

EDITORIAL NOTE

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GIANFRANCO SAMA

My friend Gianfranco Sama (Italy) is one of the best specialists on Cerambycidae in Holarctic and African zooregions.

He was born in Cesena in 1944. He became interested in entomology while very young, collecting Scarabaeidae, Cerambycidae and Carabidae. In 1973 he met the Austrian entomologist Peter Schurmann, who became his master and who shared with him his whole experience of the research and rearing of immature stages of Cerambycidae. Since the he is carrying on surveys on

phytophagous beetles (especially Cerambycidae and Buprestidae) from the Mediterranean area. After a first trip to Turkey (1974), he carried out several expeditions to southern Italy, Spain and Balcan Peninsula, often together with Schurmann.

From 1965 to 1969, at the University of Bologna (Fac. Agraria, Istituto di Entomologia) as technician of laboratory and researcher.

From 1971, Collaborator of the Museo di Storia Naturale di Verona and the University of Rome (Istituto di Zoologia) with research on Cerambycidae in Algeria, Morocco, Greece and Turkey.

From 1988, collaborator of the C.N.R. (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche) with publication of the volume XXVI regarding Coleoptera Cerambycidae (Fauna d'Italia) and volume 59 Coleoptera Polyphaga XIV (Cerambycidae) of "Checklist delle specie della fauna italiana".

Further researches in Turkey, Spain, Israel, Jordan, Greece, Canary Isl., Tunisia, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Sardinia, Morocco, Malta, Qatar, Sinai, Egypt, southern Italy, Sicily, UAE, Albania etc.

All materials collected during these trips have been published in about 130 scientific magazines or books, dealing with taxonomy, systematics and faunistic mostly of Cerambycidae, but also Carabidae and Buprestidae and including the description of about 150 new taxa covering Palaearctic, African and Nearctic zooregions. The Cerambycidae are also being illustrated in a Monograph dealing with the Fauna of Europe and the Mediterranean area (including Caucasus and Iran). He is currently engaged with the publication of two volumes dealing with North Africa and the Atlantic Islands.

I have copied the information about him by Guido Sabatinelli, 2008 from the Web-Site <http://www.glaphyridae.com/Research/Collaboratori.html#sama>.