



Research on Chrysomelidae 6 emphasizes chrysomelid biodiversity. Gómez-Zurita et al. advocate for a broader understanding of biodiversity, one that embraces the interactions among the species as an organizing principle using as many research tools as possible. Through automated sequencing of the cytochrome c oxidase subunit I (*cox1*) region, Montagna et al. describe current efforts to barcode the chrysomelid biodiversity in the Mediterranean Region, one of the global hotspots, as a tool for taxonomy and biodiversity conservation. The following two papers emphasize insect-plant interactions in two economically important chrysomelids. Shameen et al. describe the natural history of an economically important, leaf-mining, cassidine, *Javeta pallida*, which attacks *Phoenix* palms in India. Prathapan describes a new species of galerucine, *Madurasia*, from the Andaman Islands (Indian Ocean), another economically important chrysomelid that feeds on legumes. *RoC6* closes by addressing a fundamental biogeography question, namely, what determines the distribution and abundance of living things? According to Freijeiro and Baselga, ecological factors, such as temperature (for cryptocephalines) and spatial patters (for chrysomelines), as well as historical factors, such as Pleistocene glaciations, seem to be among the most important factors. We think you will enjoy the sixth volume of *Research on Chrysomelidae*.



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