
EDITORIAL

The printed version of Volume 29 of *Metamorphosis*, for the year 2018, contains 21 articles and notes published on the website of the Lepidopterists' Society of Africa, <http://www.lepsocafrika.org/>. The *Metamorphosis* publications featured this year included seven taxonomic articles in which descriptions of one new genus, 15 new species and two new subspecies descriptions for Afrotropical Lepidoptera were given. A number of taxa were also synonymised or had their status reviewed. Mey erected a new genus, *Dukearbela* for a member of the family Metarbelidae from South Africa. Libert & Collins described three new species of *Liptena* (Poritiinae) and Edge described a new species of *Cooksonia* (Poritiinae). Gardiner & Espeland described a new species of *Lepidochrysops* (Polyommatainae) from Zambia and Sáfián described a stunning new *Junonia* (Nymphalinae) from the Nimba mountains in Guinea. A new subspecies of *Cymothoe fumana* (Limenitidinae) and a new subspecies of *Papilio pelodurus* (Papilionidae) were described by Pycz & Sáfián and Bayliss *et al.*, respectively. Finally, Nuponnen described eight new species in the family Scythridae.

Several papers on the biology of species of Lepidoptera were published. Reynolds wrote about the challenges of rearing the larvae of *Petovia marginata* (Geometridae). Roobas & Feulner contributed an interesting note on the use of *Petunias* as a larval host by *Junonia orithya*, in Dubai. Balona & Williams described, imaged and videoed the interaction of a larva of *Crudaria leroma* (Aphnaeinae) with *Anoplolepis* ants. Heath & Pringle gave an overview of the genus *Crudaria*, adding a number of new observations on their biology. Grehan & Ralston submitted a fascinating article on larval tunneling in the Keurboom Moth, *Leto venus*. Two papers reporting field observations for the Critically Endangered cycad moth *Callioratis millari* were written by Louw & Armstrong and Terblanche.

A number of papers dealt with lepidopteran distributions. Ducarme published a checklist of the more than 1 300 species of butterflies that he has recorded from Kivu Province in north-eastern Democratic Republic of Congo over the last 40 years. Forbes, who persuaded Ducarme to publish his work in *Metamorphosis*, submitted a checklist of the species recorded from Semuliki National Park in western Uganda. Moore & Sáfián wrote a note about the finding of *Charaxes cithaeron* (Charaxinae) on Mauritius for the first time and Ward *et al.* recorded further observations on this and other species from Mauritius. Lastly, Tchiboza and co-authors reported seven new butterfly species from Benin.

Volume 29 consists in total of 170 pages, and we have decided to publish the printed version in two volumes, referred to as Part 1 (82 pages) and Part 2 (86 pages). This will enable us to keep each part within the limit for airmail envelopes set by the South African Post Office of 300 g.

Last year we lost a stalwart of the Society, the wonderful André Claassens. This year we first lost the warm, generous and funny Dave McDermott. His obituary was written by Owen Garvie, who faithfully supported him during his difficult final years. Then in November we lost the all-round naturalist Cameron McMaster, describer of many butterflies and plants as detailed by Dave Edge.

I have been the (reluctant) volunteer editor from January 2017 until now. From next year Dave Edge, my indispensable Sub Editor, will be taking on the time-consuming and difficult task of producing a journal worthy of our Society. Finally, I would like to wish all our members a prosperous, productive and joyous 2019, and encourage you to send in your contributions for publication to Dave Edge at orachrysops@gmail.com. Our team of editors and reviewers are keen to help you share your work on Afrotropical Lepidoptera with the wider community of lepidopterists.

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