

Bernard DUHEM (1964-2016)

As Editor-in-Chief, I would like to dedicate the Fungal Biodiversity Profiles 21-30 in this first issue of *Cryptogamie, mycologie* for 2017 to a longtime working colleague and friend, Bernard Duhem, who passed away last December at the age of 52. This paper presents two new *Botryobasidium* species studied and illustrated by Bernard with his well-known sense for precision and detail. These are merely two examples from a lengthy revision of some twenty taxa of Malagasy *Botryobasidium* that will most likely remain unfinished now. Bernard illustrated also all species for a forthcoming revision of New Caledonian *Russulas*, one of which is here described. Bernard had become a world known expert on corticiaceous fungi but was a scientific illustrator and artist by profession. Mushrooms were only one of his many passions and he was equally reputed among zoologists for his profound knowledge of such diverse groups as spiders or scorpions.



Known to his colleagues as a sincere, solid and very generous man with a great sense of humour, Bernard was a real “bon vivant” who enjoyed good food and wine and had an immense knowledge on all types of foods and beverages around the world. Apart from an occasional blunt response or remark or a sudden dark mood or stubbornness, no other signs would indicate that he continuously had to struggle with severe health problems. At a very young age, Bernard had already conquered cancer, but was considered nothing less than a medical miracle when, driven by his incredible perseverance and discipline, he continued to partake in mycological inventories during the past ten years, and this notwithstanding that he remained with only a single hip. During the past year, Bernard had been preparing illustrations for an upcoming, ambitious exposition on Dinosaurs at the Paris’ Museum and was preparing a new book on European spiders.

He will be missed and remembered by many, both for the great person as well as for the gifted naturalist he most certainly was.

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