



## A Festschrift Recognizing Thomas J. Henry for a Lifetime of Contributions to Heteropteran Systematics

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This special issue of ZooKeys honors the scientific accomplishments of Thomas J. Henry, a leading specialist on true bugs (Hemiptera: Heteroptera). Not only is he a world authority on the family Miridae (plant bugs), but also on the Berytidae (stilt bugs) and lygaeoid families containing the big-eyed bugs, chinch bugs, and seed bugs. Notable among his nearly 250 publications is the 1988 catalog (co-authored with RC Froeschner) of the Heteroptera of Canada and the continental United States. Although Tom is known primarily for his research on mirids — descriptions of new genera and species, generic revisions, and cladistic analyses — he produced a phylogenetic analysis of the infraorder Pentatomomorpha, which led to a reclassification of a once-composite (paraphyletic) Lygaeidae and recognition of eleven families. His contributions to the Berytidae include an identification key to the 36 world genera, a world checklist of the 54 known species, and a monographic treatment of the Western Hemisphere stilt bugs. Tom has detected more than 50 alien (exotic) true bugs new to North America or the Western Hemisphere; many were discovered before the current emphasis on invasive species.

The Festschrift begins with an overview of Dr Henry's career as a heteropterist, which includes a list of his publications. His son, daughter, and wife reflect on their life with Tom, and a miridologist looks appreciatively at Tom Henry as a friend and mentor who influenced her career. Following the three introductory articles are 24 research papers contributed by Tom's colleagues from 16 countries. They name two new genera and 22 new species of true bugs for him in expressing their respect for his contributions and productivity.

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