

Foreword

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This special volume of *Zootaxa* is dedicated to PD Dr Daniel H. Burckhardt on the occasion of his 70th birthday. For anyone who has worked with, or even just encountered, jumping plant-lice, Daniel needs no introduction. His extensive yet meticulous scientific legacy is simply unavoidable, a benchmark in the field.

It is rare in entomology to find a single researcher who can comprehensively address a globally distributed, understudied monophylum, while maintaining a keen eye for both the broader picture and the finest taxonomic detail. Daniel is one such rare case. Furthermore, unlike others who may seek to guard their academic territory, he has consistently demonstrated a generous spirit, sharing knowledge freely through international collaborations and the supervision of numerous students.

Another distinctive trait of Daniel, especially among his generation of taxonomists, is his open-mindedness toward methodological innovation. He has embraced approaches that extend beyond classical morphology, such as integrating Diana Percy's seminal work on the global phylogeny of Psylloidea. He is also supporting platforms that promote knowledge dissemination, like iNaturalist, helping to bring taxonomy into the digital age.

I am sincerely grateful to Dr Dalva L. Queiroz for proposing the idea of this *Festschrift* in mid-2022, and to all the authors who responded enthusiastically to the call. I must, however, offer my apologies, both to them and to Daniel, for the two-year delay in publication. An unexpected benefit of this delay is that it allowed the inclusion of several unexpected contributions. More psyllid taxonomy can only be a source of joy to Daniel, and, I hope, leniency toward the editor. I would also like to thank Dr Igor Malenovský for his invaluable help in formatting the extensive list of Daniel's publications, which can be found in Appendix 1 of the appreciation paper in this volume (Ouvrard *et al.* 2025, pp. 6–57).

Wishing Daniel a very happy birthday and many more fruitful years in the ever-fascinating field of psyllidology.

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