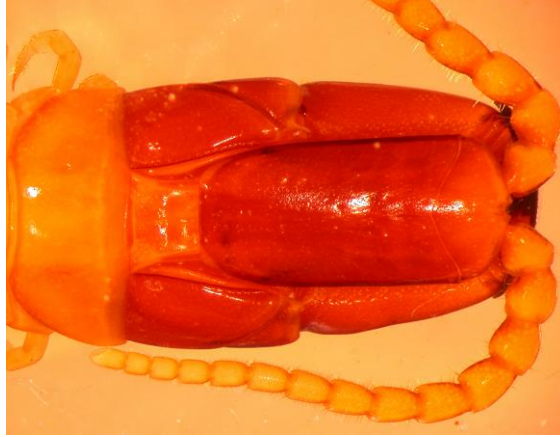


The centipedes of the Ryukyus (Japan) (Zoltán Korsós, Stylianos Michail Simaiakis)

Exploring and understanding the centipede fauna of Ryukyu Archipelago is a really appealing mission, mostly because this region is relatively less investigated from their aspect.

According to the high ratio of endemics and our results so far, the islands surely hold further undiscovered surprises.



Mecistocephalus japonicus Meinert, 1886, an endemic geophilomorph centipede of Japan and Taiwan

Cave-dwelling springtails of Hungary

Because of the special environmental conditions in subterranean habitats, cave fauna is generally highly specific. In spite of this, we have only springtail data from less than 1 per cent of the caves in Hungary. Although the level of previous investigations is low, there are 17 obligatory cave dwelling (troglobite) springtail species already known from the country. Eleven of them are endemic to the cave or karst system where they were described from, which indicates highly promising perspectives for this topic.



The springtail *Pygmarrhopalites aggtelekiensis* (Stach, 1929) is only 1-1,5 mm. It is endemic to the Aggtelek Karst.