



Date: 1st December 2017

Subject: *Will you join the FRIENDS OF THE PAPUA INSECTS FOUNDATION?*

Dear sir/madam,

The board of the PIF is very pleased to announce the birth of the group "Friends of the Papua Insects Foundation". This is a special group for those willing to support the work of the Papua Insects Foundation and in particular, the journal *Suara Serangga Papua* (SUGAPA), "the Voice of Papua Insects".

SUGAPA is a journal devoted to the insect fauna of Indonesian New Guinea (provinces Papua and Papua Barat). The journal includes news, observations, description of new species, taxonomic revisions and results from fieldwork. From 2006 and until 2016, SUGAPA appeared twice annually, in print, under the direction of Kelompok Entomologi Papua (KEP). Brother Henk van Mastrigt was the chief editor of SUGAPA. The journal was financed by a few supporting foundations, companies and subscribers. After Henk's passing in August 2015, the publication of SUGAPA ended because it was impossible to find a successor for him in a short time.

PIF recognizes the importance of this journal, both for the local biology students and for the broader entomological community. For this reason, we created in 2016 a new SUGAPA series, now online at <http://www.sugapa.org/>. Together with KEP, we formed a new editorial board. The first online volume was published in July 2016. The new SUGAPA *digital* is free and allows open online access to its articles. New issues are freely accessible from the website, while digital versions of the articles published in print before 2016 are continually being added to this repository.



The new SUGAPA, with all its advantages, needs financial support. Not only for the costs of the website domain, but also to guarantee its scientific status. Online taxonomic publications need to be registered in [ZooBank](http://www.zoobank.org/), the Official Registry of Zoological Nomenclature. ZooBank registers new nomenclatural acts, published works, and authors to ensure the validity and stability of zoological names. Each register requires payment. As PIF is a non-profit organisation, external financial support is very necessary and warmly welcome. For this reason, the board of the Papua Insects Foundation has created the "**Friends of the Papua Insects Foundation**". You are cordially invited to join us!

You can become a "Friend of the Papua Insects Foundation" by donating annually the amount of €20. Your donation is greatly appreciated and will be used to ensure the continuation of SUGAPA *digital*, the platform for future entomological research for PIF and for local biology students.

As a Friend of PIF, you will enjoy privileges:

- your “friendship” will be mentioned on the website (unless you indicate you don’t want to)
- being first informed about the release of a new issue of SUGAPA digital
- first-hand information regarding the ongoing fieldwork
- you will be first to receive the new newsletters on the activities of PIF and KEP
- you will get discount on publications made by KEP and PIF (i.e. the Kupu-Kupu series)
- you are entitled to have a VIP visit to an annual meeting on Papua insects which will be held in Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden, The Netherlands (more details about this will follow)

and much more.

Register your “Friend of Papua Insects Foundation” by email to our [secretary](#) and

transfer your donation under the specification “Friend of PIF” to:

Papua Insects Foundation

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For Dutch “Friends of Papua Insects Foundation” it may be interesting to know that the Papua Insects Foundation is an ANBI institution (tax nr. 8158.33.039), which means that your donation may be included in tax deductions every year at a rate of 1.25 times your donation (so € 20 is deductible for € 25)!

We thank you in advance for your support! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions.

With warm regards,

Rob de Vos (chairman)

And on behalve of the Board of the Papua Insects Foundation:

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