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Announcement

It has now been 20 years since I took over the production of Flea News from the capable hands of F.G.A.M. Smit. Much has happened during that time to expedite the retrieval and dissemination of information, and resources are now available to the researcher that could only have been imagined in 1980. This, coupled with the fact that the number of students of the Siphonaptera has seriously declined during this period and the cost of printing and postage has increased, has convinced me that the time has come to discontinue production of printed copies of Flea News. Electronic copies of the last 14 numbers are available

on the web and any future numbers, if any are forthcoming, will be added to them. Readers are urged to continue to send reprints and other material that may be of interest to pulicologists for inclusion therein. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many colleagues who have cooperated in the past for their contributions and assistance in making Flea News a useful, if not particularly elegant, means of communicating with the scientific community.

R. E. Lewis

Obituary

Shortly after hearing of the death of Frans Smit I set about writing an obituary based upon information I had requested from him some 10 years ago. After completing it I was contacted by Julius, his eldest son, and provided with a copy of a document outlining Smit's life and career, evidently written by Smit himself. Though it is similar to the material presented in my original obituary I am substituting his account out of respect for a colleague and long-time friend. Any annotations by me are enclosed in brackets, i.e. []

Franciscus Gerardus Albertus Maria Smit

7-June-1920 • 28-January-2000

"Franciscus G. A. M. Smit was born at Zutphen, The Netherlands, on 7 June 1920. Having only just survived a lengthy illness during his early teens, he subsequently managed to finish [his] secondary school education in Nijmegen. For health reasons and because of his intense interest in natural history, he was advised to attend a local horticultural college for two years. This was followed by working at a florist's as a volunteer for six months while another six months were spent at the office of an estate agent (the only employment available at the time). In March, 1940, however, the enthusiasm which Frans had displayed at the horticultural college for the subject of entomology resulted in an appointment by the Ministry of Agriculture, enabling him to embark upon a study of the life-cycle and control measures of the apple-blossom weevil (*Anthonomus pomorum* L.). That work had to be carried out at Geldermalsen in a fruit-growing region north of the river Waal. When, on 10 May, 1940, Germans invaded to occupy the country, the bridges over that river were blown up which made continual travel and further research impossible. Work was hard to come by in those days but Frans managed to earn a few guilders by gardening and teaching violin-playing. In 1941 he found employment at the office of a transport firm in Venlo. During that year he was given permission by his employer to spend one day a week attending entomology lectures at the Agricultural University of Wageningen (traveling there by bicycle in all weathers, three hours each direction). In 1942 he obtained a clerical position at the Government Coal Office in Nijmegen, thereby obviating the risk of being sent to Germany to work in a

factory. During these war years Smit was able to study garden architecture and successfully passed examinations in 1944.

"Having collected insects in general from boyhood onwards, Frans had started to specialize in beetles but when, in 1941, he realized that fleas and lice were totally neglected in his country he gropingly tried to find his way into the literature on those insects. He soon decided to leave the comparatively well-studied beetles alone and instead to pay attention to the smaller orders which, in any case, would be less costly and time-consuming as a pure hobby, which the pursuit was supposed to remain. When he had left the Coal Office in the autumn of 1946, Frans first spent two weeks at Tring, England, where he became utterly fascinated by the Rothschild flea collection housed in the Zoological Museum of the British Museum of Natural History. After returning home he failed to get started, as planned, in garden architecture and instead spent the winter writing a popular book in Dutch on fleas and lice (*Vlooien en Luizen*) which was finally published in 1951. In 1947 his luck turned and in September Frans was appointed entomologist at the Phyto-pathological Institute at Wageningen, a job he really cherished. Another holiday was spent at Tring in February [of] 1948. When, in the summer of that year, the Hon. Miriam Rothschild enquired whether he would be interested in coming over to work in the Flea Room at Tring as a temporary assistant with the possibility of succeeding Mr. F. Cox (who had been the assistant for some 50 years), Frans gratefully accepted the opportunity with both hands. So, he burned his boats and arrived at Tring on 2 January, 1949 carrying all his belongings: a microscope, a violin and a suitcase. When, in 1950, Mr. Cox did retire, Frans Smit became the Custodian of the

Rothschild Collection of Siphon-aptera, a position which he held until his retirement in 1980. During those years he published just over 200 books [201] and articles and described more than 200 [192] new forms of fleas. Mr. Smit was re-employed by the British Museum of Natural History as a part-timer to continue work on volume VII of the monumental Rothschild Flea Catalogue until 1983. After another two years of voluntary work to finish the Catalogue, Frans had to sever his links with flea-studies in 1985, much to his intense regret.

"During the years at Tring, Frans and his family had lived in a house rented from the museum but which he was obliged to vacate in 1985. He and his wife Tineke (whom he had married in October, 1949) then moved to Peterborough where, in retirement, he was fully occupied with research into Dutch-engraved glasses of the 17th and 18th centuries. Frans had embarked upon these studies as a spare-time interest in 1970 and had also taught himself to engrave glass (which, in 1984, he had to give up because of eye-trouble). In 1980 he was elected a Fellow of the Guild of Glass Engravers. He became known as an authority on Dutch-engraved glass and published over 50 papers and mono-graphs relating to that subject.

"Frans Smit filled his spare time with work or other useful pursuits. Disliking proper holidays, he only travelled in connection with his flea- or glass-studies, greatly enjoying such trips. A simple life-style quite suited Frans; for instance, he never wanted a car or a television-set. Listening to good music, especially the violin repertoire, was his intense pleasure.

"Being rather an individualist, Frans shunned the flock. One of his mottoes used to be 'Always try to do something that is not done by others'.

He certainly did: the study of fleas (a unique career) and of old Dutch-engraved glass."

[Fran's wife, Caroline Ernestine Smit died in November of 1999. He is survived by four children, Julius, Remy, Emile and Deborah.]

Taxa

Genera & Subgenera

- Astivalius Smit, 1953
Aetheca Smit, 1983
Amaradix Smit, 1983
Ayeshsapsylla Smit, 1987
Baculomeris Smit, 1983
Ceratophyllus (Celeophilus) Smit, 1983
Ceratophyllus (Emmareus) Smit, 1983
Ceratophyllus (Rosickyiana) Smit, 1972
Dampfia Smit, 1954
Dasypsyllus (Neornipsyllus) Smit, 1976
Ectinorus (Ichyonus) Smit, 1987
Ernestinia Smit, 1953
Eumolpianus Smit, 1983
Foxella (Afoxella) Smit, 1983
Glaciopsyllus Smit & Dunnet, 1962
Idilla Smit, 1957
Igioffius Smit, 1983
Margopsylla Smit, 1983
Megabothris (Amegabothris) Smit, 1983
Megabothris (Gebiella) Smit, 1983
Megabothris (Kueichenlipsylla) Smit, 1983
Neotunga Smit, 1962
Nosopsyllus (Nosinius) Smit, 1960
Opisodasys (Oxypsylla) Smit, 1983
Oropsylla (Hubbardipsylla) Smit, 1983
Pagipsylla Smit, 1979
Plusaetis Smit, 1983

Pulicella Smit, 1964
Rothschildiana Smit, 1952
Serendipsylla Smit, 1975
Tetrapsyllis (Phylliver) Smit, 1987
Traubia Smit, 1953
Zyx Smit, 1953

Species & Subspecies
1950
Echidnophaga inexpectata = Phacopsylla i.
1951
Leptopsylla algira tuggertensis
Leptopsylla aethiopica nakuruensis
Dinopsyllus brachypecten

	1952	Lagaropsylla leleupi Notiopsylla enciari Idilla caelebs Rhadinopsylla mesoides Rhadinopsylla isacantha continentalis =isacantha
Ischnopsyllus delectabilis Chimaeropsylla haddowi Ancistropsylla siamensis Smit & Toumanoff Delotelis hollandi	1953	Rhadinopsylla strouhalii Rhadinopsylla orama Rhadinopsylla arborea Rhadinopsylla media Rhadinopsylla difficilis Rhadinopsylla linta Xenopsylla cunicularis Xenopsylla blanci
Nosopsyllus ceylonensis Dorcadia ioffi Chaetopsylla caucasica Cleopsylla monticola Plocopsylla phyllisae Megarthroglossus jamesoni Palaeopsylla similis peusi Sigmactenus toxopeusi Ernestinia eximia Traubia egregia Aestivalius microphthalmus Zyx notabilis Acanthopsylla richardsoni Acanthopsylla guba Acanthopsylla divergens = enderleini Acanthopsylla bella	1954	1958 Libyastis proximus Libyastis cognatus Xenopsylla moucheti Ceratophyllus affinis neglectus Stivalius alienus =Lentistivalius a. Stivalius curtiductus =Afristivalius c. Stivalius parilis=Afristivalius p. Stivalius fallaciosus=Afristivalius f. Stivalius pirloti=Afristivalius p. Stivalius cacuminis =afer Polygenis vulcanius =vazquezi Polygenis odiosus Kohlsia felteni Hoogstraalia vandiemeni Araeopsylla lumareti Araeopsylla immanis Lagaropsylla turba
Ceratopsyllus farreni chaoi Smit & Allan Ctenophthalmus congener honshuensis =congeneroides Ctenophthalmus congener hokkaidensis =congeneroides Ctenophthalmus apertus allani Ctenoparia jordani Tetrapsyllus rhombus Ctenophthalmus nobilis vulgaris Ceratophyllus styx jordani Leptopsylla algira costai	1955	1959 Ctenophthalmus ominosus Dinopsyllus dirus
Parapulex echinatus Xenopsylla graingeri Xenopsylla cornigera Ctenophthalmus bisoctodentatus occidentalis =heselhausi Hystrichopsylla talpae orientalis	1956	1960 Ctenophthalmus andorrensis Ctenocephalides arabicus multispinosus =arabicus Xenopsylla dipodilli Ctenophthalmus congener tenuistigmaticus Ctenophthalmus iranus persicus Ophthalmopsylla volgensis palestinica Nosopsyllus sarinus aryanus Nosopsyllus sarinus parthius Nosopsyllus sinaiensis Nosopsyllus iranus attenuatus Nosopsyllus henleyi israelicus Nosopsyllus theodori Nosopsyllus pumilionis Palaeopsylla miranda Palaeopsylla soricis rosickyi Ctenophthalmus bifidatus Ctenophthalmus capriciosus
Lagaropsylla idae Lagaropsylla consularis Lagaropsylla obliqua Lagaropsylla lipsi Lagaropsylla hoogstraali Rhadinopsylla dolomydis Ctenophthalmus nifetodes martinorum Ctenophthalmus dolomydis Lagaropsylla anciauxi	1957	

<i>Ctenophthalmus tertius</i>	= <i>C. streeti</i> Lewis
<i>Ctenophthalmus arcanus</i>	1975
<i>Xiphioipsylla levis</i>	
<i>Xiphioipsylla daemonicola</i>	
<i>Xiphioipsylla tumida</i>	
<i>Listropsylla basilewskyi</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus blandulus</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus verutus</i>	
	1962
<i>Tunga libis</i>	
<i>Neotunga euloidea</i>	
<i>Lagaropsylla tauffliebi</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus nyikensis</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus allisoni</i>	
<i>Glaciopsyllus antarcticus</i> Smit & Dunnet	
	1963
<i>Ctenophthalmus nivalis helviticus</i>	
<i>Ctenoparia topali</i>	
	1964
<i>Frontopsylla setigera</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus taiwanus</i>	
<i>Dinopsyllus hanneyi</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus flagellatus</i>	
<i>Pulicella macrotheca</i>	
	1965
<i>Palaeopsylla soricis scobia</i> Smit & Rosicky	
<i>Ctenophthalmus uncinatus angustus</i> Smit &	
Rosicky = <i>C. u. koshanini</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus assimilis erectus</i> Smit &	
Rosicky	
<i>Parapsyllus nestoris</i>	
<i>Parapsyllus jacksoni</i>	
<i>Parapsyllus lynnae</i>	
<i>Pagipsylla galliralli</i>	
<i>Lagaropsylla taeniolae</i>	
<i>Ornithophaga mikulini</i> Rosicky & Smit	
<i>Ornithophaga sinaia</i> Rosicky & Smit	
	1967
<i>Echidnophaga tiscadaea</i>	
<i>Ophthalmopsylla praefecta lenta</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus nivalis rhaeticus</i>	
	1968
<i>Dinopsyllus foedus</i>	
<i>Ectinorus splendidus</i>	
	1970
<i>Parapsyllus cedei</i>	
	1971
<i>Ptilopsylla leptina stubbei</i>	
	1972
<i>Ectinorus onychius angularis</i> Smit & Rosicky	
	1973
<i>Neopsylla heckeli</i> Smit & Rosicky	
<i>Rhadinopsylla alticolae</i> Smit & Rosicky	
<i>Callopsylla danieli</i> Smit & Rosicky	
	= <i>C. streeti</i> Lewis
	1975
<i>Smitipsylla prodigiosa</i>	
<i>Serendipsylla marshalli</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus cophurus prolapsus</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus chryschloridis</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus evidens convexus</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus pilosus</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus wranghami</i>	
<i>Hystrichopsylla synaptica</i>	
<i>Neopsylla secura separata</i>	
<i>Rhadinopsylla dahurica vicinoides</i>	
<i>Stenischia rhadinopsylloides</i>	
<i>Stenischia lewisi</i>	
<i>Frontopsylla spadix ghursti</i> = <i>spadix</i>	
<i>Paradoxopsyllus dictosus</i>	
<i>Ctenophyllus martensi</i> = <i>Aconothobius m.</i>	
<i>Ctenophyllus lacertosus</i> = <i>Geusibia l.</i>	
<i>Vermipsylla perplexa</i>	
<i>Sigmactenus cavifrons</i>	
<i>Aconothobius anthobius</i>	
<i>Palaeopsylla soricis vesperis</i>	
	1976
<i>Ctenophthalmus audax anarcus</i>	
<i>Ctenophthalmus audax szaboi</i>	
<i>Dasypyllus plumosissimus</i>	
<i>Ceratophyllus phrillinae</i>	
<i>Doratopsylla coreana araea</i> Smit & Rosicky	
<i>Palaeopsylla aporema</i> Smit & Rosicky	
<i>Palaeopsylla danieli</i> Smit & Rosicky	
<i>Callopsylla dolabella</i> Smit & Rosicky	
	1977
<i>Lagaropsylla alloides</i> = <i>Allopsiella a.</i>	
<i>Amphipsylla phaiomydis limonea</i>	
<i>Rhadinopsylla rhigalea</i>	
	1978
<i>Ceratophyllus titicacensis</i>	
	1979
<i>Parapsyllus lynnae allynnae</i>	
<i>Parapsyllus lynnae mariae</i>	
<i>Parapsyllus nestoris antichthones</i>	
<i>Parapsyllus mangerensis</i>	
<i>Parapsyllus struthophilus</i>	
<i>Parapsyllus valedictus</i>	
<i>Notiopsylla corynetes</i>	
<i>Notiopsylla enciari regula</i>	
<i>Notiopsylla kerguelensis tenuata</i>	
<i>Notiopsylla peregrinus</i>	
<i>Hoogstraalia imberbis</i>	
<i>Pygiopsylla phiola</i>	
	1980
<i>Mesopsylla hebes clara</i>	
	1984
<i>Parapsyllus magellanicus largificus</i>	

1987

- Ectinorus nomisis
 Ectinorus onychius deplexus
 Parapsyllus ambrosius
 Tiamastus deflatus
 Polygenis klagesi rangeli
 Polygenis trapedoi mendezi

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MISCELLANEA

Journal Renamed

As of January 2000 the name of the Journal of the Helminthological Society of Washington was changed to Comparative Parasitology. The change was made to better reflect the types of papers published in the journal. Parasite diversity is enormous and extends beyond the helminths. The journal is international in scope and reaches libraries in many countries. The editors invite manuscripts describing new taxa of fleas, flea life cycle studies, flea surveys, flea physiology, behaviour, biochemistry, etc. Not only works on fleas, but other groups of ectoparasites as well are welcome. Manuscripts may be sent to the editor, Willis A Reid, Jr., 6210 Hollins Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817. Society membership dues are \$25.00 domestic, \$28.00 foreign. See the home page for more information.
<<http://www.gettysburg.edu/~shendrix/helmsoc.html>> (Ralph Eckerlin).



Book Review

Sifonapteros do Brasil. Pedro Marcois Linardi & Lindolpho Rocha Guimaraes. Sao Paulo, Museu de Zoologia USP/FAPESP, 2000. 291 pp.

The following is paraphrased copy of the English abstract:

"Brazil consists of several biomes, centers of origin or dispersal, and refugia of mammalian species, with large unexplored areas in which the fauna is poorly known, including the fleas (Siphonaptera) with which these animals are associated.

"This volume represents an attempt to summarize our knowledge of the Brazilian flea fauna and is divided into two parts. Part one is a general account of the Siphonaptera in the light of recent discoveries. It consists of seven chapters and deals

with their parasitological importance, methods of study, host-parasite relationships, life history and biology, control, morphology and systematics. It is hoped that this will serve as a general introduction to the study of fleas.

"Part two deals with taxonomy and reviews the synonymies, differential characters, geographical distribution and hosts of the Brazilian species. It also includes comments on flea biology, ecology and pathogens. Illustrated keys for genera, species and subspecies are included. Check lists of geographical distribution by state and host-flea relationships are provided in the appendices.

"To date eight families, 20 genera and 59 species and subspecies have been reported from Brazil. Approximately 15% of the genera and 29% of the species are endemic, with 31 species originally described from Brazilian localities. Several new state records of species, and one new species record for Brazil are present-ed. Approximately 200 host species are known to harbor fleas in Brazil and new host records are also given.

"Finally, some trends and perspectives in pulicology are discussed with a view to stimulating future research by Brazilian students."

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<linardi@mono.icb.ufmg.br>. The price of the volume is U.S. \$34.00 plus postage.



Flea Species

In Flea News 55 (January, 1998) I listed all of the new species of fleas known to me at the time that had been described between the 1994 (December) issue and the end of 1997. Following is a list of taxa that have since come to my attention to date.

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