under what names you should request the material from Sr. Solis.

As I mentioned, I also carried out field work in two main areas within the country. These were the high elevation forests of Cerro de La Muerte (2600m-3300m) and the mountains in the Guanacaste Conservation Area (elevation from 875-1650m), the site of the proposed All Taxon Biodiversity Inventory that INBio is planning to conduct over the next few years. As February was the peak of the dry season, hand collecting was not terrific; however, my main reason for being there was to sample the leaf litter fauna. In contrast to the hand collections, litter sampling was quite productive. A number of very interesting and odd taxa were collected in the high elevation elfin bamboo forests on Cerro de La Muerte including some microphthalmic broad-nosed weevils which I have not seen before. Otherwise, the litter weevil fauna was comprised of the standard genera found throughout Lower Central America (and in fact most of the Neotropical Region), i.e., Anchonus, Eurhopthus, Trachyphloeomimus, Acalles, Tylodinus, etc. At all of the higher elevation sites, there were literally hundreds of specimens of the cossonine genus Heptarthrum in each sample, comprising at least 3 or 4 species. This seems a common pattern throughout Central America.

I plan further work in Costa Rica and will try to keep you posted about new developments.

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