



This Special Issue opens with an Editorial dedicated to the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Prof. Arkady S. Lelej (Vladivostok, Russia). Most of other 24 papers describe various aspects of taxonomy and faunistics of extant Hymenoptera. There are members of two Palearctic species groups of *Euura* (Tenthredinidae), Ichneumonidae from the Eastern Palearctic and Oriental regions, Afrotropical species of *Sculptolobus* (Braconidae), the genera *Toxeuma* (Pteromalidae) and *Sierola* (Bethyridae) from Russia and China respectively, new species of *Odontosphex* (Crabronidae) from Central Asia and of *Anteon* (Dryinidae) from Turkey, as well as Chrysididae from Pakistan and India, two bee genera from the Caucasus, Mongolia, Middle East and North Africa, and new taxa of Pompilidae and Mutillidae from the Oriental Region. In addition, a few extinct groups were described. These taxa include braconid parasitoids of ants from the tribe Neoneurini as well as new taxa of Peleserphidae (Proctotrupoidea), Encyrtidae and Formicidae. In a single morphological study, the ultrastructure of placoid sensilla of *Megaphragma* (Trichogrammatidae) was examined. Several papers are dedicated to the bionomics of Hymenoptera, including parasitism by two *Eupelmus* species (Eupelmidae) on *Aulacidea hieracii* (Cynipidae), nesting data for *Leptochilus regulus* (Vespidae) as well as defensive adaptations of Mutillidae and wing loading in *Dolichovespula maculata* (Vespidae).



**HYMENOPTERA STUDIES THROUGH  
SPACE AND TIME: A COLLECTION  
OF PAPERS DEDICATED TO  
THE 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
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