



PREFACE

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The XIIIth International Congress of Acarology (ICA) was held in Recife, Pernambuco State, in northeastern Brazil, from August 23 to 27, 2010. This represented the first time that an ICA was held in South America in the 47 year history of these international meetings.

The Congress was organized by a Local Organizing Committee (LOC), whose members were Gilberto J. de Moraes (President), Celso Omoto (Secretary), Angelo Pallini Filho, Anibal R. Oliveira, Carlos A. Perez, Carlos H.W. Flechtmann, Darci M. Barros-Battesti, Denise Navia, Eddie Ueckermann, Francisco J. Ferragut, Frederic Beaulieu, Heather Proctor, Italo Delalibera Jr., Jorge B. Torres, José E. Oliveira, Lucille M.M.K. Antony, Manoel G.C. Gondim Jr., Marcelo B. Labruna, Marcos A.M. Fadini, Maria Navajas, Raphael de C. Castilho, Reinaldo J.F. Feres, Renato de A. Sarmento, Simon Elliot and Vitalis Wekesa. Throughout the organizing phase, the LOC was supervised by the International Executive Committee (IEC), composed of Sultan Çobanoğlu (Turkey), Tetsuo Gotoh (Japan), Hans Klompen (USA), Juan Morales-Malacara (Mexico), Georgio Nuzzaci (Italy), Eric Palevsky (Israel), Angelo Pallini Filho (Brazil), Heather Proctor (Canada), Maurice Sabelis (The Netherlands), Bushy Thind (United Kingdom) and Zhi-Qiang Zhang (New Zealand).

The congress program began with a short opening ceremony, followed by a Plenary Lecture, one special Seminar, 28 symposia, 13 oral sessions and ended with a closing ceremony and business meeting. In total, 557 talks and posters were presented. The 381 participants represented 44 countries from all inhabited continents: Argentina—5 participants, Australia—1, Austria—4, Belgium—5, Benin—3, Brazil—173, Cameroon—1, Canada—4, Chile—1, China—3, Colombia—6, Costa Rica—3, Cuba—2, Czech Republic—1, Egypt—1, France—8, Georgia—1, Germany—2, India—6, Iraq—1, Iran—6, Israel—2, Italy—6, Japan—17, Kenya—1, Mexico—23, New Zealand—2, Norway—1, Pakistan—1, Poland—11, Republic of Korea—3, Romania—1, Russia—2, Serbia—1, Slovakia—1, South Africa—5, Spain—3, Sri Lanka—1, Sultanate of Oman—3, Tanzania—1, Thailand—1, The Netherlands—16, Turkey—6, United Kingdom—4 and United States of America—32.

The list of participants, with their corresponding e-mail addresses as well as the abstract book were made available for open access in the “Acarology” web-page (http://www.nhm.ac.uk/hosted_sites/acarology/ica/directory2010.html).

Great effort was dedicated by the LOC in programming and managing this very prestigious event for the world of Acarology. The organizing activities began in early 2008 and finish now, with the publication of these Proceedings, approximately one year after the closure of the Congress in Recife.

It was a great pleasure for the LOC to host this large group of renowned acarologists from around the world in Brazil in that memorable week. The Committee deeply appreciates the opportunity that was given to it to organize the XIIIth International Congress of Acarology. We were pleased to hear that the participants appreciated the organization, and are deeply thankful to all those people and institutions that helped in making this congress successful. We thank particularly the Brazilian Banco do Nordeste, CAPES (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior), CNPq (Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico),

FACEP (Fundação de Amparo à Ciência e Tecnologia do Estado de Pernambuco) as well as TWAS (The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World), for the sponsorship. Also, we are greatly indebted to many acarologists from around the world who helped with the reviews of the full papers submitted for publication in these Proceedings and to Peterson R. Demite, for the help in the final corrections. The papers published here received full peer review with at least two anonymous referees, and the revised versions were reexamined by at least two of the scientific editors.

During the Congress, the following acarologists were elected by the acting International Executive Committee as new members of the IEC, with terms ending in 2018: Xiaoyue Hong (China), Peter Schausberger (Austria), Sebahat Ozman-Sullivan (Turkey), Farid Faraji (The Netherlands) and Rachid Hanna (Cameroon). Gilberto J. de Moraes (Brazil), Chair of the XIII ICA, will be an *ex officio* member of the IEC. Stepping down after 8 years on the IEC are Juan Morales-Malacara (Mexico), Georgio Nuzzaci (Italy), Zhi-Qiang Zhang (New Zealand), Maurice Sabelis (The Netherlands, *ex officio*), and Heather Proctor (Canada—Secretary). Continuing members of the IEC, whose terms will end in 2014, are Sultan Çobanoğlu (Turkey), Tetsuo Gotoh (Japan), Hans Klompen (USA), Bhushy Thind (U.K.—Treasurer), and Eric Palevsky (Israel). Eric kindly agreed to take on the role of Secretary of the IEC.

Based on outstanding contributions to acarology, Michel Bertrand (France), Vikram Prasad (USA) and Don A. Griffiths (U.K.) were elected Honorary Members of the International Congress of Acarology (ICAC) in Recife Congress. The ICAC confers “Honorary Membership” for life upon distinguished acarologists. The remaining nine Honorary Members are: David R. Cook (USA), Reinhard Schuster (Austria), Carlos H.W. Flechtmann (Brazil), Gerald W. Krantz (USA), Ting-Huan Wen (China), Evert E. Lindquist (Canada), Gwilym O. Evans (U.K.), Yuri Balashov (Russia), and Wilhelm Knülle (Germany).

At the closing ceremony Tetsuo Gotoh presented Kyoto’s proposal to host the XIVth ICA. We look forward to meeting with our acarological friends and colleagues in Japan in 2014.