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NEW JOURNAL REVIEW

Cetoniimania, a publication devoted to **Cetoniinae**, **Valginae**, and **Trichiinae**. Privately published by Robert Alexis, 5 rue Georges Willame, B1400 Nivelles, Belgium and Michel Delpont, 49 rue de Villemontais, F42300 Roanne, France.



This beautifully produced publication devoted to Cetoniinae (Scarabaeidae) and their relatives is the brainchild of Robert Alexis (editor) and Michel Delpont (director of publication). Volume 1 (No. 1, 52 pp) was printed in September 2000 and contained articles clarifying the status of *Potosia cuprea* Fabr. (with magnificent color illustrations of beetles, habitats, and range maps), collecting on Krk island in Yugoslavia, the cetoniine fauna of Lesbos island in Greece, and Cetoniidarum Specierum Lexicon, which is a supplemental but integral part of *Cetoniimania* in which new taxa are described in both French and English (again, with excellent color illustrations and line drawings). There are also six pages of eye-catching notices for beetle books and journals (including the *Coleopterists Bulletin*), specimens for exchange or sale, collecting expeditions, and accommodations in collecting areas.

Alexis and Delpont state that the aim of *Cetoniimania* is to provide both professional and amateur entomologists with information on new cetoniine taxa, classification, collecting and breeding methods, photography, advertisements about specimens or new publications, commercial ads, advice to young entomologists, and tips about the International Code of Nomenclature. In short, everything you would ever want to know about cetoniines will be included. With this kind of coverage, naturally, there will be a diverse mix of articles with varying degrees of “expertise.”

As is typical for so many European journals, authors can publish text and black and white illustrations without cost, but authors are asked to subsidize color illustrations. Presumably, a contributing author must also subscribe to the journal. Printing and color images are created with desktop publishing using a high quality printer, and the results are really good; there is no traditional off-set printing. Reprints are available to authors. Papers are reviewed by an editorial board.

Subscription rates vary: \$30 for Belgium and France, \$40 for other European countries, \$25 for former Soviet Union countries, \$45 for all other overseas countries, and \$25 for students. I am not certain how many times per year *Cetoniimania* will be published, but I consider it a good value, especially with all the color images that are so

important in this group of beetles. I believe that substantive revisions and synopses of taxa will begin to appear as more people become aware of this publication outlet.

I recommend this journal for anyone interested in this group of scarab beetles. Subscriptions and/or additional information about the publication can be obtained from Robert Alexis or Michel Delpont at the addresses given above.

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