

Yu-Hsi Moltze Wang [1910 - 1968]



Remembrance of a Chinese zoologist: Yu-Hsi Moltze Wang (1910-1968)

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When studying the millipede fauna of Taiwan, and compiling its checklist (Korsós, Z. 2004: Checklist and bibliography of millipedes of Taiwan. – *Collection and Research*, Taichung, 17: 11-32), a name of a Chinese zoologist, Y.-H. M. Wang was regularly encountered, both in the authorship of several species, and in faunistic records. In this short paper, we try to recall the memory of this almost forgotten scientist, who widely contributed to the knowledge of Oriental Myriapoda, and apparently had a very difficult life in the middle of the 20th century.

Yu-Hsi Moltze Wang was born on mainland China, in Zhejiang, on the 17th of July 1910, just one year before the Chinese revolution. It is not clear when he moved (escaped with his family?) to the island of Taiwan (which was under Japanese occupation between 1895-1945), but having settled down there in the anticommunist political system separated from China, he graduated at the University in Taipei (see photo), then achieved his PhD degree in the US (University of Utah, 1951) under the supervision of R. Chamberlin. They maintained a good friendship until the end of their life.

Wang got a position at the National Taiwan University, Taipei, where he gradually built up a collection of invertebrates. Altogether he wrote 31 scientific papers in English, the majority of them on Myriapoda (as the famous „Serica” series, from „Ia” to „Iv”, almost exclusively in the *Quarterly Journal of the Taiwan Museum*), but also 2 on reptiles, including a 86 pages monograph on the Reptiles of Taiwan, and 4 additional ones on arachnids, crabs and on a freshwater medusa.

Wang participated at the 10th International Congress of Entomology, in 1956, in Montreal, Canada, at the 11th in Vienna, Austria (1958), at the 12th in London (1963), and he is also listed as member of the congress (though not participated) at the 13th in Moscow, 1968. At that time,

he was already based in Singapore where he moved in 1964, and lived until his death on 18th of January, 1968.

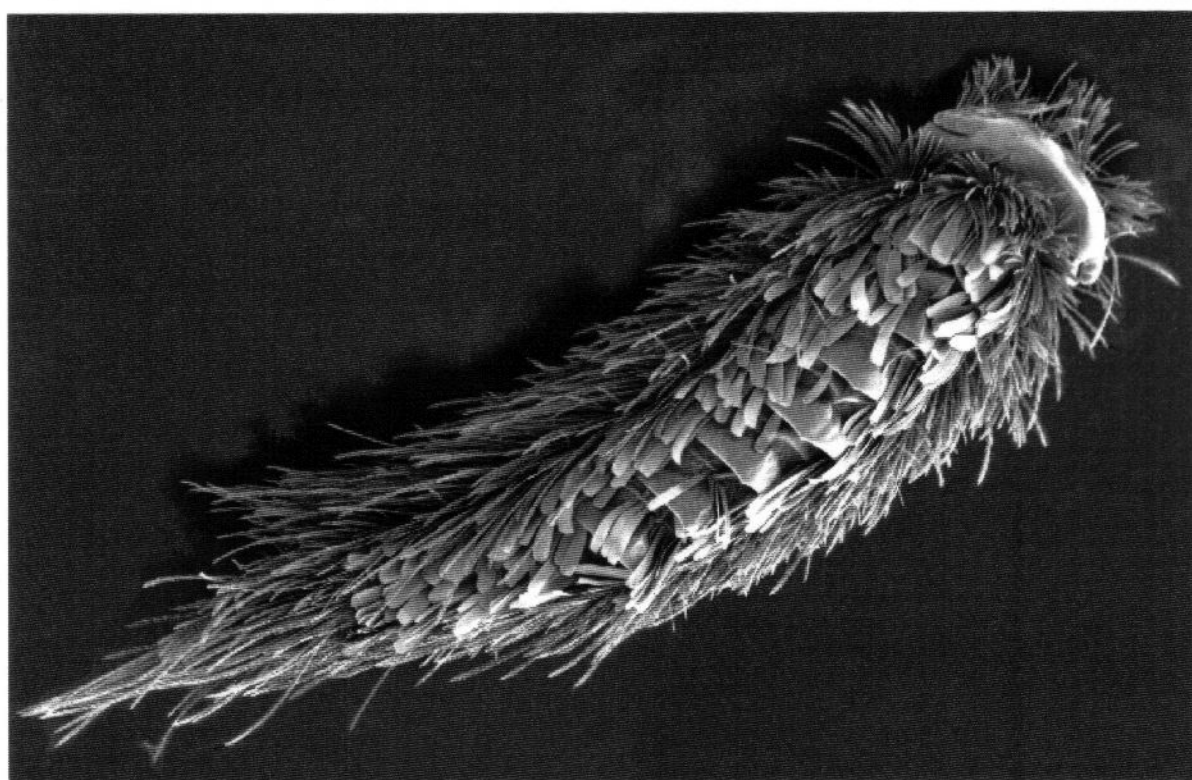
Unfortunately, due to the reorganization of the Taiwanese universities in the '80-ies and '90-ies, no information could be traced about the collection of Dr. Wang, which seems most probably lost during the several movements of the different departments. A minor fragment of Wang's invertebrate collection is still housed at the Singapore National Museum (thanks for the kind information provided by Rudolf Meier, National University of Singapore, Peter Ng Kee Lin, The Raffles Museum, Singapore, and Yang Chang Man, National Museum, Singapore), but this material is in poor condition, and contains only specimens from Malaysia, the Philippines and Sumatra (none from Taiwan).

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