



Figure 1. The Safari Court Hotel in the Safari Hotels and Conference Centre complex, the venue for ICD9.

9th International Congress of Dipterology Windhoek, Namibia, 25–30 November 2018

The 9th International Congress of Dipterology was held last November in Windhoek, Namibia (Fig. 1). There was a moderate turn-out of tachinid enthusiasts and some thought-provoking presentations. Of particular note was the tangible progress being made on higher-level relationships within the Tachinidae and Oestroidea. The titles and authors of tachinid-related presentations are listed below. The abstracts are given in the Abstract Volume of ICD9 that is available for download from the homepage of the *International Congresses of Dipterology* website. A few pictures of delegates are included here (Figs. 2–5).

Authors and titles are cited as given in:

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Oral and poster presentations

Buenaventura, E., Stireman, J.O. III, Pape, T., Cerretti, P., Thomas-Cabianca, A., Lloyd, M.W. & Dikow, T. A phylogenomic perspective of the Oestroidea (Calypttratae) using ultraconserved elements and historical museum specimens. P. 38.



Figure 2. A rendezvous of dipterists at Joe's Beerhouse in central Windhoek. Clockwise from left: John Stireman (USA), Daniel Whitmore (Germany), Pierfilippo Cerretti (Italy), Silvia Gisondi (Italy) and Arn Rytter Jensen (Denmark). (Photo by J.E. O'Hara.)

Dios, R. de V.P. & Nihei, S.S. Preliminary results of a comparative morphological study and cladistic analysis of Phasiinae (Tachinidae), based on morphological characters. P. 69.

Gisondi, S., Pape, T. & Cerretti, P. Phylogeny of Rhinophoridae and Polleniidae – toward the evolution of Oestroidea. P. 92.

Lumbers, J., Lessard, B., Rowell, D. & Yeates, D.K. Insect death metal – taxonomy and phylogeny of the Australian bristle fly genus *Rutilia* Robineau-Desvoidy (Tachinidae). P. 164.

O'Hara, J.E. The state of Nearctic Tachinidae taxonomy as revealed by a single Malaise trap, the Canadian National Collection of Insects and DNA barcoding. P. 216.

Schnitzler, F.-R. The mystery of “*Eurigaster*” *clathrata* Nowicki (Tachinidae) exposed. P. 250.

Stireman, J.O. III, Cerretti, P., O'Hara, J.E., Blaschke, J.D. & Moulton, J.K. Molecular phylogeny and evolution of world Tachinidae. P. 266.

Tachi, T., Huang, Y.-z. & Shima, H. Comparative morphology of the piercing-type ovipositor in the tribe Blondeliini (Tachinidae) and its phylogenetic implications. P. 273.

Zhang, C.-t., Wang, Q., Liu, J.-y., Yao, Z.-y., Zhao, Z., Hou, P., Liang, H.-c. & Li, X.-y. Tachinidae of the Hengduan Mountains of south-western China. P. 319.



Figure 3. Left to right: Silvia Gisondi (Italy), John Stireman (USA), Pierfilippo Cerretti (Italy) and Jim O'Hara (Canada).

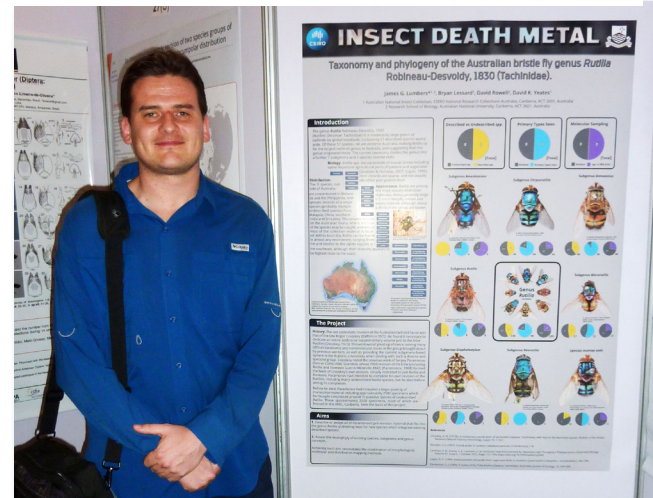


Figure 4. James Lumbers with his poster on the charismatic genus *Rutilia* R.-D. (Photo by J.E. O'Hara.)

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Figure 5. Left to right: Socrates Letana (USA), Eliana Buenaventura (Germany), Silvia Gisondi (Italy), Pierfilippo Cerretti (Italy), John Stireman (USA), Rodrigo Dios (Brazil), Thomas Pape (Denmark), Arianna Thomas-Cabianca (Spain), Arn Rytter Jensen (Denmark), Jim O'Hara (Canada) and Rudi Schnitzler (New Zealand). (Photo courtesy of E. Buenaventura.)