in the Introduction, which makes for interesting reading even for non-specialists. The text touches upon many problems that plague contemporary workers on animal taxonomy, including errors in primary literature that are propagated in later works, the existence of poor-quality taxonomic work that brings more problems than it resolves and the relevance of internet sources.

The catalogue introduces a number of new nomenclatorial and taxonomic acts, which are listed in the Introduction. An interested reader can thus quickly gain an overview of all the changes included in this catalogue. It is perhaps a pity that the two major changes, the elevation of Protelmini to the status of a separate family and the synonymization of the genus *Normandia* with *Rio-*

As customary in this series, the catalogue of Elmidae and Protelmidae has been put together with flawless precision. It is also commendable that the Catalogue is available both in print and as an e-book. As I have already mentioned in the review of the fourth volume of this series more than 10 years ago, it is a pity that such World Catalogues cannot be accompanied by a fully electronic version of the underlying database, which would provide a continuously updated body of information. This would be highly desirable as the new world catalogue of Elmidae and Protelmidae will now undoubtedly provide a frequently used baseline reference for taxonomists, environmentalists and conservationists.

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