

In memoriam Steven J. Seybold

STEVEN J. SEYBOLD, Member of the Editorial Board of ACTA PHYTOPATHOLOGICA ET ENTOMOLOGICA HUNGARICA, a research entomologist and lecturer at the University of California, Davis, (UC Davis) Department of Entomology and Nematology and a researcher at the U. S. Forest Service, a forest entomologist and chemical ecologist of high national and international reputation deceased on 15th November 2019, at the age of 60. Specialized on bark- and wood-boring insects, he elucidated key features from life-cycle and ecological aspects though biochemical background to genetic control of pheromone production of the complex nature of bark beetles. His legacy includes compre-



Steven J. Seybold giving a talk on ISCE2018, Budapest, Hungary (photo: Viktória Jurkó)

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hensive research papers and reviews with great impact on the scientific community. His papers are frequently cited, some of them almost thousand times till now. Among his numerous lectures presented in various conferences Worldwide, Hungarian entomologists and chemical ecologists, just as those of the international community of chemical ecologists who participated, had a special privilege to listen to his spontaneous introductory talk at the Symposium “*Invasions under the bark: chemical ecology of woodboring beetles*”, organized and chaired by him at the 34th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Chemical Ecology (ISCE2018), in Budapest, Hungary. He combined theory to practice, taxonomy to ecology, biosynthesis of pheromones to behavioral responses to these chemical signals of bark beetles. Having a friendly character, he was always ready to help others. Those of us, who knew him personally, will remember his smile.

Gábor Szűcs, on behalf of the Editorial Board