
EDITORIAL

Volume 31 of *Metamorphosis*, for the year 2020, has received a bumper crop of articles and publications, to the extent that we have had to split it into four Parts this year:

Part 1	26 “normal” articles (more details on the rear cover)	160 pages
Part 2	Tribute to Martin Krüger (Obituary and Checklist of South African Lepidoptera)	228 pages
Part 3	Latest results of the Caterpillar Rearing Group with new Master Lists	380 pages
Part 4	Southern African Lepidoptera Conservation Assessments (SALCA)	160 pages

All of the above has been published on the website of the Lepidopterists' Society of Africa, <http://www.lepsocafrika.org/>.

Following the great shock of losing Dr. Martin Krüger last year, we decided to dedicate Part 2 of Volume 31 to Martin, with a comprehensive obituary and his final monumental publication – a Checklist of the Lepidoptera of South Africa. This year we have also lost one of Martin's most esteemed colleagues, Dr. Douglas Kroon, who did so much to encourage LepSoc Africa members to study the entire order of Lepidoptera, and not just concentrate on the super family Papilionoidea (butterflies). It is therefore appropriate that the third Part of Volume 31 is the publication of the third set of results from the Caterpillar Rearing Group, which Douglas was partially instrumental in initiating and encouraging.

The fourth Part of Volume 31 is the culmination of the Southern Africa Lepidoptera Conservation Assessment (SALCA) begun in 2015, accomplished by a dedicated team from LepSoc Africa and the South African National Biodiversity Institute. It provides us with an up to date platform of knowledge from which to intensify our efforts to conserve the Lepidoptera of southern Africa.

My latest term as Editor of *Metamorphosis* will be coming to an end during 2021. I am very grateful to my Sub Editor Dr. Silvia Kirkman, who has played a very large role in enabling *Metamorphosis* to rise to the challenge of enormous volume of publications we have had to process during 2020.

We also strive to keep improving the quality of our articles and other publications, and to this end we extend particular appreciation to our team of peer reviewers, who have given of their precious time and expertise to improve and perfect manuscripts.

Metamorphosis would not exist but for the efforts of our authors, who have supplied an unprecedented volume of manuscripts covering every aspect of the study of lepidopterology, for which we are deeply appreciative.

Finally, I would like to wish all those who have an interest in *Metamorphosis* a prosperous, productive and joyous 2021, and encourage you to send in your contributions for publication during 2021 to either myself at orachrysops@gmail.com, or Silvia at skirkman@gmail.com. Our team of editors and reviewers are keen to help you share your work on Afrotropical Lepidoptera with the wider community of lepidopterists.

Yours sincerely



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