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2006— 17—→ 21 June, College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Maryland

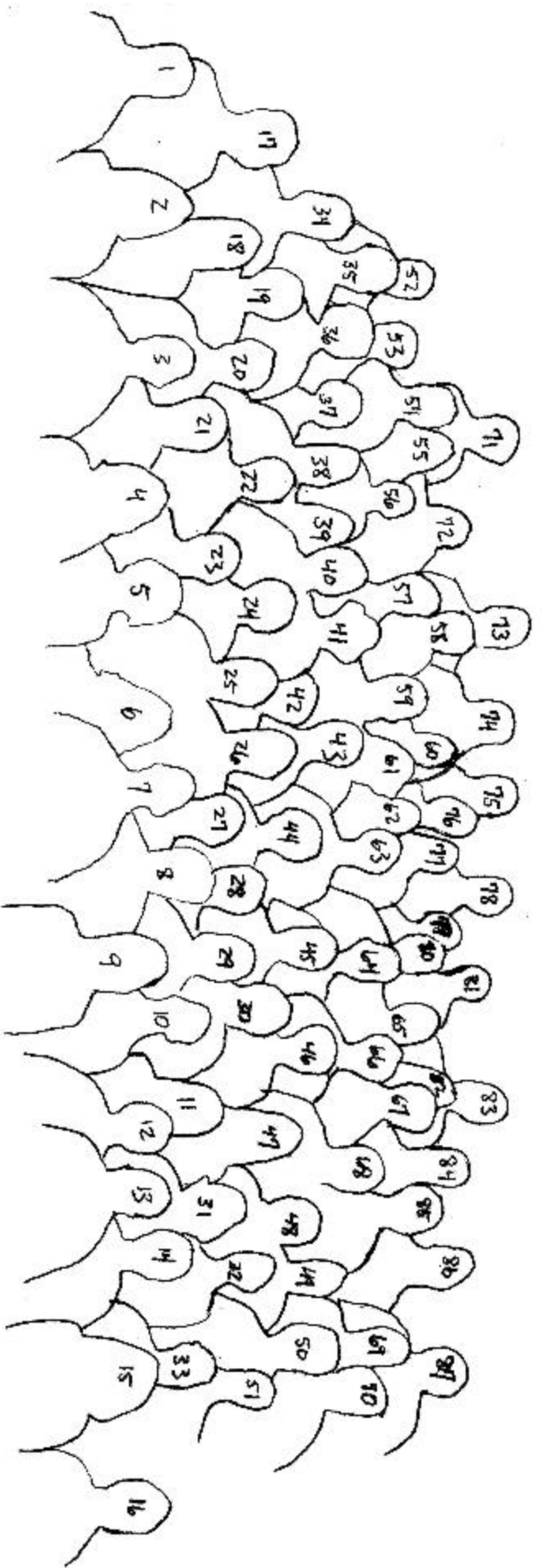
2007— Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

2008— UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

# Supplement to *American Arachnology* # 70

**More** from the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual AAS Meeting, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma 23-27 July, 2004

Number 70 of *American Arachnology* required more pages than usual to present the abstracts from the 28<sup>th</sup> AAS meeting, information for the 29<sup>th</sup> AAS meeting, and other pieces of arachnological news. Including the group picture from the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting would have produced a large file, impeding efficient electronic mailing. Thus, this supplement to *A.A.* Number 70 provides more materials related to the 28<sup>th</sup> AAS meeting and some other items of interest.



## **28th Annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society, University of Oklahoma , Norman, Oklahoma, 23-27 July, 2004**

1 Bruce Cutter; 2 Deborah Smith; 3 Amanda Brooks; 4 Maozhen Tian; 5 Maren Francis; 6 Paula Cushing; 7 Abraham Miller; 8 Pete Devries; 9 Stacey Gingras; 10 Mike Draney; 11 Valerie Wielard; 12 Pat Miller; 13 Bea Vogel; 14 Dave Beamer; 15 Takesha Henderson; 16 Steffany Steinmetz; 17 Jonathan Coddington; 18 Karen Bost; 19 Dan Mott; 20 Gary Miller; 21 Jeff Shultz; 22 James Cokendolpher; 23 Douglas Copeland; 24 Ned Strenth; 25 Brent Opell; 26 Lynn McCutchen; 27 Tim Guirner; 28 Sandra Brantley; 29 Sam Marshall; 30 Vladimir Ovtsharenko; 31 Jan Kempf; 32 Amy Stockman; 33 Nina Sandlin; 34 Doug Morse; 35 Matt Nelson; 36 Robert Edwards; 37 Cami Liggett; 38 Chris Amaya; 39 April Kinchloe; 40 Chris Brown; 41 Linden Higgins; 42 Edward Clebsch; 43 Joe Warfel; 44 Gail Stratton; 45 Nakita Rizzo; 46 Beth Jakob; 47 Samantha Shavely; 48 Jerry Rovner; 49 Elizabeth Fet; 50 Aaron Tolin; 51 Jesse Walker; 52 Mark Walvoord; 53 Zack Porterfield; 54 Greg Blass; 55 Amy Nicholas; 56 Mohammad Habibulla; 57 Bill Bennett; 58 Roger Farley; 59 Dan Formanowicz; 60 Ron Jenkins; 61 David Richman; 62 Richard Henson; 63 Hank Guarisco; 64 Robert Suter; 65 Norman Horner; 66 T Yamashita; 67 Don Cameron; 68 Rick Vetter; 69 Jim Carrel; 70 Rich Bradley; 71 Eric Edwards; 72 Victor Fet; 73 Allen Brady; 74 Neal McReynolds; 75 Alan Cady; 76 Alejandro Calixto; 77 Marielle Hoehnagels; 78 Doug Gaffin; 79 Cluff Hopla; 80 Brent Hendrixson; 81 Jeremy Gibson; 82 Kerri Wrinn; 83 Jerry Bowen; 84 GB Edwards; 85 Drew Hataway; 86 Chad Lee; 87 Phil Brownell



**American Arachnological  
Society Meeting  
June 23-27, 2004**

**Reports**

- President Gary Miller called the meeting to order at 15:10 cdst.
- Reading of the minutes from the 27<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, held at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science 27 July 2003, was waived and the minutes were approved unanimously with no discussion.
- Membership Secretary Jeff Shultz presented his report by first distributing handouts. He reported there are 525 members (512 in 2003). The Society has a fairly stable total membership overall but with a large turnover. Typically there are many new members joining after the annual meeting. The new associate group (Grupo Iberico de Arachnologia) has added 6 new AAS members; 26 AAS members joined GIA. The institutional membership continues to decline. The report was approved by the membership.
- Treasurer Karen Cangialosi could not be present so a handout showing Final 2003 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2004 accounts was distributed to those present. President Miller went over the report, which was approved by a unanimous vote.
- Editor-in-chief Dan Mott reported that the increase in the number of pages per issue (175) has helped relieve the JOA backlog. The print run also has been increased. There has been an editorial change (Søren Toft replaces Maggie Hodge). Review articles will now be accepted for publication in JOA. The AAS will be publishing the ISA Congress Proceedings. The deadline for manuscripts is January 2005 and all standard JOA manuscript rules are in force.
- President-Elect Beth Jakob reported on future meeting sites. The 2005 annual meeting will be hosted by Maggie Hodge and Sam Marshall in Hiram, Ohio. Nancy Crider will host the 2006 meetings at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland. Jakob appealed to folks to consider hosting the 2007 or 2008 (or later) meetings.
- Secretary Alan Cady reported on the 2004 AAS election. Deborah Smith was elected as the newest Director, and Cady remains as Secretary. President Miller recognized Cady's efforts as Secretary, and those present acknowledged with applause.
- President Miller recognized the continued and enormous efforts of Paula Cushing and her team working on the Spider Genera of North America revision. The Membership concurred with hearty applause. Miller also recognized the Marketing Committee for the Revision, which has, and will continue to do, much work to promote and distribute the Revision.
- President Miller mentioned some of Past-President Brent Opell's legacy. Opell was instrumental in:
  - Restricting JOA access to members until a year after publication
  - Restricting AAS Research Awards to members
  - Using PayPal for dues and meeting registration

**Old Business and Announcements**

- President Miller outlined proposed amendments and changes to the AAS Constitution and By-Laws. He reviewed the protocols for amending these documents, stating debate occurs in the Executive Committee, not the Membership. Members vote up-or-down on the proposed amendments. Proposed amendments must come before the Membership at least 2 months before voting. A 2/3 majority of votes received is necessary to approve a change. The Business Meeting, June, 2004, served as notice of these proposed amendments. There are six amendments before the Membership:
  1. The Webmaster becomes an official member of the Executive Committee (non-elected, voting).
  2. The Parliamentarian becomes an official member of the Executive Committee (non-elected, non-voting).
  3. Removal of "Honorary" Membership classification.
  4. Change the word "mail" throughout the Documents to "standard post or electronic mail".
  5. Remove requirement of publishing complete membership listing in Newsletter every 5 years.
  6. Change wording to reflect current constitution of the Nominating Committee.
- The Constitution & By-Laws are currently on the AAS website. Another version will be posted explicitly showing the proposed amendments.
- Miller wanted to make it very clear that if the honorary member classification is dropped, that does not preclude anyone from honoring any member they wish.
- President Miller recognized Secretary Cady for the work on the Constitution & By-Laws. Those present indicated their approval by applause.
- Miller stated that the Executive Committee decided to appoint a graduate student member to the Executive Committee. He asked for feedback on this issue. This move could help build membership.

**New Business**

- A resolution was brought forward by Sam Marshall to President Miller to recognize Oklahoma University, Doug Gaffin, and his team for a "great meeting". This was met with loud applause. Miller stated this resolution would be forwarded to the OU President and the Dean of Doug Gaffin's division.
- Deborah Smith, Chair of the AAS Student Research Committee, stated the "members only" stipulation for eligibility to submit proposals makes it tough for some foreign individuals. Rich Bradley suggested that perhaps AAS Members could contribute each year to a fund to help the less-advantaged arachnologists.
- Jon Coddington stated that the AAS should have a "splash" at the European Congress at Ghent. He suggested the AAS should advertise more, especially relative to the Revision.
- Paula Cushing stated she is organizing a plan to get the AAS in the forefront at Ghent to promote the Revision.
  
- A motion to adjourn was forwarded by Bea Vogel. It was expeditiously seconded by the AAS Parliamentarian H. Don Cameron.
- The Business Meeting was adjourned at 16:03 cdst

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alan Cady  
Secretary - AAS

## 2006 A.A.S. Annual Meeting

**17 – 21 June, College of Notre  
Dame, Baltimore, Maryland**

Hosted by Dr. Nancy Kreiter

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Arachnological Society will take place between Saturday, 17 June and Wednesday, 21 June 2006 at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further information will be available in upcoming issues of *American Arachnology* and at the AAS website. The host may be contacted at: NKreiter@ndm.edu; (410) 532-5718

### **Corrections to Field trip report from 2004 AAS meeting**

**Bruce Cutler** sends these corrections for the field trip report from the meeting in Oklahoma:

“All references to *Phidippus pius* should be changed to *Phidippus cardinalis*. Also on p.3 after *Sasacus papenhoei*, there is a comma, an asterisk, and another comma. The asterisk should follow *Nodocion rufithoracicus*.”

Field trip participants are reminded that they may submit their collection records at:

[http://faculty-staff.ou.edu/G/Douglas.D.Gaffin-1/AAS\\_Collections/AAS\\_Collections.htm](http://faculty-staff.ou.edu/G/Douglas.D.Gaffin-1/AAS_Collections/AAS_Collections.htm)

Species lists may be seen at:

[http://faculty-staff.ou.edu/G/Douglas.D.Gaffin-1/AAS\\_Collections/AAS2004\\_species.htm](http://faculty-staff.ou.edu/G/Douglas.D.Gaffin-1/AAS_Collections/AAS2004_species.htm)

**Doug Gaffin**, host of the 2004 AAS Meeting, wishes to express his sincere thanks to those who helped organize and run the Meeting:

**Mark Walvoord; Nakita Rizzo; Karen Bost; Mariëlle Hoefnagels; Greg Blass**

#### THE VALUE OF AN A.A.S. MEMBERSHIP

Arachnologists ask, “What do I receive from being a dues-paying member of the Society?”. This inquiry addresses an immediate and popular concern among arachnophiles. What does one “get” from being a member of the A.A.S.? ...

- Online access to the latest issue of the JOA.
- No page charges when publishing in the JOA.
- Access to the A.A.S. and Roth Research grants.
- Lower registration fees for the annual A.A.S. meeting.

Not to mention all the other benefits available to anyone: the Newsletter, all the features on the Website, etc.

Furthermore, dues for the A.A.S. are just about the lowest anywhere! **What a bargain!**

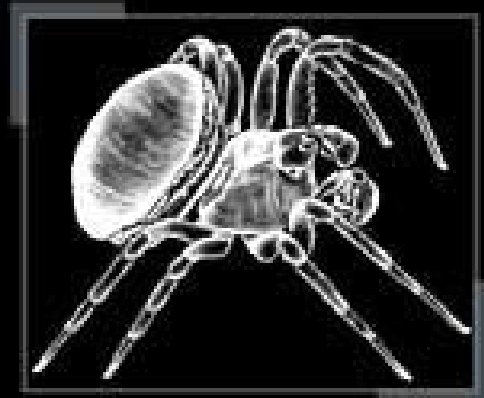
**David Shorthouse** (dps1@ualberta.ca) writes:

Thanks to Norman Platnick, Robert Raven, and the AAS Committee on Common Names, I recently assembled a client-run database of Nearctic spiders complete with species descriptions, species lists, dynamic distribution maps, synonym searches, images, and common names. The database is also a full-fledged Global Biodiversity Information Facility provider. Users and institutions may contribute collection data via a very easy to use, customized, form-based and securely compiled Microsoft Access 2000, 2002, or 2003 template available as a Windows installation package from the website I maintain. If you would like to contribute to the success of this database and website, I welcome you to visit:

<http://canadianarachnology.webhop.net>

I would be happy to provide more details upon request. You may also read about the motivation, database design, and server software/hardware configuration in a recent Biological Survey of Canada article:

[http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/bsc/news24\\_2/biodiversitydatabases.htm](http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/bsc/news24_2/biodiversitydatabases.htm)



D. Ubick, P. Paquin, P.E. Cushing and V. Roth

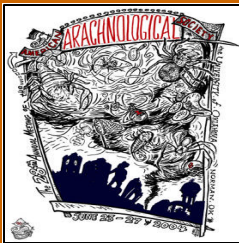
## *Spiders of North America An Identification Manual*

Edited by Darrell Ubick, Pierre Paquin, Paula E. Cushing, & Vince Roth.

Original drawings by Nadine Dupérré

**ORDER AT:**

[http://www.americanarachnology.org/AAS\\_SGNA/SGNA\\_OnlinePayment.html](http://www.americanarachnology.org/AAS_SGNA/SGNA_OnlinePayment.html)



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## AMERICAN ARACHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.AMERICANARACHNOLOGY.ORG](http://www.americanarachnology.org)

**Ken Prestwich** has developed our website where one may find membership information, **Annual Meeting Info & registration**, announcements & Bulletin Board, officers, meeting minutes, instructions to JOA authors, an electronic JOA index, graduate study opportunities, a photo gallery, links to other arachnological sites, and **JOA OnLine** (electronic versions of the Journal of Arachnology; available to A.A.S. Members). Many, many thanks and kudos to Ken for applying his time and skill to the Website!! Thanks too to Holy Cross for sponsoring the site.

## ARACHNOLOGY IN CYBERSPACE

Here are some website addresses for arachnological information:

**International Society of Arachnology**—[HTTP://WWW.ARACHNOLOGY.ORG](http://www.arachnology.org)

## JOURNAL OF ARACHNOLOGY ELECTRONIC INDEX

The electronic index for the Journal of Arachnology is available at: <http://vassun.vassar.edu/~celt/suter/spiderform.html>

Note that the main search keywords are: SCORPION, SPIDER, HARVESTMAN, MITE. Any word or taxon that is in a title may be found with a search of the Index. Thanks to Bob Suter: [SUTER@VASSAR.EDU](mailto:SUTER@VASSAR.EDU) [HTTP://FACULTY.VASSAR.EDU/~SUTER/SUTER.HTML](http://FACULTY.VASSAR.EDU/~SUTER/SUTER.HTML)

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