

elsewhere. He was an Honorary Member of the British Arachnological Society, the American Arachnological Society, the Société d'Arachnologie, C.I.D.A., and the Entomological Society of the Netherlands, and was for many years President of the Société d'Histoire naturelle de Toulouse. He particularly valued being nominated a member of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

Apart from arachnology, he was a keen stamp collector and enjoyed excursions into the high mountains and touring by car. In later life he also became interested in trying to establish the true origins of Christopher Columbus, and wrote several papers on the evidence for Columbus being Spanish rather than Italian.

He was always forthright in expressing his opinions, as can be seen in many of his publications, but his views were expounded with a delightful touch of humour, and he was a charming character, extremely hospitable, and an avid correspondent. He also had a great affection for pets; it is said that much of the *Bibliographia Araneorum* was written with a cat draped over his shoulders. The accompanying photograph, taken by Frances Murphy while at the International meeting of the American Arachnological Society in Warrensburg in 1975, shows Pierre Bonnet with Bill Peck's cat "Virgil".

His death is a sad loss, but his name will live on amongst arachnologists, to whom "Bonnet" will remain indispensable for many years to come.

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***Meioneta exigua*, replacement name for *Meioneta parva* Locket & Russell-Smith, 1980 (Araneae: Linyphiidae)**

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The species *Bathyphantes parvus* Banks, 1896 was transferred to the genus *Meioneta* by Ivie in his revision of the North American *Bathyphantes* species (Ivie, 1969). *Meioneta parva* Locket & Russell-Smith, 1980 is thus a

junior homonym and must be rejected. The purpose of this note is to provide the replacement name *Meioneta exigua* for the latter species.

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