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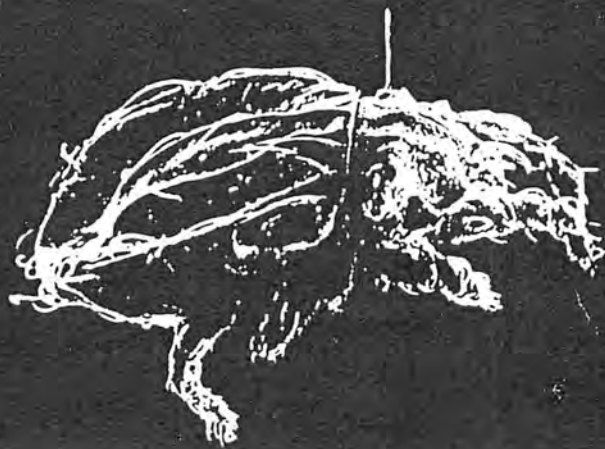
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Murphy, P. W.: „Mite - higher plant associations among the Oribatida.“

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Review

Günter Haumann (1991): „Zur Phylogenie primitiver Oribatiden (Acari: Oribatida).“
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This thesis on the phylogeny of Oribatida bases on the consequent application of phylogenetic systematics. A theoretical introduction presents the rules of argumentations in the sense of W. Hennig. These reflections point out the theory of cognition which allows to establish a cladogram or a congruent classification of „Primitive oribatid mites“ in the sense of Grandjean and later taxonomists. In contrast to Grandjean's approach on a phylogenetic system of oribatids, where very often taxa are based on additions of plesiomorphous characters (the status of characters has not been reflected), Haumann tries to reconstruct monophyletic groups on synapomorphous characters only. The transparency of his method and his theoretical basis allows him to give the statement: „As every step of decision-finding in the course of phylogenetic reconstruction has to be demonstrated explicitly, the results stay testable and open to critics.“

The main tool of analysis is a large list of morphological characters of the described taxa (genera and higher), presented in a simple codation. On each of the characters and the morphological differentiations there is a critical discussion whether it might be regarded as convergency. There are a lot of problematic decisions, but most of them seem to me acceptable. In such cases the consequences of different interpretations have been discussed, allowing sufficient transparency of the argumentations.

The main results may be presented by citing the abstract: „The primitive oribatids and the Macropylina are paraphyletic groups; the higher oribatids (Circumdehiscentiae) constitute a monophyletic taxon. The two fundamental sister-groups of the Oribatida are not Macropylina and the Brachypylina (the latter are also monophyletic) but the Palaeosomata and the new taxon Monofemorata nov. The Monofemorata split into the sister-groups Enarthronota and the new taxon Novoribatida nov. The ptychoid body-articulation has not been evolved once but three times, in the Mesoplophoridae, Protoplophoridae and Eupycima.“

The phylogenetic relationships within the „primitive oribatids“, being a paraphyletic group, and the relationships within some smaller monophyla (Palaeosomata, Mesoplophoridae, Brachychthoniidae, Lohmanniidae and Euphthiracaroidae) are presented in cladograms and in sufficient comments. The reviewer comes to the result that this phylogenetic approach is the best published up to now on the whole „primitive oribatids“, being a consequent and convincing hypothesis of oribatid phylogeny, which is based more on the gigantic and imposing work of Grandjean than on some recent systematic designs using more or less typological characters for classification. However, acceptable phylogenetic analyses in recent literature have been integrated in this phylogram.

There are a lot of problems left unsolved, though. One of these, the phylogenetic concept is no taxonomic system up to now. The problem of systematic categories cannot be answered by Hennig's phylogenetic cladograms, and probably for this reason taxonomy has been faded out by Haumann. It is important to adopt a taxonomic concept to this phylogenetic one in future. Each higher taxon than species has to be based on arguments of monophyly! But there are no general criteria as convincing as those for phylogenetic cladograms.

This book deserves being translated into English, because it should be read by everybody dealing with oribatid systematics and taxonomy. It deserves being discussed critically as a basis for a new start towards a phylogenetic system of oribatids.

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