'Catalog of the scorpions of the world (1758-1998).'

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Question: What is the type locality of *Scorpio waigiensis* Gervais, 1843 (now *Liocheles waigiensis*)?


But until late last year, I wouldn't have been able to answer that question easily, as I would have had to burrow about in my filing cabinets looking for a copy of the paper. However, the publication of the "Catalog of the scorpions of the world (1758-1998)" allows me to quickly and reliably find such information.

The book starts with a very informative introduction which discusses, among other things, the procedures utilised throughout the volume. The catalogue itself is divided into a number of chapters, of which most deal with each scorpion family recognised by the authors. Each family treatment is provided with a short introduction, and many subordinate taxa contain detailed notes detailing any nomenclatural or other problems. Each taxon has its distribution neatly summarised, making it easy to locate areas of interest. The bibliography consists of 59 printed pages and is clearly exceedingly authoritative. The volume also treats the numerous fossilised scorpion species which have been named, some of which date back to the Palaeozoic (the fossils, not the descriptions...).

The layout is easy on the eye, the print is crisp and clear and the paper is of the highest quality. I use this volume regularly and cannot congratulate the authors enough on their diligence and hard work. This product is a wonderful addition to the worlds arachnological catalogues, and deserves a place on the shelves of every scorpion enthusiast.

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