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Schedule:

Monday, 17 June	- Registration, evening reception
Tuesday, 18 June	- Morning and afternoon papers, films and videos
Wednesday, 19 June	- Morning & afternoon papers (student papers), posters Informal banquet
Thursday, June 20	- Morning and afternoon papers, business meeting, tour of Faulkner house
Friday, June 21	- Field trip (Tishomingo State Park)
Saturday, June 22	-- Depart

Transportation: Those arriving by air should arrange to fly into Memphis International Airport. Memphis is served by most major airlines. We will arrange transportation from Memphis to Oxford and return. If you are traveling by car, parking on campus is no problem.

Accommodations: Moderately priced dormitory housing will be available on campus. The dormitories are air conditioned. Several options are available for those who want motel accommodations. The University Alumni House operates a campus motel, and there are several large motels in town close to campus. We will have more information about accommodations in the spring call for registration.

Local: Oxford is a small town (10,000 people), but there are a variety of entertainment opportunities including a number of fine restaurants, night spots and historical attractions. Those interested in southern culture and, in particular, William Faulkner should find plenty to do. There are many places on campus or nearby to collect spiders so bring your field gear. We plan to lead an evening collecting trip to one of the nearby study areas.

Field Trip: We plan one group field trip to Tishomingo State Park located in the northeastern portion o the state. This areas is a unique transition between the Appalachian range to the north and the plains of central Mississippi to the south. The park is about a one and one-half hour drive from campus.

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BITNET Addresses

In the interest of better communication among members of the Society, it was suggested at the meeting in Ottawa that a list of members' BITNET addresses be collected. If you will send your address to Alan Cady, [ACADY @ MIAVX3], he will act as a clearing agent. If we can get a good list, the addresses will be included in the spring issue of *American Arachnology*.

- Pierre Bonnet -

Professor Maxime Vachon reports on behalf of Mme. Camille Bonnet the death of her husband Pierre Bonnet. Professor Bonnet died at the age of 93 and was buried on August 18, 1990 in Tolouse. Mme. Bonnet is in frail health, but she has two daughters living nearby who assist her.

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Charles Dondale Named Honorary Member

The Executive Committee and the Society have honored Charles Dondale by making him an Honorary Member of the Society. For many years he has served the Society in various ways -- the latest of which was serving as host at the annual meeting in Ottawa. Best wishes, Charlie!

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Request for Spider Catalogs

Vince Roth would like to know if anyone has a catalog of state and province (Canada) lists of spiders from 1940 to date. He would like to add a listing to the *"Spider Genera of North America"*.

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Application Published in the Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature

Case 2692 - *Mirochernes* Bier, 1930 (Arachnida, Pseudoscorpionida): proposed confirmation of *Chelanops dentatus* Banks, 1985 as the type species. The purpose of this application is to confirm that the nominal species Chelanops dentatus Banks 1985 is the type of the pseudoscorpion genus Mirochernes Bier, 1930. [by Mark Harvey, Western Australia Museum, Francis Street, Perth, Western Australia 6000, Australia].

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Chris Starr Has Moved

Chris Starr has just moved to Taiwan to begin a one-year fellowship on the faunistics and taxonomy of stinging insects. As an amateur arachnologist, he will certainly also keep his eyes open for interesting eight-legged beasts, especially his beloved Dictynidae. Of the eight dictynids in Song's (1987) treatment of the spiders of China, none is recorded from Taiwan. He also notes that in culling out his papers he was reluctant to throw out, and he has asked Charlie Dondale to take them to the Mississippi meeting and put them up for grabs. He suggests that others may want to take the opportunity to do the same -- for the benefit of those fairly new in the arachnology business. [Address: Division of Research, National Museum of Natural Science, 1 Kuan Chien Road, Taichung, Taiwan.]

Report on 1990 Ottawa Meeting

The 14th annual meeting of the American Arachnological Society was held at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, June 18-23, 1990. The organizing committee saw as its task the provision of a congenial setting for arachnologists to share the results of recent research and make personal contacts. We also wanted to attract a keynote speaker in a discipline of general interest, for which purpose we invited Edward Laidlaw Smith. Other desiderata were an opportunity to taste the cultural sights and events in the capital and an introduction to eastern Ontario habitats.

The proceedings included 38 talks and 10 posters covering behavior (17), systematics and phylogeny (14), population studies and ecology (11), and physiology (6). The keynote speaker covered chelicerate morphology, drawing phylogenetic conclusions from his research over two decades. Four mite papers were on the program this year. One of these, "The evolution of copulation in water mites", took first prize for Heather Proctor in the student paper competition. (Second prize went to Kefyn Catley for his "Super-cooling ability in *Coelotes atropos* and its ecological implications". Robin Leech gave a well-attended workshop on close-up photography. Several participants graciously led small-group discussions with staff of the Biosystematics Research Centre.

The slide-and-film night featured five contributors. Michael Runtz, a nature interpreter at Algonquin Provincial Park, illustrated his talk with extraordinary sliders including close-ups of moose, wolf, bear, and other wild animals. His wolf call and moose call at the end of the talk electrified the true believers. Joo Pil Kim showed a video on feeding methods in several species of Korean spiders, and Yuri Marusik illustrated habitats and spiders from his working area in eastern Siberia. Edward Laidlaw Smith then showed slides of the new Carboniferous exhibits in the California Academy of Sciences. The last presentation was by Gary Miller, who whetted our appetites for next year's meeting in Oxford, Mississippi. The Friday business meeting was well attended and productive.

Eighty-seven arachnologists and 27 accompanying spouses attended the conference. Eleven countries were represented: U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Argentina, Spain, Britain, Finland, Korea, Sri Lanka, and U.S.S.R. It was especially nice to have Yuri Marusik and Giraldo Alayon Garcia, both of whom were well-known through correspondence.

The half-day devoted to museum crawling (Chris Starr's terminology) by culture vultures allowed everyone a chance to sightsee without having to miss any paper sessions. The public transportation system proved user friendly, the river cruise was enjoyed in spite of a shower, and the ethnic restaurants lived up to their reputations. Some of the young people, in true Ottawa fashion, visited the night spots in Hull, Quebec after Ottawa closed up. The Saturday field trip to Murphy's Point Provincial Park in the Rideau Lakes area (Robb Bennett country) was attended by 51 outdoors types who took the opportunity to collect, swim, or just confer and plot in the shade. Dragonflies did a good job on the mosquitoes, and the weather, despite an ominous forecast, was perfect.

See you in Oxford next year.

Charles Dondale

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Annual Field Trip at Ottawa

by Robb Bennett

I cashed in a lot of Karma points on Saturday, June 23 when the day became the one clear, warm point of time in the middle of nearly a week of cool, damp weather. My luck just hasn't been the same since but then we all have to make sacrifices occasionally...

Murphy Point Provincial Park is located about half way between Kingston and Ottawa on the north shore of clean, deep, unacidified Big Rideau Lake in a biologically and historically interesting area of Eastern Ontario. Settled in the early 1800's by Scottish and Irish immigrants the area has always been a poor spot to try and make a living. Rocky ridges and swampy valleys prevail and most of the topsoil was pushed south 10,000 years ago in a land development scheme that made the US Army Corp of Engineers look like kids playing in a sand lot. Fortunately in this case work ceased when local conditions became unfavourable and the developer left the area. Time, the great healer, converted the region into an area of mixed southern and northern hardwoods, pines and poison ivy and peopled by beaver, deer, native Canadians, and eventually the hard-scrabble farms and occasional mica mines of the early settlers. Except for a major influx of summer vacationers in this half of the twentieth century the area is still relatively wild and not too badly butchered by the evil forces of short term profit in spite of its proximity to the nation's capital.

And so onto this scene of bucolic bliss descended a motley crew of about 50 arachnologists. Most arrived by bus from Ottawa driven by a person in an advanced condition of caffeine withdrawal. Fortunately no unpleasant incidents ensued although antidotes were unavailable as Jim Redner was in fine form and had everything under control. Charlie Dondale and myself had arrived shortly before with a small group including the indefatigable globe-trotter Vince Roth, Maria-Luisa Jimenez from Baja California, Fred Coyle (chief guru at Spider Mecca), Nancy 'just say No' Reagan, and Bill Muchmore.

After disembarking and unloading various gustatory delights the group split up and headed off in several directions. Hard core collectors, led by G. B. Edwards, Andy Penniman, Jack 'Too Tall' Wojcicki, and Allen (our new president) Brady among others, vanished into the wilds of the bush around Black Creek in pursuit of Black Rat Snakes, Bog Turtles, and arachnids. Several small groups including the Koreans (Joo Pil Kim, Young Sun Kang), most of the Smithsonian contingent (Jon Coddington, Charles Griswold, Gustavo Hormiga), and assorted others headed through the woods to an abandoned mica/feldspar/apatite mine featuring vertical and horizontal shafts dug at the turn of this century. Fred Coyle and Nancy Reagan made a brief, but concerted, effort to find purse-web spiders but sanity soon prevailed. At the mine some semblance of collecting activity occurred as we located wood roaches and Robert Holmberg extracted harvest-men from the mine shafts. Mostly we walked and talked, gently absorbing the natural history of the area as we discussed many of the important issues of the day such as the current state of systematics, museum politics, and the great blues harmonica players.

Herb and Lorna Levi and many others headed in the general direction of lunch, walking and collecting through the woods along the winding dirt road. Lunch was planned for an open area of junipers and old hop-hornbeams on the edge of second growth hardwoods surrounding the shore of Round Lake (which really isn't round at all but rather an elongated rectangle). As noon approached laggards along the route were crammed into a VW van and hustled off to the picnic spot. Scott 'better-late-than-never' Larcher showed up at about this time (probably attracted by the food) and distinguished himself by doing some impressive lunchtime collecting. Don Cameron retreated to the shade to ponder etymological entanglements inscribed on the back of his eyelids. He was not observed to move for some time. Ron and Cassie Aitchison-Benell's wonderful hound Barney (?) looked as if he would have been glad to help out. Heather Proctor, no doubt looking for copulating water mites, and Liz Straszynski showed their Canadian heritage by swimming across the lake and back. They then distracted a group of scuba divers so that Blaine Hebert and Charles Griswold could abscond with the divers' masks for awhile and terrify all the local sunfish in the area.

For most of the group the afternoon and its rising heat signalled a call to relax on the lakeshore, either in the water or the shade. Jim and Betsy Berry bid us farewell at this point with a final admonition for contributions to the Newsletter (how's this Jim?). A few stalwarts continued to collect but for most the natural culmination of a week of meetings was a comfortable seat on the ground and conversation with good friends. The approach of mid-afternoon found us wending our way back through the woods to meet the bus. Again stragglers were sardined into the VW. G. B. Edwards refused to stop collecting until the last possible moment and was nearly lost.

The bus driver was calmly waiting for us, having recovered from her earlier caffeine deprivation. Vultures circled ominously in the area as we said our good-byes and headed off, prompting worries of dead or dying colleagues abandoned in the woods but all were present and uninjured. A group including the Smithsonian crew, the folks from Spider Mecca as well as some of the Canadians remained in the area of Murphy Point, all crowding into a small cottage for the night before departing for home in the morning. And so ended the first AAS meeting to be held in Canada.

To all who came on the field trip, many thanks for your participation. I was greatly looking forward to taking you into an area which I think is quite special. I repeat my request here for lists of species collected during the trip (or believed to occur in the area). I am compiling a list as a service to the Park and to comply with the stipulations of our collection permit. Please try and get these to me as soon as possible. Finally, my apologies to anyone I have inadvertently offended in this report. Life continues...

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The American Arachnological Society

Gail E. Stratton, Treasurer

Second Quarterly Report
June 6, 1990

Balance from 1st report, 1990			$26,098.08
DEPOSITS			
Membership dues and donations	$1708.00		
Interest (April and May)	248.54		
Subtotal:	$1956.54		
EXPENSES			
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Rovner, Associate Editor (copying and transferring matr)	$217.69		
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Respectfully submitted,

[signature]

Gail E. Stratton, Treasurer

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[The following was presented as the keynote address at the Ottawa meeting]

An Arthropod Morphologist looks at Six Hundred Million Years of Chelicerate Evolution

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1. General

A. Primitively in the arthropod appendage, there are 10 individually musculated segments (*podites*) with mesal and lateral independently musculated appendicles (*endites, exites*): **1**, *precoxa* (subcoxa, forms *pleuron* if incorporated into body wall; precoxopodite in carcinological terminology) bearing the precoxexite (proepipodite); **2**, *coxa* (coxopodite: carcinology) bearing *coxendite*, and *coexite* (metepipodite); **3**, *trochanter 1* (basipodite) bearing *trochendite*, and *trochexite* (exopodite 1); **4**, *prefemur* (trochanter 2, basifemur, metabasipodite, preischium) bearing *prefemorendite*, and *prefemorexite* (exopodite 2); **5**, *femur* (telofemur, ischiopodite); **6**, *patella* (genu, postfemur, meropodite); **7**, *tibia* (carpopodite); **8**, *basitarsus* (metatarsus); **9**, *tarsus* (eutarsus, telotarsus, propodite with 8 in most Crustacea); **10**, *posttarsus* (pretarsus, telotarsus, dactylopodite) usually with lateral claws (*ungues*) and central tine (*dactyl*) or pad (*arolium*). Endites on the prefemur, femur and patella are presently known only from Crustacea—Branchiopoda, although the condition in some early Palæozoic arthropods is unclear. Endites can be immobilized, losing their musculature, and come to resemble *pseudendites*, which are fixed mesal projections of the podite wall in addition to, or instead of, true (mobile) endites (particularly evident in †Trilobitomorpha, Arachnomorpha). Podites 1–3 or 1–4 are collectively called the *coxopodite* by non-carcinologists, those distal the *telopodite* (in Crustacea, if exites present, the "endopodite"). The coxopodite elements are often fused to form a *sympod* (*e.g.*, the *mandibles* [appendages IV] of Crustacea and Hexapoda, where the endites are also immobilized to form cutting or milling surfaces [*gnathobases*]).

B. The arthropod body has a basic complement of 15–30 segments (*somites*) and pairs of appendages: the usual range is 17–22. Lower numbers are the result of premature cessation of anamorphic addition of somites: neoteny. The larger numbers are the results of: **a**, prolongation of the juvenile stage either postembryonically (anamorphy) or embryonically (epimorphy), or **b**, addition of multiple sets of appendages on compound body somites (body rings) without regard for myomeres (autorhythmus). The advantage of supernumerary appendages are variously for tank-like progression on, through or between substrates (*e.g.*, some †Trilobitomorpha, Myriapoda), and/or additional gnathobases on the appendages for enhanced filter-feeding and swimming (†Trilobitomorpha, †Protochelicerata, branchiopod and remipede Crustacea).

C. The cephalon of Recent Arthropods consists of 6 or more somites: **I**, *clypeolabral* (protocerebral); **II**, *1st antennal* (deutocerebral, antennular); **III**, *cheliceral* (tritocerebral, 2nd. antennal, supralingual, premandibular); **IV**, *maxillipeds 1 or pedipalpal* (mandibular); **V**, *maxillipeds 2 (1)* (1st maxillary, maxillulary, gnathochilarial); **VI**, *maxillipeds 3 (2)* (ovigers, antennopods, 2nd maxillary, labial); **VII**, *maxillipeds 4 (3)* (legs 1 in Mandibulata), *etc.*). Excluding the Cambrian †*Xenusion* and †*Aysheaia*, all arthropods have the mouth shifted caudally 2 somites to open subterminally between II and III. This puts I and II in a *preoral* position, and their respective ganglia with concomitant posteroventral breaking and anterodorsal reforming of the transverse commissures around the esophagus, form the primitive brain (*supraesophageal ganglion*).

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Recent Annelida have analogous transpositions of the anterior ganglia in relation to the mouth. The arthropod tritocerebrum (III) is the first *postoral*, but the centers have shifted preorally independently in many groups (the transverse commissures always remain behind [under] the esophagus), and somites I–II–III are the *pro(to)cerebrum*.

2. Arachnomorpha

A. Because of the difficulty in firmly socketing and powerfully musculating preoral appendages, the 1st postoral (cheliceræ, 2nd antennæ) have come to dominate those of I and II in Crustacea and Chelicerata. A stepwise reduction in somites I and II and their appendages (presumably retaining their neuromeres as in Recent fauna) can be seen in Cambrian Arachnomorphs, with concomitant specialization of III to form the primary gnathopods. By parallel evolution in Pycnogonida, Arachnida—Scorpionomorpha and —Euarachnida, the uniramous cheliceræ of Recent Chelicerata have a maximum of 3 articles: precoxa, coxa, and the articulating *fang* or movable finger.

B. The postcephalic appendages (the abdominal in particular) of arachnomorphs have tended to become planar (*phyllopodous*) through enlargement and combination of the precoxexites and coxexites, commonly with reduction or elimination of the telopodite. This is in contrast to Crustacea, where the unreduced telopodite is flattened (*e.g.*, Branchiopoda).

C. The *cephalon* of Recent Chelicerata is 6-segmented (III–VI, 4 visible) with an anterior diplosomite (III–IV) under a carapace (*peltidium*), the other two somites (V, VI) remaining separate except in Pycnogonida, where all the cephalic somites are combined but uncarapaced. With the development of a single set of gonopores on body somite X of Recent Arachnida (there are up to 5 pairs on VII–IX in Pycnogonida), the 3 trunk somites VII–IX (metapodosoma) form a *thorax* variously combined with the cephalon (*cephalothorax*, prosoma: 7 visible somites with 6 pairs of postcheliceral appendages in Recent fauna). The *abdomen* (opisthosoma) has different segmentation in Subclasses Scorpionomorpha and Euarachnida. When such subtagmata are present in the former, the appendage-bearing *preabdomen* (mesosoma) is 7-segmented (body X–XVI), and the *postabdomen* (metasoma, "tail") is 5-segmented (body XVII–XXI, abdominal VIII–XII) plus the terminal spike, paddle, or sting ("telson", XXII), total 22 somites, 20 visible at maximum. In Euarachnida, the preabdomen is 8-segmented (body X–XVII), the postabdomen 3-segmented (body XVIII–XX, abdominal IX–XI) plus the terminal filament or anal operculum (XXI), total 21, 19 visible at maximum.

D. The compound (lateral) eyes of Recent chelicerates independently have tended to be reduced to *ca.* 3 stemmata bilaterally (or lost), and the original 4 ocelli (median eyes) combined into a pair (analogous combinations are in Crustacea, Hexapoda)

E. The preabdominal appendages in terrestrial arachnids have become variously lungbooks derived from gillbooks, and pectines and spinnerets. The first have become tracheated in many Euarchnida, and open through spiracles (stigmata) similar to those in myriapods and hexapods. Intersegmental cephalothoracic spiracles and tracheæ analogous to those mandibulates developed independently in Infraclass Phalangiata, often supplanting respiratory systems derived from the abdominal phyllopods. The respiratory systems alone infer at least three lines of Recent arachnids became terrestrial independently: one or more in Subclass Scorpionomorpha (Scorpionida [probably several lines] and perhaps some †Eurypterida) and two in Subclass Euarachnida (Infraclasses Pedipalpata, Phalangiata).

3. General Evolution

A. The Arthropoda fall into 2 Subphyla: **1,** ***Mandibulopoda*** (Infraphyla †Trilobitomorpha, Arachnomorpha) where all of the postoral limbs are subsimilar feeding-locomotory appendages (homonomous *maxillipeds*), and **2,** ***Mandibulata*** (Infraphyla Crustacea, Atelocerata [Myriapoda + Hexapoda]) where the 2nd postoral appendages (IV, mandibles) are the primary gnathopods (in Crustacea, III serve in larval stages before IV develop [naupliar processes], and are essentially terminally-flagellar cheliceræ with endites and exites), assisted by 2 pairs of maxillipeds (maxillæ 1, 2 on V, VI).

B. The trilobitomorphs were essentially herbivorous with grinding biramous maxillipeds, while the arachnomorphs were predatory with spinose and often semiraptorial multiramous appendages. Early on, the 1st postoral appendages took on a manipulative/gustatory/sensory role (*e.g.*, in the Cambrian, the palpiform detritus-sweeping cheliceræ of †*Marrella*, chelate raptors of †*Yohoia*, †*Branchiocaris*, huge [to 20cm] spinose grabbers of †*Anomalocaris*). The postcheliceral appendages typically had paddle-like exites flanking often reduced telopodites, the latter bearing spinose endites or pseudendites mesally. A tendency to develop radial jawlets on a secondary proboscis on III anterior to (or below) the cheliceræ was carried to extremes in †*Opabinia* (Camb) and †*Tullimonstrum* (Carb) where a prehensile trunk with apical jaws was the sole feeding device, the remaining limbs being natatory phyllopods. Parallel reductions of the preoral regions can be seen ranging from †*Marrella*, †*Cheloniellon* and †*Sidneyia* (Camb), and †*Mimetaster* and †*Vachonisia* (Dev) where a clypeolabrum and 1st antennæ (I, II) were present with cheliceræ, through †*Branchiocaris* (preoral appendages and region reduced) to the †*Leanchoilia* complex, †*Sarotrocercus*, *etc.* (lost).

4. Evolution of Chelicerata

A. There are 2 Classes: **1,** ***Pycnogonida*** (consolidated 4-segmented cephalon with large proboscis and terminal radial jawlets; 3–5 segmented thorax; maximum 5-segmented abdomen (unsegmented in Recent fauna); simplifed uniramous appendages; metameric gonopores); and **2,** ***Arachnida*** (4-segmented unconsolidated head; primitively no proboscis; 3-segmented thorax; 12–13 segmented abdomen plus terminal element; polyramous appendages; 1 pair of gonopores on X [abdominal I]).

B. Arachnida constitute 2 Subclasses: **1,** ***Scorpionomorpha*** (cephalothorax carapaced; abdomen 12-segmented with terminal paddle; 22 body somites; cheliceræ biramous [†*Sanctacaris*?]); **2,** ***Euarachnida*** (cephalothorax in separate somites, no carapace; abdomen 11-segmented with 8-segmented preabdomen, 3-segmented postabdomen plus terminal flagellum, total 21 somites; cheliceræ uniramous). In **1,** Infraclass †***Palæomerostomata*** (†*Sanctacaris*, Camb) retained flagellar exites and multisegmented cheliceræ, and lacked abdominal subtagmata; while Infraclass ***Merostomata*** (Orders **Xiphosurida, †Eurypterida, Scorpionida**) had cephalothoracic exites on at least maxillipeds 5 (VIII); a 7-segmented preabdomen (X–XVI) and a 5-segmented postabdomen (XVII–XXI) plus a terminal process; and a maximum of 4 segments (3 in Recent fauna) in the uniramous cheliceræ.

C. The euarachnids form Infraclasses: **1,** ***Pedipalpata*** (cephalon III–VI carapaced, rest of cephalothorax (trunk [thorax] VII–IX: metapodosoma) separate; postcheliceral precoxæ and coxæ fused; fang of chelicera socketed dorsally [retrovert]; abdominal exite-bookgills exposed on preabdomen, later converted to internal booklungs; no cephalothoracic spiracles or tracheæ); and **2,** ***Phalangiata*** (cephalon III–IV [gnathosoma] primitively a separate diplosomite; rest of cephalothorax segmented, uncarapaced: cephalon V–VI [propodosoma], trunk [thorax] VII–IX; precoxæ and coxæ separate; last postabdominal element an operculum; cheliceral fang socketed laterally or ventrally; exite-booklungs internal, converted to tracheæ; intersegmental cephalothoracic spiracles and tracheæ also present).

D. The Pedipalpata form Sections: **1,** ***Pedipalpidea***

(cephalothorax primitively uncarapaced; legs 1 [V] antennaform; abdominal exites form internal booklungs; terminal element a flagellum: Orders **Microthelyphonida** [Palpigradi], **Schizomida, †Haptopodida, Thelyphonida, †Kustarachnida, Amblypygida**); and **2,** ***Araneidea*** (cephalothorax carapaced; legs 1 without proliferated tarsomeres; abdominal exites still external [in spiders III– IV, body XII–XIII non-respiratory, form spinnerets; in others form internal booklungs]; terminal element an operculum: Orders **Araneida, †Trigonotarbida, †Anthracomartida**).

E. Infraclass Phalangiata form Sections: **1,** ***Solpugidea*** (Order **Solpugida**: compound eyes lost; cheliceræ 2-segmented; postcheliceral cephalothoracic appendages modified; cephalothoracic cardiac ostiæ present); and **2,** ***Acaridea*** (compound eyes originally present; cheliceræ primitively 3-segmented; legs unmodified; cephalothoracic cardiac ostiæ lost). The latter Section constitutes Cohorts: **1,** ***Acaroidea*** (gnathosoma III–IV primitively separate; pedipalps [IV] resemble legs; precoxæ and coxæ, and prefemora and femora separate: Orders **Acarida, Ricinuleida**); and **2,** ***Phalangida*** (cephalothoracic III–VII [pro-, mesopeltidia] carapaced; pedipalp modified; precoxæ, prefemora variously combined: Orders **Pseudoscorpionida, †Architarbida, Opilionida**).

[preceding based on the Atlas of Insect Anatomy in preparation. Contents under review; supraordinal names provisional]

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Arachnology in India
Vince Roth

This is written for the many arachnologists who asked for information on India--once I knew of our goal. The main questions were "How can I get types?", "How does one get around?", "Is there any virgin forest left?", and "How can you afford it?"

First of all, prices are cheap and transportation is abundant -- all kinds. Get a copy of Lonely Planet's "India, a travel survival kit" which provides information on travelling (cheaply), and getting into and around India. It also indicates where the National Parks or places of interest to a biologist occur.

We travelled 5 months there, found the people friendly, helpful (keep away from bureaucrats), and felt comfortable except for the lack of hygiene and (often) toilets. English is spoken "very broken" and many interesting nonrelevant answers result from questions.

India's arachnology is tied up with the Zoological Survey of India. The main office is at M Block, New Alipur, Calcutta 700053, INDIA. The present director is Prof. M.S. Jairajpuri, Telephone 49-4893, to whom one applies for a collecting permit. These evidently are given with great reluctance since they want no more types to go to Europe or other countries and also must be applied for far in advance of the time needed.

In the same office building is the collection of Arachnids with curator Dr. Bijan Kumar Biswas. I was told that they had a change of address recently (3 years ago and the retirement of Dr. Tikader) so requests for material in the past perhaps got lost. However, they are extremely wary of sending out any type material since one of our notorious colleagues never returned loans. Now they trust no one. However, they are slightly more generous in loaning hand carried material. Loans of unidentified material is discouraged because "material is kept for qualified Indians".

After a second try I had the opportunity to look at the type collection. It was disappointing in that some types could not be found. Little information was forthcoming as to where they might be found or to whom loaned. Some of the collections were dangerously low on alcohol since it was not readily available. Ethyl alcohol is available only in 2 oz. amounts in drugstores at the rate of $4 a pint. Gin and vodka are available but isopropyl is not.

I called Dr. Tikader but found he is now interested in corals and not arachnids. All holotypes are supposed to be in the Calcutta collections but identified material is reportedly left in the state or regional offices of the Zoological Survey (13 of them). In all three instances I found the collections under lock and key and unavailable because the person in charge was gone.

The collections appeared to be unseparated and unsorted in Calcutta as well as Pune (Poona) and Jodphur. Perhaps previous notice and personal contacts and lots of time may result in more success.

Much of India is overpopulated and overutilized but there are a few interesting areas: bird sanctuaries, national parks, hill stations in the south such as Ootacamund (Ooty) and Kodaikanal, coniferous forests along the northern part in Kaschmir and Uttar Pradesh and the desert around Jaisalmer, sacred forests around temples such as Bhima Shankar 120 km from Pune (no English spoken, no toilets in town, food available and mud-cowdung plastered huts - the price is right) or Alagarkovi Temple 21 km from Madurai with the "Alagar Hills Reserved (sic) Forest".

Tapan Sen Gupta, coleopterist in the Calcutta office,is completing a paper on collecting sites in India. It should be worthwhile for any one visiting India.

The fauna of the north is similar to that of the forests of Europe, but further south in tropical areas one encounters cryptothelids, zodariids, erasids, hersiliids, palpimanids, tetrablemmids, stenochilids and psechrids.

Some arachnological books are available such as "Handbook of Indian Spiders" by B.K. Tikader from the Publications Production Officer, Zoological Survey of India, 2nd M S Bldg. 14th floor, 234/4 Acharya, J.C. Bose Road, Calcutta, 700020, INDIA.

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A More Friendly Account of Martin Muma

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My friend, neighbor and colleague, Martin Muma, a good hearted but gruff "old SOB" passed away last December 1, 1989 at the age of 73. His early demise was probably the result of too much smoking but he argued to the end that it was caused by smelling alcohol over the microscope and caustic chemicals used in his agricultural work. His obituary is found in *American Arachnology* #41 (1990) with all the facts but his family wanted one correction, he was *not* a Presbyterian but an agnostic. In 1940, after forgetting his English book and using his seatmate's (Kay Short), they married for a long satisfying relationship resulting in six children and nine grandchildren. Martin started his graduate studies for his Ph.D. in 1940 at the University of Maryland under Prof. Ernest N. Corey, entomologist, who suggested as a thesis "Aphids on Orchids". Part way through his studies he discovered that another person had already done research on this subject. Therefore, on the advice of Prof. Corey he switched to "Spiders of Maryland".

While in his last years of graduate school (1942-43) he started publishing the first of many papers on arachnids (1942, a record of a scorpion), applied entomology (1943), solpugids (1951), on phytoseiid mites (1955), as well as speleology (1942), the latter culminating, after a dozen or so papers, in a joint paper with Kay on "Glossary of Speleology". In later years no one meeting Martin would expect this somewhat rotund guy to have

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been a speleologist.

After "Spiders of Maryland" was published (which eventually turned Jerome Rovner on to spiders) he started revisions of the spider genus *Coras* (1946), *Wadotes* (1947), and the families Selenopidae (1953), Uloboridae (1964, with Willis Gertsch), and a revision of North American Solpugida (1951), the first of many studies on Solpugids.

While in Florida he found time to amass a collection of arms for a "Weapons of the World" museum, but a down-turn of tourist travel during the gas crisis shut it down.

From 1963 to 1965 he visited the Southwestern Research Station at Portal, Arizona, with his wife and four younger children driving his Fiat Spider (appropriately) as well as a second vehicle from Florida to study the biology of Solpugids. He arrived expecting an old bearded paunchy German, and I expected to meet a Chinese family. We both had a laugh. They were a helpful addition to the Station. The children were well-behaved and a joy to have around. His wife helped with typing and computering after Martin's retirement and collaborated on several papers. While at the SWRS she was known as the Cow Pie Queen, helping Martin by picking multitudes of termites (solpugid food) from dry cow pies.

In Florida the Muma's had a lake front home allowing Martin to indulge in fishing. After an early retirement at 55 years in 1971 from the Florida Citrus Experiment Station they moved to Silver City, New Mexico and build a house. By 1977 they bought a small store on Lake Roberts, New Mexico, near Gila Wilderness area and built it up into a thriving business for visiting tourists and sportsmen. Again Martin took a hammer and saw and enlarged the place adding space and rooms to the living quarters. Four years later they sold their business and moved to Rodeo, New Mexico, where he oversaw the building of his final retirement home high on a ridge overlooking the entrance to Cave Creek Canyon and San Simon Valley. At his open house in 1983 I was informed "smoking was required" since I had a non-smoking sign in my house. I arrived "smoking" a can "pipe" stuffed with gunny sacking. Laughing, Martin conceded defeat.

We lived on adjacent properties but not easily accessible. We visited occasionally for Kay's great dinners and to see wild animals coming to his feeding stations, or for arachnological talk (often mostly listening to him in later years). Since it was difficult to get to his hillside aerie he'd come down to visit Willis Gertsch, and sometimes all three of us would sit and argue various aspects of Arachnology. He often played "devil's advocate" during our discussions on the environment.

After retirement he completed a few more applied entomological papers, a few on phytoseiid mites; but most of his energy was directed towards solpugids and topics such as can trapping and ground-surface populations.

Martin continued to publish up to the time of his death, resulting in close to 200 publications -- leaving one paper to be mailed, one revision of Solpugids to be published by his Florida colleagues, and one to be completed by J. Brookhart, and another incomplete joint paper with Robert Holmberg on Canadian solpugids. His well organized collection and library went to the Division of Plant Industry at Gainesville, Florida.

In his last few years he continued working but was in poor health. He left his house on the hill less often and passed on at the end of the year. His ashes were placed in the Paradise cemetery near Portal and on his headstone is a part of one of his two published poems: "He lived and loved and laughed a lot". We'll miss his good humor and gruff aspect.

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Abstracts

of papers presented at Ottawa

Abstracts of presentations made at the annual meeting traditionally have been printed in the Fall edition of the newsletter for the benefit of those who did not attend the meeting. It is the opinion of the Executive Committee that these abstracts should not be cited as publications since they are not refereed, and often they do not represent what was actually said by the speaker.

Early Postfire Succession by Taiga Spiders

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In Manitoba taiga at 51° N early postfire succession of spiders in bogs and pine ridges was examined one to five months after a May burn, using transects of pitfall traps. Three guilds were recognized: a lycosid guild, which contained many pioneers numerically; an erigonid-linyphiid guild, containing some pioneers; and a guild of other cursorial spiders, with a few pioneers. Fifty species were taken from burns, and 45 from control plots; 26 species were common to both plots. Seasonal activity of different species also affected the results obtained. Pioneer species include *Pardosa xerampelina, Pirata insularis, Erigone atra, Pocadicnemis americana, Tunagyna debilis, Bathyphantes pallidus* and *Agroeca ornata*. Several species were characteristic "climax" species, e.g. *Gnaphosa microps* in bogs and *Neoantistea agilis* on pine ridges.

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Measuring Sex Ratio in Social Spiders
(... or in Any Other Spider)

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Sex ratio is one of the most important population parameters to measure in social spiders because a highly biased female ratio can be taken as an indicator of strong population subdivision. Since the evolutionarily "meaningful" sex ratio is that of parental investment in the sexes, the adult sex ratio is not an appropriate measure because of possible differential maturation rates, migration or mortality of the sexes acting after the end of the period of parental investment. A cytogenetic technique that allows determination of the sex ratio among developing embryos is presented and tested in four species of the genus *Anelosimus*. *A. eximius* and *domingo* are shown to exhibit highly female biased sex ratios, while *jucundus* and *studiosus* have even primary sex ratios, as predicted by their different population structures. *Tapinillus sp.* (Oxyopidae), a species newly discovered to be social in the Ecuadorian amazonia, has an even sex ratio, suggesting that migration between colonies swamps the population subdivision.

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reproductive output. Carapace width was used as a measure of female size and this factor was also considered with respect to reproductive output. Mean egg weight and days to egg-sac 1 were not food limited and showed no relationship with female size. Number of eggs and mass increase were found to be limited by food availability. Feeding on a male had no effect on reproductive output and starved females experienced reproductive failure. Smaller females were less susceptible to the effects of food limitation than were larger females. Smaller females of D. triton are at a selective advantage on ponds where food is limited. Larger females are at an advantage where food availability is high.

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Ontogeny and Intraspecific Variation of Female Genitalia in Cybaeine Spiders

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In cybaeine and many other araneomorph spiders the pre-epigyna are similar -- a pair of longitudinally oriented, lightly sclerotized, curved folds anterior to the epigastric furrow. In mature cybaeines the folds remain separated or have formed a common atrium. Cybaeine pre-vulvae are like those newly described in the Pisauridae -- a pair of variously lobed, anterolateral invaginations of the pre-epigyna with primary pores appearing very early in development. Late penultimate and teneral adult cybaeine vulvae have most of the features of, but are significantly different from, those of fully matured conspecifics. The latter females also show considerable individual genitalic variation. Adult post-moult aging features increasing sclerotization and compaction of the vulvae, and maturation of the secondary pores. These observations support hypotheses of primitiveness (primary pores, paired atria) and apomorphy (secondary pores, single atrium) in araneomorph genitalia. Adult variation often makes identification of females difficult and accounts for indistinguishable females in some closely related species.

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Ecological Separation of Three Species of *Mangora* (Araneidae)

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Three species of spiders of the genus *Mangora* (Araneidae) are found commonly in the Piedmont region of North Carolina, but the species are clearly separated from each other seasonally and spatially. These spiders are about 4 mm in length and typically build webs 15 cm in diameter about 0.5 to 1.5 m above the ground. One of the species (*Mangora gibberosa*) is found in open fields, and the other two species are found in forest communities. However, these two forest species are separated from each other by season, one (*Mangora maculata*) is found most commonly from between May and October the other (*Mangora placida*) most abundant from mid-October to mid-April. These three species can occur in rather high densities in their particular habitats. For example, year-round sampling yielded 357 specimens of *Mangora maculata* from various forest communities, but only one specimen was found in a field community.

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Idiosyncratic Nomenclatural Strategies in Spider Names

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The peculiar nomenclatural habits of the great araneologists of the past generate uncertainties about the etymology and gender of their genus names, especially when they do not have a clear Greco-Latin descriptive form. A common recourse was to use mythological, literary, and historical names. Linnaeus initiates and recommends this practice. Octavius Pickard-Cambridge went through a phase of naming genera from his reading in Visigothic history. Simon, and Crosby and Bishop would scan the pages of a Greek or Latin dictionary for available items without any semantic rationale. We can sometimes spot the very page Bishop

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and Crosby were working from. They could be playful with words from Aristophanes, or indignant with names of political fervor. Genera discussed are: *Papilio, Wulfila, Ervig, Florinda, Favila, Wamba, Witica, Enrico, Phlattothratta, Souidas,* other Crosby and Bishop names in *Sou-*, and *Aduva*.

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Life cycle and behavior of the kleptoparasitic spider, *Argyrodes ululans* (Araneae: Theridiidae)

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This study investigated the life cycle and behavior of *Argyrodes ululans* which is a specialist kleptoparasite in the communal webs of its social spider host, *Anelosimus eximius*. The abundance, general activity, mating behavior, and foraging behavior of *Ar. ululans* were observed in natural and enclosed colonies of *An. eximius*. Large *An. eximius* colonies maintain steady populations of different aged *Ar. ululans* individuals while small colonies contain fewer kleptoparasites less predictably. Although males and juveniles tend to scavenge for prey scraps left in the web, adult female *Ar. ululans* forage almost exclusively by stealing newly captured prey directly from their hosts. Adult female kleptoparasites show flexibility in stealing strategy with variable conditions such as the number of hosts responding to prey, prey size, and kleptoparasite hunger level. Such behavioral flexibility leads to greater success in acquiring prey for *Ar. ululans*.

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Juvenile Hormone Binding Proteins in Spider Hemolymph

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We present the first evidence that spiders use juvenile hormone (JH) to regulate growth and development. We employed three tritiated photoaffinity labels that are synthetic analogs of specific juvenoids known to occur in insects (JH II and III) and crustaceans (Methyl Farnesoate [MF]) to tag selectively juvenile hormone binding proteins (JHBPs) in hemolymph from two wolf spiders, *Lycosa ceratiola* and *L. osceola* from Florida. We found one band centered at 460 kDa on Native-PAGE and at 100 kDa on SDS-PAGE in hemolymph from each spider that clearly showed competable binding for the crustacean juvenoid, MF, and its photaffinity analog. The same proteins also showed weakly competable labeling with the insect juvenoids and their photaffinity analogs. It is tantalizing to speculate that spiders use the same JH as crustaceans, but not insects. We now are in the process of purifying and further characterizing these proteins to test this idea.

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Super-Cooling Ability in *Coelotes atropos* (Walckenaer) (Araneae, Agelenidae) and Its Ecological Implications

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Field observations have shown *Coelotes atropos* to be winter active and tolerant of a wide environmental gradient. This study shows that low temperature tolerance is achieved by a combination of behavioral thermoregulation and physiological adaptation. It was found that the two populations studied, one living at 732 m

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elevation and the other at sea level, were not significantly different in their ability to super-cool. However, a highly significant relationship between body weight and ability to super-cool was demonstrated such that immature stages are far more tolerant of low temperatures than adults. Further experiments revealed significant differences in the super-cooling points of both warm and cold acclimated animals. Cold acclimated spiders were not only able tolerate sub-zero temperatures, but were also active in the super-cooled state and capable of silk production at -5 C. The data suggests Coelotes atropos is not a developmentally determined semelparous animal, but that constraints imposed by hostile environments (e.g. mountain tops), result in such populations being composed mainly of semelparous individuals. However, given a favorable temperature regime, individuals are able to utilize facultative iteroparity. This duality of life history strategies, together with cannibalism of the dead mother by her overwintering spiderlings, provide the animal with a "bet hedging" system, well able to contend with most climatic eventualities.

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Population Dynamics of Phytoseiid-Stigmaeid (Acarina) Interactions

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Previous work , including both observational and modelling studies, has shown that stigmaeid mites seem to interfere with the role played by phytoseiid mites in regulating the numbers of phytophagous mites in apple orchards. We conducted laboratory experiments to detect possible mechanisms for this interference, but found that prey-stage preferences did not greatly overlap and that predator-predator interactions appeared minor. In addition, a one day functional response model showed a combination of stigmaeids and phytoseiids to be more effective than would be predicted by a comparison of maximum predation rates. In light of this apparent lack of interference, we re-examined field evidence for interference.

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Courtship and Mating Behavior in the Ischnotheline Funnelweb Spiders (Araneae, Dipluridae)

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Courtship and mating behaviors were video recorded and analyzed for eight species in the three ischnotheline genera, *Ischnothele* (tropical America), *Lathrothele* (Africa), and *Thelechoris* (Africa and Madagascar). Courtship differences distinguish two apparently allopatric sibling species of *Ischnothele* occurring in the Peruvian Andes. Courtship and mating differences distinguish three pairs of sister species of *Ischnothele* as well as the three ischnotheline genera. Because of the absence of data on reproductive behavior in the putative sister subfamily Diplurinae, it is difficult to use courtship and mating behavior character states to analyze relationships within the ischnothelines. However, a tentative cladogram based on outgroup behavioral character states constructed from observations of four species in other diplurid subfamilies suggests that *Ischnothele* and *Lathrothele* are sister genera and together form the sister group of *Thelechoris*.

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Courtship and Mating Behavior of *Thelechoris karschi*, an African Funnelweb Spider (Araneae, Dipluridae)

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The courtship of *Thelechoris karschi*, an African funnelweb mygalomorph spider, consists of an early non-contact phase of vibratory signaling and then a contact phase involving leg-fencing and, sometimes, lunging. Eventually the male clasps the female's pedipalps with his first tibial apophyses, tilts her upwards and backwards, and attempts to insert his palpal organs alternately. Much variation was observed in the amount of aggression (lunging and chasing) among successful courtships. Mating was characterized by numerous bouts of unsuccessful palpal insertion attempts, relatively few successful insertions, and a tendency for repeated courtships and copulations. It is pointed out that ample opportunity for sexual selection by female choice exists during these courtships and copulation attempts, and that the lengthy and repeated copulations may be, in part, a consequence of genital anatomy.

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Prey Capture and Feeding in the Spider, *Achaearanea tepidariorum*

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A. tepidariorum is a spider that builds tangled webs, typically in corners or under ledges. Prey capture in this species was documented in the laboratory for flies in two different size classes; *Sarcophaga* (8-12 mm) and *Musca* (4-8 mm). In addition feeding times and rate of food consumption (extraction rate) were determined for female spiders interacting with both prey types. Prey capture on the flesh flies incorporated more wrapping and typically a waiting period before the spider commenced feeding. Prey capture of the houseflies were shorter and involved less wrapping. Extraction rates in early periods of feeding were similar for the two prey types but leveled off at different points. Total feeding time was related to spider size and prey size. These data will aid in understanding the energetics of this spider species as well as the impact it has on natural prey populations in natural situations.

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Aspects of *Phidippus* Predation

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Most species of *Phidippus* are similar in size (about 1 cm in length or slightly longer). The known prey of these species are similar in diversity and size range. However, larger species, such as *P. regius* (1.5+ cm in length) take prey that are on average significantly longer and heavier than species such as *P. audax*. One noteworthy observation on the types of prey is that a considerable proportion of the prey of species of *Phidippus* consists of web-building spiders. The theoretical implications of this observation are explored.

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Estimating Species Richness

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The nonparametric jackknife estimator of species richness, J(ESR), was used to estimate the number of species in a study area on Cape Cod. The jackknife procedure deals with presence/absence data on a quadrat (areal) basis as opposed to more traditional approaches that assume that populations have been randomly sampled, a situation that is seldom the case. In an area that has yielded 330 species after several years of intensive collecting, a trial collecting experiment was carried out to evaluate the J(ESR). In one experiment 14 habitat types were sampled and the calculated species richness was 328.3 species with 95% confidence intervals from 305.98 to 350.59. A more intensive sampling of one habitat type, a mixed coniferous-deciduous litter, demonstrated that at least 40 quadrats were required to achieve a stable estimate for J(ESR) for that particular habitat. It is suggested that an effective sampling strategy would require that all dominant habitat types be sampled. Further, presence/absence data may be used to evaluate the nature of species assemblages within habitats.

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Spiders on Rural Post Boxes

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In response to questions concerning the potential danger posed by spiders on rural post boxes in southwestern Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Eric Edwards (a rural delivery postman) collected the spiders on or in boxes as time allowed. Over a three year period 1101 spiders presenting 147 identifiable species were collected. Spiders were found in all months of the year. The list is annotated, noting maturity, position on or in the box, relative abundance, and other life history facts. Three general groups of spiders were found, 1) ballooning spiders, 2) those in permanent residence, and 3) those that one sees frequently hunting on trees and shrubs. The black widow does occur in the Cape Cod region but none were observed or taken in these boxes. Most people seem quite unaware that there are spiders in or on their boxes.

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Phylogenetic Implications of Endosternite Development in *Liphistius murphyorum* (Arachnida, Araneae, Mesothelae)

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Ventral tendinous processes on the endosternite are a juvenile feature of *Liphistius murphyorum*, but the adults possess neither the ventral processes nor the sternal sigilla which are present in all mygalomorph spiders. The same features are absent in the adults of all araneomorph spiders, filistatids notwithstanding.

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Some Unusual Papua New Guinea Salticids

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A slide presentation reveals salticid anatomy in some specimens unlike that found in North American species. Although eye placement clearly identifies them as salticids, other features offer new insights into the global diversity present in this large family of spiders.

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The Genus *Barronopsis* (Araneae: Agelenidae) in Cuba

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Three undescribed species of *Barronopsis* are reported, two from the western part of Cuba and one from the eastern part. Their known distributions are allopatric. *Barronopsis* sp. A is found in the extreme west of the main island of Cuba, on the Guanahacabibes Peninsula of Pinar del Rio province. *Barronopsis* sp. B is at the opposite extreme of the island, in the Cuchillas del Toa Biosphere Reserve. And *Barronopsis* sp. C appears to be restricted to some keys in the Los Canarreos archipelago, south of Habana and Matanzas provinces. These three species show significant habitat differences. *Barronopsis* sp. A is found in semideciduous forest along the coast, *Barronopsis* sp B in pine (*Pinus cubensis)* subforests, and *Barronopsis* sp. C in the understory of mangrove (*Avicennia nitida)* forest. The three Cuban species of *Barronopsis* are evidently closely related, perhaps forming a monophyletic group. Most members of thee genus occur in the Nearctic Region, its putative center of origin, and these are the first records of its presence south of the Bahamas.

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An Automobile- and Aircraft-Based System for Sampling Ballooning Spiders

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Densities of ballooning spiders in the planetary boundary layer (PBL) are on the order of only tenths per 1,000 m^3 . Therefore an understanding of the atmospheric dynamics of ballooners requires active sampling. We describe a system for active sampling in the surface boundary layer (SBL), from which spiders ascend, and the PBL, in which they are carried by winds. The sampler, a net with a diameter of 0.62 m, is carried by a car in the SBL and a slow-flying fixed-wing aircraft (Piper Cub) in the PBL. At 72 km/h, a speed which does not destroy small specimens as traditional aircraft sampling speeds do, each net samples at the rate of 19,350 m^3/h.

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Solpugida of Canada

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Members of the arachnid order Solpugida are common inhabitants of arid and desert environments. While most species occur in subtropical and warm temperate regions, a few hardy species of the family Eremobatidae occupy arid grassland habitats in western Canada. *Eremobates docolara* Brookhart and Muma, belonging to the *pallipes* species group, and *Hemerotrecha n. sp.* #1, belonging to the *texana* species group, are found on the plains of southern Alberta and southwestern Saskatchewan. *Eremobates scaber* (Kraepelin), *Eremobates n. sp.* #1 and *Eremobates n. sp.* #2, all belonging to the *scaber* species group, and *Hemerotrecha denticulata* Muma and *Hemerotrecha n. sp.* #2, both belonging to the *denticulata* species group, occur in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia.