

Fifteen Years Editorial

PHYLLOMEDUSA - *Journal of Herpetology*, the first Brazilian journal entirely dedicated to Herpetology, is publishing its 15th volume in 2016. It was created in 2002 (with the subtitle *Journal of Neotropical Herpetology*), sponsored by Melopsittacus Publicações Científicas and partially supported by Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais; Melopsittacus was a publisher originally dedicated to the publication of scientific and semi-technical periodicals dealing with birds and headed by André Nemésio, an entomologist (!). Our original Editorial Board was composed of Renato Neves Feio and André Nemésio, as Associate Editors, and by 26 of the most renowned herpetologists, mainly from Brazil. Since 2004 PHYLLOMEDUSA has been published and primarily supported by Universidade de São Paulo (USP).

The journal had its geographical scope widened and adopted English as its only language in 2007, when we greatly expanded the board of Associate Editors to include herpetologists from Brazil (8), USA (6), Argentina (3), Australia (2), Canada (2), Belgium (1), France (1), Germany (1), Italy (1), Spain (1), and the United Kingdom (1). Linda Trueb is our Senior Associate Editor. Today the board members are herpetologists from Brazil (18), USA (4), Argentina (2), Austria (1), Mexico (1), and Canada (1).

In 2015 PHYLLOMEDUSA was indexed in the Web of Science, and in June 2016 we obtained our first impact factor (JCR - Journal of Citation Reports: 0.185 for 2015).

Including the papers in the present issue, we have published 147 articles, 59 short communications, 20 book reviews, four editorials, and (unfortunately) five obituaries. Distribution of articles and short communications among taxa is as follows: Anura (50.5%), Caudata (1.9%), Gymnophiona (0.5%), Crocodylia (1%), Testudines (2.9%), lizards (20.9%), Amphisbaenia (1.5%), Serpentes (18.9%), and herpetofauna (1.9%). Papers have been roughly distributed in the following areas: taxonomy-systematics (32%), ecology (31%), natural history-behavior (25%), genetics (4%), anatomy-physiology (4%), and conservation (4%). Taxa represented in publications are from 29 countries from South, Central and North America, Europe, Asia and Oceania.

We have also contributed significantly toward enhancing the knowledge of worldwide amphibian and reptile biodiversity by means of the original description of 31 new species, including 15 anurans, seven lizards, two amphisbaenians, and seven snakes (Table 1, Figure 1).

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Editor-in-Chief

Table 1. New species of amphibians and reptiles originally described in *PHYLLOMEDUSA*. *See Figure 1.

ANURANS	Country	Photo*
<i>Allobates algorei</i> Barrio-Amorós and Santos, 2009	Venezuela	1
<i>Colostethus granti</i> Kok, MacCulloch, Gaucher, Poelman, Bourne, Lathrop and Lenglet 2006	French Guiana	2
<i>Eleutherodactylus waorani</i> McCracken, Forstner and Dixon, 2007	Ecuador	3
<i>Gastrotheca dysprosit</i> Duellman, 2013	Peru	4
<i>Mannophryne orellana</i> Barrio-Amorós, Santos and Molina, 2010	Venezuela	5
<i>Mannophryne urticans</i> Barrio-Amorós, Santos and Molina, 2010	Venezuela	6
<i>Mannophryne vulcano</i> Barrio-Amorós, Santos and Molina, 2010	Venezuela	7
<i>Melanophryniscus vilavelhensis</i> Steinbach-Padilha, 2008	Brazil	8
<i>Nyctimystes kuduki</i> Richards, 2007	Papua New Guinea	9
<i>Osteocephalus phasmatus</i> MacCulloch and Lathrop, 2005	Guyana	10
<i>Pristimantis adiaxolus</i> Duellman and Hedges, 2007	Peru	11
<i>Pristimantis albertus</i> Duellman and Hedges, 2007	Peru	12
<i>Pristimantis minutulus</i> Duellman and Hedges, 2007	Peru	13
<i>Pristimantis gryllus</i> Barrio-Amorós, Guayasamin and Hedges, 2012	Venezuela	14
<i>Phrynopis lechriorhynchus</i> Trueb and Lehr, 2008	Peru	15
AMPHISBAENIANS AND LIZARDS		
<i>Amphisbaena arda</i> Rodrigues, 2002	Brazil	16
<i>Amphisbaena ibijara</i> Rodrigues, Andrade and Lima, 2003	Brazil	17
<i>Anolis ibanezi</i> Poe, Latella, Ryan and Schaad, 2009	Panama	18
<i>Anolis kunayalae</i> Hulebak, Poe, Ibáñez and Williams, 2007	Panama	19
<i>Enyalius erythrocephalus</i> Rodrigues, Freitas, Silva and Bertolotto 2006	Brazil	20
<i>Eublepharis satpuraensis</i> Mirza, Sanap, Raju, Gawai and Ghadekar, 2014	India	21
<i>Homonota rupicola</i> Cacciali, Ávila and Bauer, 2007	Paraguay	22
<i>Phymaturus aguedae</i> Troncoso-Palacios and Esquerré, 2014	Chile	23
<i>Stenocercus sinesaccus</i> Torres-Carvajal 2005	Brazil	24
SNAKES		
<i>Bothrops marmoratus</i> Silva and Rodrigues, 2008	Brazil	25
<i>Clelia hussami</i> Morato, Franco and Sanches, 2003	Brazil	26
<i>Helicops tapajonicus</i> Frota, 2005	Brazil	27
<i>Micrurus tamaulipensis</i> Lavin-Murcio and Dixon, 2004	Mexico	28
<i>Thamnodynastes almae</i> Franco and Ferreira, 2002	Brazil	29
<i>Thamnodynastes lanei</i> Bailey, Thomas and Silva, 2005	Brazil	30
<i>Thamnodynastes sertanejo</i> Bailey, Thomas and Silva, 2005	Brazil	31

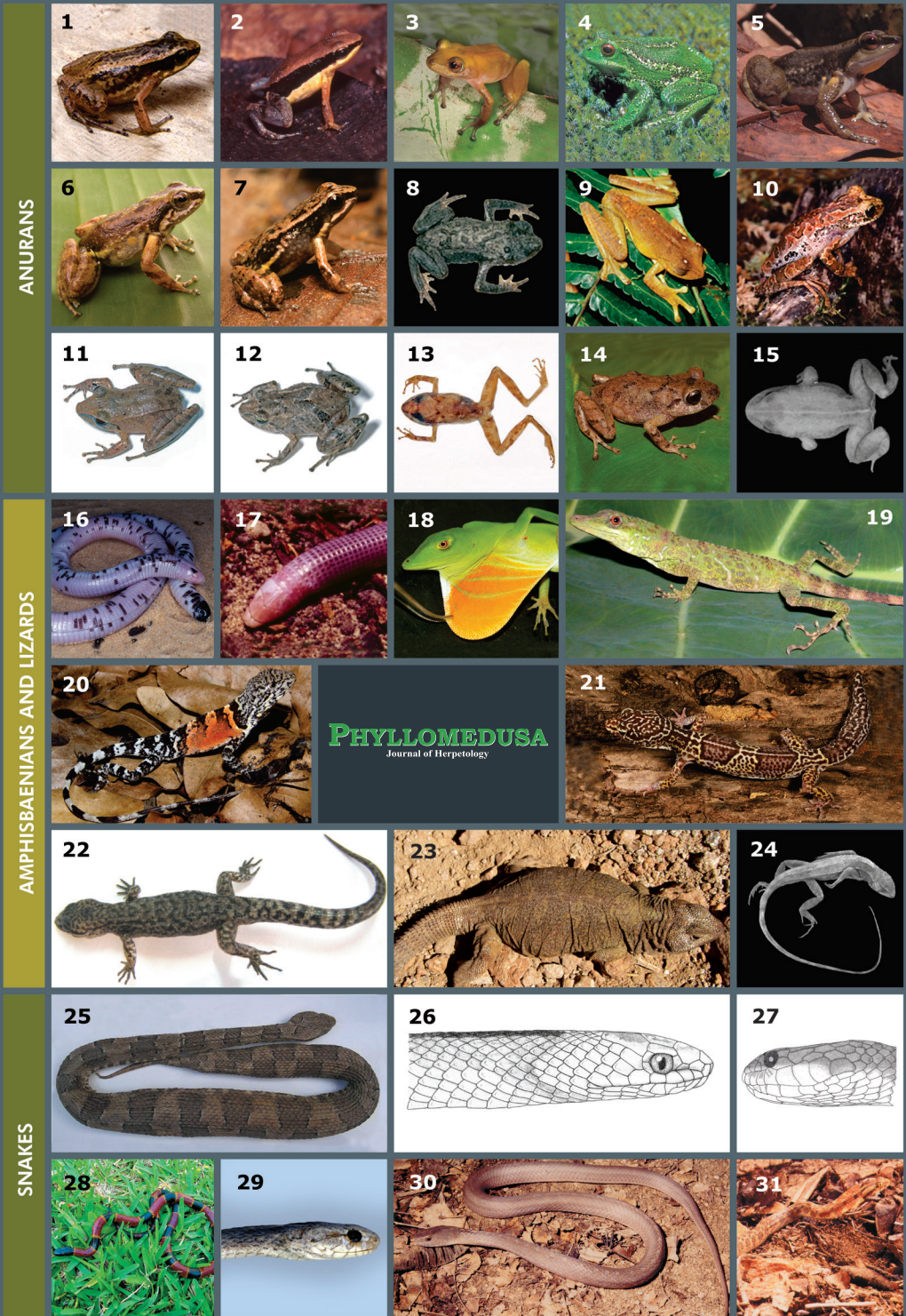


Figure 1. New species of amphibians and reptiles originally described in *PHYLLOMEDUSA* (see Table 1).

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