

We are going to publish a DVD on Italian Scarabaeoidea ("Coleotteri Scarabeoidei d'Italia"), which will deal with all scarabs recorded from Italy.

All text is in Italian, but this is mainly a visual product and text is reduced to a minimum, so that anybody having a basic knowledge of any Neolatin language may easily understand.

For the fist time all Italian Scarabaeoidea are illustrated with full focus photographs. The DVD contains about 3,000 images and is subdivided into the following seven sections:

- 1) An introduction to the diversity and biology of scarabs, illustrated through about 200 images.
- 2) An updated checklist of Italian scarab fauna.
- 3) Illustrated identification keys to all species and subspecies.
- 4) 436 sheets, representing all the 398 species and subspecies occurring in Italy (including the recently described Tropinota paulae) plus 38 doubtful records. Each sheet contains one or two main full focus photographs of the species dealt with (by clicking on these photos you can enlarge them twice and then again, by clicking on the enlarged image, you can obtain the full sized photo), a short text outlining general distribution and biology, a distribution map, and, in many cases, an option to access another section with additional photographs (both full focus photos of the habitus and photos taken in natural habitat). In some cases there is also a section providing aid for identification of difficult species

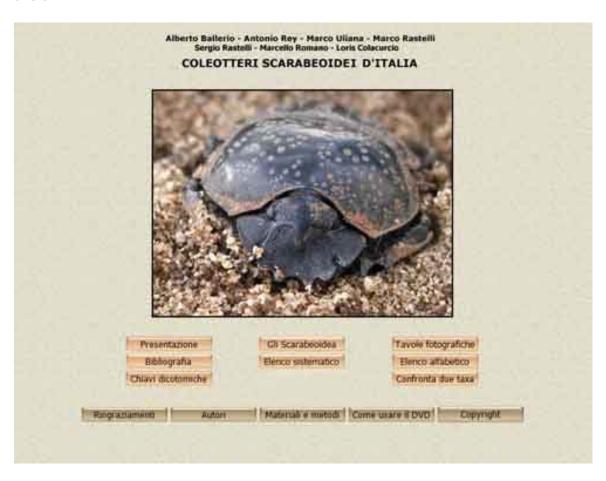
- and a limited number of species has a section where videos taken in natural habitats are available.
- 5) Final synoptic plates which show the diversity of each family or subfamily in Italy.
- 6) A tool allowing to compare a species to another.
- 7) A rich bibliography comprising about 1,300 titles.

How to purchase the DVD

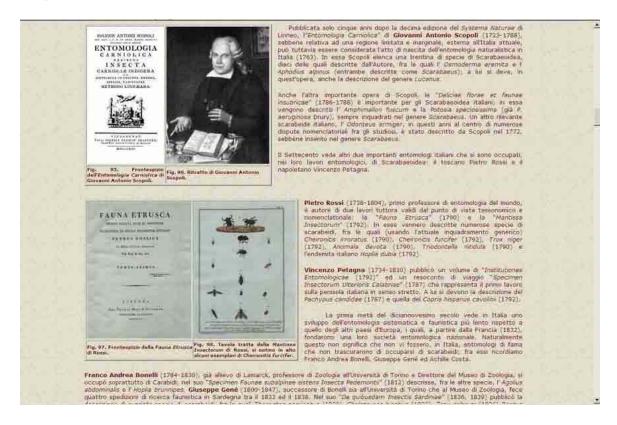
We are already receiving orders. Interested buyers are welcome to send an e-mail to: dvdscarabeidi@yahoo.it or send a letter to: Alberto Ballerio, via Cefalonia 55, I-25124 Brescia (Italia).

Once the DVD is published you will receive instructions on payment methods and total price (including shipping).

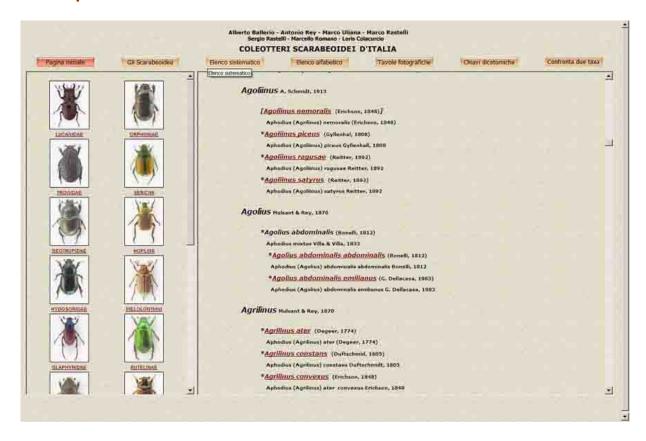
Our promotional price, excluding shipping, is euro 25 up to the 30th of November 2010, from the 1st of December onwards the price will be euro 30.



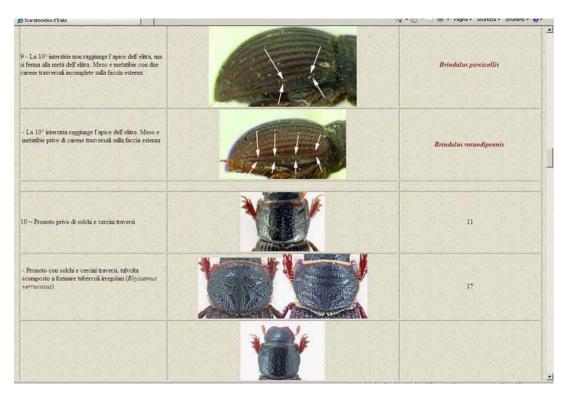
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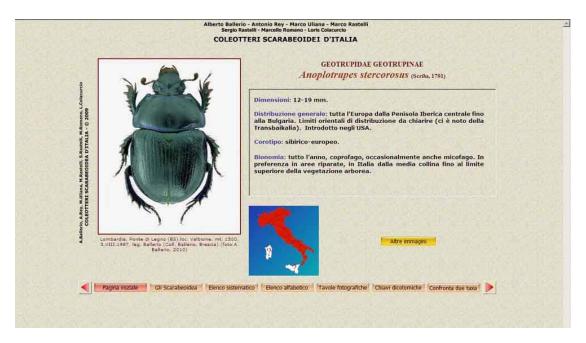
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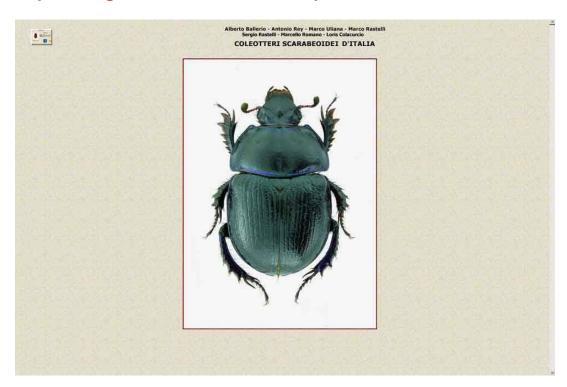
A sample of the identification keys:



Example of a sheet (Anoplotrupes stercorosus):



First step of magnification of the main photo:



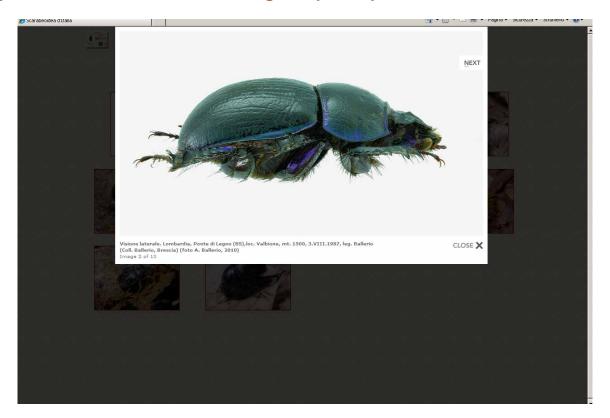
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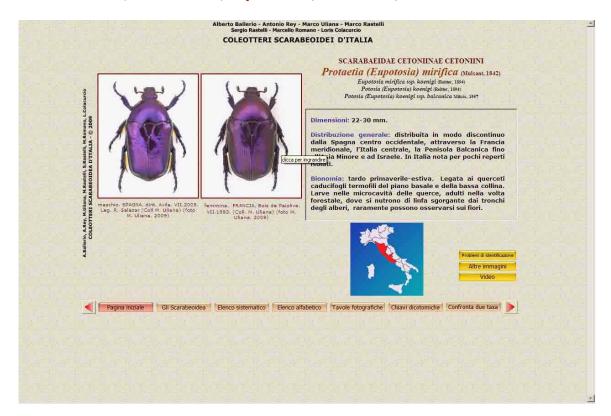
A sample of the section "further images" (= Altre immagini"), in this case from the sheet concerning *Anoplotrupes stercorosus*:



Magnification of a photo from the section "further images", once again from the sheet concerning Anoplotrupes stercorosus:



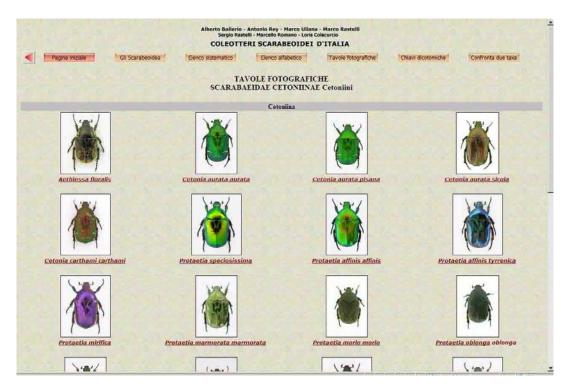
Another sheet (Protaetia (Eupotosia) mirifica):



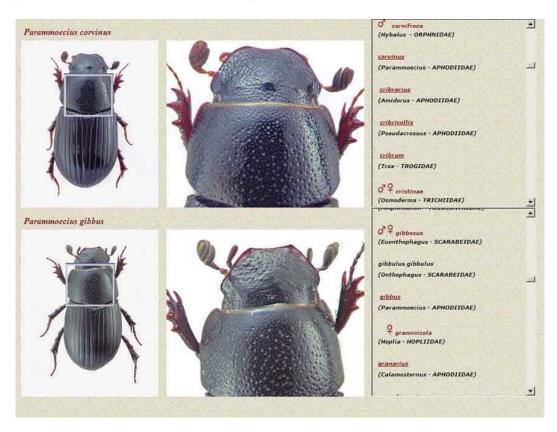
Another example from the section further images (Hoplia attilioi):



Example of synoptic plate:



A sample from the section "Compare two taxa":



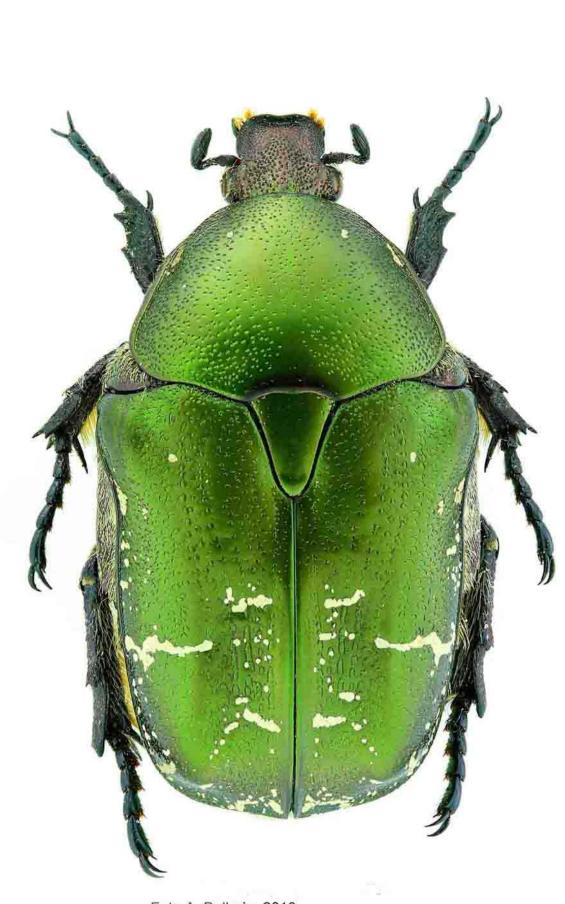


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