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Diversity, Distribution and Zoogeography of Coleoptera

Message from the Guest Editors

A good taxonomic knowledge is the starting point for any study by conservationists, ecologists, biodiversity scientists, and many others, who rely heavily on taxonomic information to manage, conserve, use, and share our biodiversity. Unfortunately, even though roughly 400,000 taxa of Coleoptera—the largest of all orders—have been described, a much higher number of species remain unknown, particularly from coenoses that have the highest ecological importance and are highly threatened, such as tropical forests. The worldwide shortage of this essential taxonomic information, the gaps in our taxonomic knowledge, and the paucity of trained taxonomists has come to be known as the taxonomic impediment. Any effort that helps to increase the knowledge of Coleoptera is therefore highly welcome.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to provide a space to accommodate important contributions to the knowledge of Coleoptera biodiversity, and to provide information on the current state of zoogeographical information about the order of insects with the largest number of species in the world.

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