

Special Issue

Systematic and Biological Studies on Hymenoptera: Vespidae

Message from the Guest Editors

Vespid wasps have been the subject of systematic, evolution, biological, and behavioral investigations for more than two centuries, and, as their representatives include solitary to highly complex social systems, the group has been treated as key in our understanding of the origin and evolution of social behavior. Nevertheless, there are contrasting hypotheses regarding the rise of social life within vespids, and the continued use of molecular data has pointed towards a dual origin of this trait. Despite recent advances in our general knowledge of this group, basic yet fundamental systematic (taxonomic) treatments are still greatly needed, especially concerning solitary vespids found in tropical areas of the globe. For this Special Issue of *Insects*, authors are invited to contribute original articles covering the systematics, evolution, biology, and behavior of vespid wasps. We encourage papers providing species descriptions in a revisional context. This Special Issue will include original work from experts around the globe, embracing different aspects of this specific and important group of wasps.

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