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George (György) Hangay



George Hangay. Photo by Katherine Hangay.

George Hangay was born in 1941 in Budapest, Hungary. He started to collect beetles at the age of 8. During his teenage years he met Dr. Sebő Endrödi, who encouraged him to focus on scarabs and helped him to learn more about general coleopterology. George also learned taxidermy from the Hungarian Natural History Museum's great taxidermist, Béla Hüttler. In 1967 he moved to Australia, where he made a living as a field collector of natural history specimens and as a taxidermist/ model maker. In 1972 he was employed by the Australian Museum as a Preparator and in a few years time he became the Chief Preparator. He retained his interest in scarabs and maintained a growing collection. After 22 yrs of service, he retired from the museum. George continued his entomological activities as a consultant to the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service, he conducted faunal surveys and,

together with his wife, he carried on collecting and studying scarabs in Australia and overseas. As his collection became too big to be managed by a private person, large portions of it were donated to numerous Australian institutions and to the Hungarian Natural History Museum. Over 100,000 prepared specimens were added to the various collections. George still maintains a relatively large collection of Scarabaeoidea. His natural history related writings were published widely in English and Hungarian, mostly in the populist genre. George belongs to a number of learned societies, namely the Hungarian Entomological Society, the Entomological Society of NSW, the Linnaean Society, and he is a scientific member of the Royal Zoological Society of NSW and member of the Hungarian Professors' World Council. The Frivaldszky Memorial Plaque was awarded to him by the Hungarian Entomological Society. Ten newly described arthropods were named after him.

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