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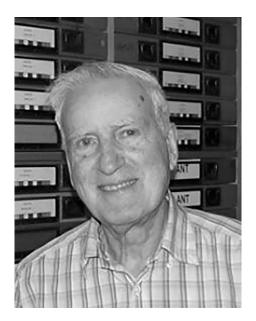
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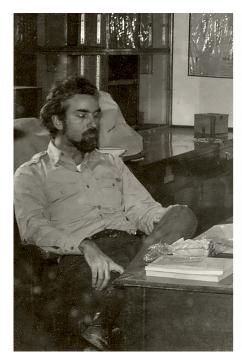
In memory of Eric G. Matthews Памяти Эрика Мэтьюса (9.02.1932–18.01.2022)

Eric Glasswell Matthews was born on February 9, 1932 in Neuilly, Seine, France in the family of Herbert Lionel and Edith (Crosse) Matthews. His father Matthews was a famous reporter for "The New York Times", whose articles played an important role in USA foreign policy.

Eric received his bachelor's degree at Columbia University (USA) in 1953 and PhD at Cornell University (USA) in 1960. During 1961–1969 he was a Professor in the University of Puerto Rico, where he lectured in zoology. In 1970 Eric immigrated to Australia where he got the position of the Assistant Curator of insects and later the Curator of insects at the South Australian Museum in Adelaide. Here he worked until retirement, and then became the museum's Honorary Associate and continued to work until the end of his life.

Eric was a great entomologist and belonged to the generation that laid the foundation for modern insect classification. At the beginning of his career, Eric was interested in scarab beetles. He published 18 papers on Scarabaeidae of the New Word and Australia. Some of those publications, in fact, were monographs of more than 300 pages with a revision of this family within the boundaries of the entire New World or major works on the natural history of the family Scarabaeidae. One of the monographs [Matthews, Halffter, 1966] became a desktop encyclopedia for fellow entomologists. It was republished three years later and still has not lost its importance. In Australia, Eric continued to intensively study the scarab beetles. The peak of his research there was the monograph "A revision of the scarabaeine dung beetles of Australia" with a total volume of 593 pages, published in three parts [Matthews, 1972, 1974, 1976]. Interestingly, that Eric published his taxonomic papers on dung beetles after he started working on a CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia) grant to introduce dung beetles to Australia.

One of the most important textbooks is his "Insect ecology" [Matthews, 1976; Matthews, Kitching, 1984], which was reprinted twice. It was used in the universities for student education for a long time. The undoubted merit of Eric is eight volumes of "A Guide to the Genera of Beetles of South Australia" [Matthews, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002]. It was the first series containing well-illustrated keys and diagnosis of the beetle genera for Australia. This work received the most laudatory reviews from colleagues and still serves Australian amateur and professional entomologists. As an old-school scientist, Eric preferred to publish fewer but large synthesis papers or monographs rather than produce small multiple papers, the so called "salami-slicing". Therefore, during eight years of his study of Tenebrionidae, he published a series of large revisions on the tribes Cyphaleini, Heleini, Adeliini etc. These works significantly improved the quality standards for taxonomic publications, because they contained phylogenetic hypotheses based on an extensive morphological base, as well as discussions about the origin of large tenebrionid taxa, especially in the Southern Hemisphere. Data on Australian Tenebrionidae were summarized in the magnificent book "Tenebrionid Beetles of Australia" [Matthews, Bouchard, 2008]. In my opinion, this is one of the most outstanding and superbly illustrated guides on the morphology and systematics of darkling beetles. Eric and his co-author Patrice Bouchard very accurately and succinctly characterized the taxa of Tenebrionidae from generic rank to family and presented diagnoses of subfamilies and tribes for the first time. Later, Eric with other colleagues completed a similar brief guide for Tenebrionidae of the world fauna [Matthews et al., 2010]. Now, this work reflects current views on the family system and the interpretation of morphological characters.

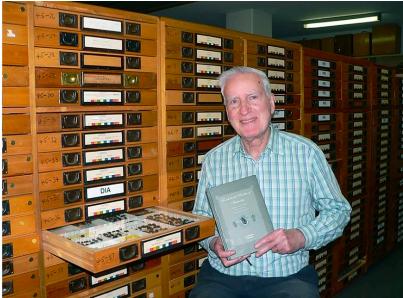




Left to right: Southern Australian Museum, at the work table, 1974; Eric Matthews checks traps, Ferries McDonald Conservation Park, Australia, 1977

Слева направо: Музей Южной Австралии, за рабочим столом, 1974 год; Эрик Мэтьюс проверяет ловушки, заповедник Феррис Макдональд, Австралия, 1977 год.





Left to right: Southern Australian Museum, museum job, November, 2002; Eric Matthews with a newly published book "Tenebrionidae of Australia", Southern Australian Museum, 2008.

Слева направо: Музей Южной Австралии, музейная работа, ноябрь 2002 год; Эрик Мэтьюс с только что опубликованной книгой «Tenebrionidae of Australia», Музей Южной Австралии, 2008 год.

I acquainted with Eric by correspondence in 2013, when we had an exchange of our books on the darkling beetles of the Caucasus, and of Australia respectively. Although we did not meet face to face, we had an intense correspondence discussing the morphology and evolution of the Tenebrionidae. Eric repeatedly reviewed my manuscripts and checked its linguistically. In 2018, I invited him to become a member of the editorial board of the journal "Caucasian Entomological Bulletin". He declined to become full editor due to age, but agreed to be special editor for the Tenebrionidae articles. In the process of his work in the journal, I was surprised to find that Eric corrects typos in the Russian-language parts of the manuscripts, and then he said that he studied Russian in his student times. In the late 80s of the last century, Eric even translated Russian-language papers of Prof. Gleb Medvedev into English, since the translated versions of Russian articles in the journal "Entomological Review" were linguistically of poor quality. Thus, he contributed to the dissemination of the results of Russian scientists among English-speaking colleagues.

I remember our communication and discussions with warmth and gratitude. Such exchange is so lacking now! Unfortunately, a man of the era has left us, whose scale, clear mind and experience were in great demand until the end of his life.

The best evidence of the recognition of merit and respect of colleagues for Eric are one genus and 17 species of beetles named after him.

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Species:

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Archaeoglenes matthewsi Iwan et Rincon, 2022 (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae)

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Blockbolbus matthewsi Howden, 1985 (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae)

Chlamydopsis matthewsi Caterino, 2003 (Coleoptera: Histeridae)

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Dendarus matthewsi Nabozhenko et Poggi, 2022 (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae)

Derbyana matthewsi Lawrence et Slipinski, 2005 (Coleoptera: Dermestidae)

Derosphaerus ericmatthewsi Schawaller, 2011 (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae) (= Derosphaerus matthewsi Schawaller, 2005 nec Derosphaerus matthewsi Kaszab, 1987)

Derosphaerus matthewsi Kaszab, 1987 (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae)

Hydrochus matthewsi Makhan, 1995 (Coleoptera: Hydrohidae) (junior synonym of Hydrochus multicolor Lea, 1926)

Laccobius matthewsi Gentili, 1981 (Coleoptera: Hydrophilidae)

Mesomorphus matthewsi Ferrer, 2008 (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae)

Pogonus matthewsi Baehr et Hudson, 2001 (Coleoptera: Carabidae)

Pronus matthewsi (Español, 1982) (Coleoptera: Ptinidae)

Stenolagria matthewsi Merkl, 1987 (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae)