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The Sericinae collection of Petr Pacholátko found a new home: the Museum Koenig Bonn (Germany)

(Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae)

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Abstract

Information on the new depository of a large and important part of the collection of Petr Pacholátko (1958–2025; Brno, Czechia) is provided. His collection of Sericinae (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae) is now housed in the Museum Koenig Bonn (Germany). A complete checklist of the holotypes transferred to the Museum Koenig Bonn is presented. Petr Pacholátko's collecting activities are summarized. Photographs of some of his specimens and his field trips are provided.

Key words: Coleoptera, Scarabaeidae, Sericinae, Sericini, taxonomy, checklist of holotypes, collection management.

Introduction

In 2024, the Museum Koenig Bonn (ZFMK) (Leibniz-Institute of the Analysis of Biodiversity Change (LIB), Germany) has purchased the Sericinae collection of Petr Pacholátko (Brno, Czechia). Petr's poor health did not permit him to curate his collection any longer. In December 2024, his collection has been transferred to the LIB Bonn, home of the active working group around Dirk Ahrens, who, among others, has been working with Petr's collection for the past 25 years. Petr's collection preserves several hundred holotypes and thousands of paratypes of mainly Sericini species described by Dirk Ahrens. The collection includes also many Ablaberini.

Sericinae chafers are a very diverse subfamily of pleurostict Scarabaeidae, with almost 5,000 described species worldwide (Fig. 1b–c). Petr's Sericinae collection comprises more than 100 drawers with ca 16,000 specimens, and also thousands of unprepared specimens. A large part of the material is still undetermined and will be the basis for future work. Upon arrival and quarantine in Bonn, all boxes have been documented/photographed (Fig. 1a) to register their original status. At a later stage, they will be integrated into the main systematic collection of the Museum Koenig Bonn. The genitalia of all mounted male specimens have been dissected by Petr (Fig. 1d).

In his most active years, Petr was one of the most productive beetle collectors in Central Europe. He revolutionized collecting Sericini chafers in a very impressive way: since he was one of the few, who examined also the genitalia of most of the collected specimens, he realized that especially in the tropics often dozens of species may occur in the same locality. Being in contact with many other colleagues during their frequent meetings and exchange events, particularly in Czechia, the information about this interesting fact spread fast. Consequently, colleagues also did not stop after the first 20 brown, coffee-bean-like may beetles. Therefore, since the 1990s an enormous amount of newly collected material has accumulated, and most of it ended up in Petr's collection. This was one of the lucky circumstances, from which D.A.'s work has also profoundly benefitted in the past 30 years, leading to the discovery of more than 1,500 species of mainly Sericini (AHRENS 2024).

Petr has carried out collecting expeditions (Fig. 2) since the 1990s. He visited several countries, such as: Algeria, Georgia, India, Jordan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, the former Soviet

Union, Thailand, and Vietnam. In addition, he exchanged many beetles from his trips for Sericinae from many more countries collected by other coleopterists. He co-authored three papers with D.A. (AHRENS & PACHOLÁTKO 2003, 2005, 2007). We hoped for several more, but unfortunately Petr passed away on June 24, 2025, while working on the compilation of this article.

List of all holotypes transferred from the private collection of Petr Pacholátko (Brno, Czechia) to the Museum Koenig Bonn (Germany)

Amiserica basisymmetrica AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021a

Amiserica flavolucida AHRENS, 2003a

Amiserica gibbosiforceps AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021a

Amiserica guizhouensis AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021a

Amiserica incisa AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021a

Amiserica jizuensis AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021a

Amiserica langbianensis AHRENS, 2003a

Amiserica lucidiflava AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021a

Amiserica lutulenta AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016

Amiserica nanensis AHRENS, 2003a

Amiserica nokrekensis AHRENS, 2003a

Amiserica ricurva AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009b

Amiserica sacculiforceps AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021a

Amiserica similissima AHRENS & PACHOLÁTKO, 2005

Anomalophylla dongchuanensis AHRENS, 2005a

Anomalophylla ganhaiziensis AHRENS, 2005a

Anomalophylla majori AHRENS, 2005a

Anomalophylla plagipennis AHRENS, 2005a

Anomalophylla qinlingensis AHRENS, 2005a

Anomalophylla tsangpoana AHRENS, 2005a

Anomalophylla wulingshanica AHRENS, 2005a

Anomioserica kotagiriensis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016

Anomioserica symmetrica AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016

Archeohomaloplia safraneki AHRENS, 2011

Gastroserica bannok AHRENS, LUKIC & LIU, 2023

Gastroserica bilyi AHRENS, 2000b

Gastroserica contaminata AHRENS & PACHOLÁTKO, 2003

Gastroserica fanjingensis AHRENS, 2000b

Gastroserica guizhouana AHRENS, 2000b

Gastroserica haucki AHRENS, 2000b
Gastroserica huaphanensis AHRENS & PACHOLÁTKO, 2003
Gastroserica hubeiana AHRENS, 2000b
Gastroserica namthana AHRENS, 2000b
Gastroserica phukradung AHRENS, LUKIC & LIU, 2023
Gastroserica shaanxiana AHRENS & PACHOLÁTKO, 2003
Gastroserica stictica AHRENS & PACHOLÁTKO, 2003
Gastroserica viridis AHRENS, 2000b
Gynaecoserica alma AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica amara AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica annuliforceps AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica arunachalensis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica bicolorata AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica bocaki AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica bomdilana AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica compacta AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica densipunctata AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica digna AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica dirangensis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica exilis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica hirsuta AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica ignobilis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica keithi AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica lobiceps AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica lomsakensis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica lubosi AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica luteata AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica pseudocymosa AHRENS, 2021
Gynaecoserica tawangensis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Gynaecoserica tumba AHRENS, 2004b
Gynaecoserica vogleri AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009a
Hyboserica bednariki FABRIZI, EBERLE & AHRENS, 2019
Hyboserica haladai FABRIZI, EBERLE & AHRENS, 2019
Lasioserica bispinosa AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009b
Lasioserica kubani AHRENS, 2000a

Lasioserica pacholatkoi Ahrens, 2000a
Lasioserica petri Ahrens, 2000a
Lasioserica sausai Ahrens, 2000a
Lasioserica turaensis Ahrens, 2000a
Maladera alibagensis Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera amboliensis Ahrens & Fabrizi 2016
Maladera antispinosa Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera badullana Fabrizi & Ahrens & 2014
Maladera balphakramensis Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera bansongchana Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2021b
Maladera cardamomensis Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera chiruwae Ahrens, 2004b
Maladera conspicua Ahrens, 2004b
Maladera consularis Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Maladera declarata Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera decolor Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera diaolinensis Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2021b
Maladera dimidiata Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera fangana Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2021b
Maladera fastuosa Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera flavipennis Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2021b
Maladera garoana Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera geniculata Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera granigera Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera guangdongana Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2021b
Maladera habashanensis Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2021b
Maladera initialis Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera jaintiaensis Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera jizuana Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2021b
Maladera johannesi Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera kallarensis Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera kostali Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera lonaviaensis Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Maladera maguanensis Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2021b
Maladera minops Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016

Maladera nigrolucida AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera paraprangana AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera parobscurata AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021b
Maladera pauper AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera pingchuanensis AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021b
Maladera profana AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera pseudohongkongica AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera riberai AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021b
Maladera rolciki AHRENS, 2004b
Maladera schintlmeisteri FABRIZI & AHRENS & 2014
Maladera schoenwitzae AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera sedula AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera seriatoguttata AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera shiva AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera shoumanensis AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021b
Maladera sinobiloba AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021b
Maladera subabbreviata AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera sunaiensis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera tempestiva AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera tengchongensis AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021b
Maladera trivandrumensis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera trochaloides AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera uncipenis AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021b
Maladera versuta AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera xanthoptera AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Maladera yipinglangensis AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2021b
Microserica benomensis AHRENS, 2002
Microserica cechovskyi AHRENS, 1999
Microserica cucphuong AHRENS, LUKIC & LIU, 2023
Microserica ginae BOHACZ & AHRENS, 2020
Microserica hieroglyphica AHRENS, LUKIC & LIU, 2023
Microserica lampungensis AHRENS, 2004a
Microserica lucens AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009b
Microserica multipunctata AHRENS, LUKIC & LIU, 2023
Microserica panzona AHRENS, 2005c

Microserica soppongensis Ahrens, 2005c
Microserica ventrosa Bohacz & Ahrens, 2020
Microserica vipinglangensis Ahrens, Lukic & Liu, 2023
Moronoserica crenatostriata (Ahrens, 2004c)
Neoserica abnormoides Ahrens, Liu, Fabrizi, Bai & Yang, 2014c
Neoserica anonyma Liu, Fabrizi, Bai, Yang & Ahrens, 2014a
Neoserica arunachalana Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Neoserica astuta Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Neoserica bannapensis Ahrens, 2003b
Neoserica bansongchana Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2014b
Neoserica baoshana Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2014a
Neoserica bhalukpongensis Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Neoserica bicolorea Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Neoserica crenatolineata Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Neoserica daxue Ahrens, 2023
Neoserica exoleta Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Neoserica fanjingshanica Ahrens, 2003b
Neoserica flexiclava Ahrens, 2003b
Neoserica fopingensis Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2019
Neoserica fusiforceps Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2016
Neoserica gaoligongshanica Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2014b
Neoserica gracilisetosa Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2019
Neoserica grossepunctata Ahrens, 2003b
Neoserica igori Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2014b
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Neoserica incompta Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Neoserica inops Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Neoserica inspergata Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
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Neoserica lucidifrons Ahrens, 2003b

Neoserica mianningana AHRENS, 2023
Neoserica munnarensis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Neoserica namthaensis AHRENS, LIU, FABRIZI, BAI & YANG, 2014c
Neoserica parilis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Neoserica periyarensis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Neoserica phuphanensis AHRENS, 2003b
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Neoserica plagiata AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Neoserica plateosa AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Neoserica plebea AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Neoserica plurilamellata AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2014b
Neoserica probsti AHRENS, 2004b
Neoserica pseudomajor AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Neoserica rotundotibialis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Neoserica rutilans AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009b
Neoserica semipubescens AHRENS, 2003b
Neoserica shibingensis AHRENS, 2003b
Neoserica strbai AHRENS, 2003b
Neoserica taipingensis LIU, FABRIZI, BAI, YANG & AHRENS, 2014a
Neoserica tonkinea AHRENS, LIU, FABRIZI, BAI & YANG, 2014c
Neoserica trifida AHRENS, LIU, FABRIZI, BAI & YANG, 2014c
Neoserica unciforceps AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Neoserica xiaguanensis AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2014a
Nipponoserica daqiao AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2022
Nipponoserica jiankouensis AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2017
Pachyserica conspersa AHRENS, 2006
Pachyserica garoensis AHRENS, 2006
Pachyserica janbezdeki AHRENS, 2006
Pachyserica minax AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009b
Pachyserica vorax AHRENS, 2006
Paraserica camillerii AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2017
Serica albisetis AHRENS, 2005b
Serica allotengchongana AHRENS, FABRIZI & LIU, 2022
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Serica baishuitaiensis Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2022
Serica baoshan Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2022
Serica basumtsoensis Ahrens, 2005b
Serica becvari Ahrens, 2005b
Serica bicornis Ahrens, 2005b
Serica daliangshanica Ahrens, 2005b
Serica daliensis Ahrens, 2005b
Serica daqiaoana Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2022
Serica degenensis Ahrens, 2005b
Serica falcifera Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Serica gaoligong Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2022
Serica gonggashanica Ahrens, 2005b
Serica horrida Ahrens, 2007
Serica jiankouensis Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2022
Serica latesquamata Ahrens, 2007
Serica leigongshanica Ahrens, 2005b
Serica meiguensis Ahrens, 2005b
Serica mianningensis Ahrens, 2005b
Serica muliensis Ahrens, 2005b
Serica nanjiangana Ahrens, 2005b
Serica paralupina Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2022
Serica pigrans Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Serica pilumna Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Serica plutenkoi Ahrens, 2005b
Serica qinlingshanica Ahrens, 2005b
Serica shiduensis Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2022
Serica shokhini Ahrens, 2005b
Serica sticta Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Serica sudhausi Ahrens, 2005b
Serica taibashanica Ahrens, 2005b
Serica tayanpingensis Ahrens, 2005b
Serica tengchongana Ahrens, Fabrizi & Liu, 2022
Serica tomiensis Ahrens & Fabrizi, 2009b
Serica trapezicollis Ahrens, 2005b
Serica tryznai Ahrens, 2007

Serica werneri AHRENS, 2007
Serica wrzecionkoi AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009b
Serica xichangensis AHRENS, 2005b
Tetraserica banhuaipoensis FABRIZI, DALSTEIN & AHRENS, 2019
Tetraserica bansanpakiana FABRIZI, DALSTEIN & AHRENS, 2019
Tetraserica bendai AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
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Tetraserica doisuthepensis FABRIZI, DALSTEIN & AHRENS, 2019
Tetraserica graciliforceps LIU, FABRIZI, BAI, YANG & AHRENS, 2014b
Tetraserica hilaris AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009b
Tetraserica impar AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Tetraserica khaosoidaoensis FABRIZI, DALSTEIN & AHRENS, 2019
Tetraserica lucai FABRIZI, DALSTEIN & AHRENS, 2019
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Tetraserica schneideri AHRENS, 2004b
Tetraserica semidamadiensis FABRIZI, DALSTEIN & AHRENS, 2019
Tetraserica soppongana FABRIZI, DALSTEIN & AHRENS, 2019
Tetraserica spinotibialis FABRIZI, DALSTEIN & AHRENS, 2019
Tetraserica trilobiforceps FABRIZI, DALSTEIN & AHRENS, 2019
Tetraserica uncinata AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2016
Tetraserica vientianeensis FABRIZI, DALSTEIN & AHRENS, 2019
Tetraserica xichouensis LIU, FABRIZI, BAI, YANG & AHRENS, 2014b
Xenoserica selaensis AHRENS & FABRIZI, 2009b

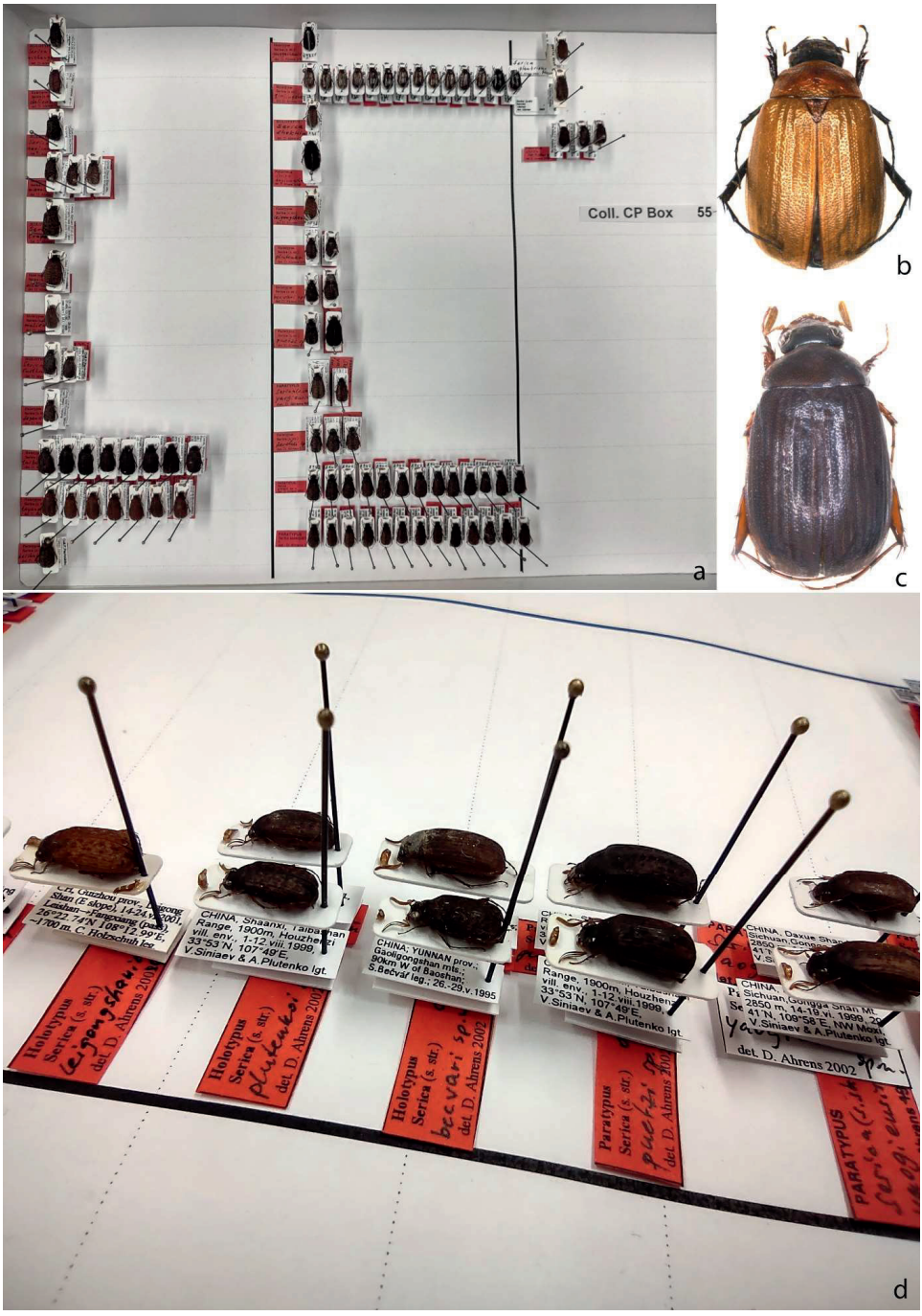

Fig. 1: Sericinae collection of Petr Pacholátko (ZFMK): a) collection box number 55 containing data-based holo- and paratypes of the genus *Serica* MACLEAY, 1819; b) *Maladera flavipennis*, holotype; c) *Tetraserica angkhangensis* KOBAYASHI, 2017, "non-type"; d) detail of collection box number 55 showing holo- and paratypes with dissected genitalia, typical for most specimens of Petr Pacholátko's collection.

Fig. 2: Petr Pacholátko on his collecting trips in Asia. Upper left: With his insect net in Thailand, Soppong-Pai Pass. Upper right: As a background actor (in the middle of the photograph) on a movie set in Vietnam, southern Annam. Lower: With a group of monkeys in South India, Tamil Nadu.

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