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Nature has always intrigued me and of all the things found in nature, insects have bewitched me most with their alluring life histories and spectacular appearances. I enjoy combining my creative talents to my scientific work.

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EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

2018-2020
MSc, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Minor: Psychology

2015-2018
BSc, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Minor: Physiology

EXPERIENCE

PHD STUDENT

Zoological Systematics and Evolution, Department of Zoology, Stockholm University
1.9.2020-
• Phylogenomic species delimitation of Strepsiptera parasitizing wild bees

PROJECT RESEARCHER

Finnish Barcode of Life, University of Oulu
1.9.2019-16.8.2020
• Building DNA barcode libraries, photographing and managing specimens (BOLD database)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Finnish Museum of Natural History Luomus, Zoology unit, Insect team
4.3.2019-31.8.2019
1.1.2018-31.12.2018
• Digitizing insect collections, identifying and photographing specimens, using Kotka-database
• Master thesis: Twisted-wing parasitoid genus *Stylops* (Strepsiptera: Stylopidae) in Finland and the suitability of adult female morphology for species identification

RESEARCH TRAINEE

- Metapopulation Research Center
- 24.4.-4.8.2017
- Research planning, laboratory work
- DNA extraction, - purification and sequencing, microbial cultivation

RED LIST ASSESSMENT

The Red List of Finnish Species 2019: Assessment of twisted-wing parasitoids (Strepsiptera)
2017-2019

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Website design
• www.finbol.org, www.merilahteenaro.fi

Layouts, logos and illustrations
• Suomen hyönteiset - opas lahojen tunnistukseen, Guide to Finnish insect orders
• Seuranta uutiset 2019, Seuranta uutiset 2020
• Ulko-opet ry, Megaherbivore, Spring Symposium 2020, SAMU-magazine nro. 1
• Scientific illustrations for publications and posters

LANGUAGE SKILLS

FINNISH	native
ENGLISH	excellent
SWEDISH	satisfactory
GERMAN	fair

IT SKILLS

Microsoft Office advanced

IMAGE PROCESSING

InDesign advanced

PaintShop, Photoshop advanced

DATA PROCESSING

R intermediate

Python beginner

CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

WordPress & WiX advanced

POSITIONS OF TRUST

Scout troop Helsingin Metsänkävijät RY

Board Member 2010-2016

President 2014-2016

Person in charge of age-group 2010-2011

Secretary 2012

Editor-in-chief, scout troop magazine 2016-2017

SELECTED COURSES

2019 DNA based species identification, University of Oulu

2019 German-Finnish Summer School on Pollination Ecology, University of Helsinki, German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity

2018 The HYMCourse: Taiwan, The Entomological Society of Washington

2017 Hymenoptera -course, University of Helsinki

PUBLICATIONS & PERFORMANCES

Järvi, J., Lähteenaro, M. & Sihvonen, P. 2020: Suomen hyönteiset – Lahkojen tunnistusopas. – Luonnontieteellinen keskusmuseo Luomus, Helsingin yliopisto. Helsinki. 56 P. (Guide to insect orders in Finland)

Lähteenaro, M. 2019: Twisted-wing parasitoid genus *Stylops* (Strepsiptera: Stylopidae) in Finland and the suitability of adult female morphology for species identification (Master thesis, University of Helsinki.)

Lähteenaro, M. 2019. Strepsiptera, Twisted-winged parasitoids. – In: FinBIF 2019: The FinBIF checklist of Finnish species 2018. – Finnish Biodiversity Information Facility, Finnish Museum of Natural History, University of Helsinki, Helsinki

Lähteenaro, M. & Paukkunen, J. 2019. Twisted-winged parasites. In: Hyvärinen, E., Juslén, A., Kemppainen, E., Uddström, A. & Liukko, U.-M. (eds.) 2019. The 2019 Red List of Finnish Species. Ministry of the Environment & Finnish Environment Institute. Helsinki. P. 509-512.

Duploux, A., Minard, G., Lähteenaro, M., Rytteri, S. & Saastamoinen, M. 2018: Silk properties and overwinter survival in gregarious butterfly larvae. *Ecology And Evolution* 2018; 00:1-13

Pasi Sihvonen, Jani Järvi & Meri Lähteenaro: Kansallinen hyönteiskokoelma digikuvataan verkkoon. Yle TV 1, Luonto lähellä 26.11.2018 (Digitization of insect collections)

SELECTED GRANTS

2018 Flora and vegetation of East Africa, travel allowance, Sortavala-säätiö (1050 €)

2018 The HYMCourse, travel allowance, Societas Entomologica Fennica (1963 €)

2017 DNA barcoding of Finnish Strepsiptera, Societas Entomologica Helsingforsiensis (1500 €)

2017 Red List assesment of Finnish Strepsiptera, Raija ja Ossi Tuuliaisen säätiö (1000 €)

REFEREES

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