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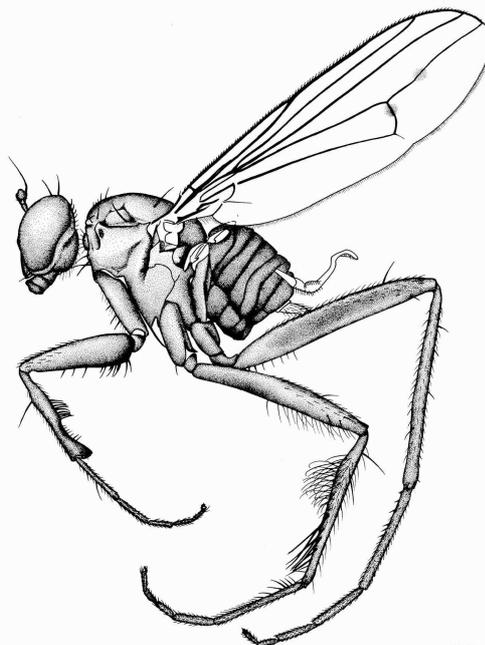
After the world catalogues of the Dolichopodidae and Empididae, Prof. Dr. Ding Yang and his team (2006, 2007) amaze us again with the publication of a monumental work on the fauna of the Dolichopodidae of China. This study is published in the prestigious series of *Fauna Sinica*. It is published in two volumes that cover in total almost 2,000 pages with more than 1,000 illustrations.

The book reviews in fact the numerous papers that the team made during the last decades as well as the species that were described by a few authors not part of the team. The work consists of two sections, a general and a taxonomic section. The general section deals with classification, taxonomy, morphology, phylogeny, biogeography and biology. The second section covers the taxonomy of the Dolichopodidae of China: diagnosis of 66 genera and 1,026 species including the description of 19 species new to science. A nice habitus drawing is given for each genus and the male genitalia are illustrated for almost all the species. 605 references are quoted.

The study is in Chinese but there is an extensive English summary of 131 pages (p. 1614-1745) that not only gives an introduction to the Dolichopodidae, but also keys to the families of Empidoidea, keys to the subfamilies of Dolichopodidae, keys to the genera and to the species. Generic diagnosis for the genera is given as well. At the end of the book are two large tables. The first table gives the species distribution in the provinces of China while the second table gives the distribution in the various zoogeographical regions in China.

It is clear that this monumental review will highly facilitate the study of Palaearctic and Oriental revisions for future students. Hence we will get better insights in species-groups and their geographic distribution.

The books can be ordered at Science Press, 16 Donghuangchenggen North Street, Beijing 100717, China or through <http://www.amazon.com>.



They cost 180US\$; with an additional cost for Airmail of 80US\$ or surface mail of 25US\$.

Note that the two volumes weigh 3.8 kg together.

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