Coleoptera und Strepsiptera - Beetles and Strepsipterans

The most interesting part of the Coleoptera and Strepsiptera collection is the beetle collection. Its 6 million samples in 12,000 collection boxes make it the largest of its kind in the German-speaking world and one of the five most important collections in the world. The Strepsiptera collection, by contrast, is anything but significant.

The beetle collection contains

- 6 million beetles, representing 120,000 species, including type material of 30,000 nominal species.
- 1 million unmounted beetles (desiccated or in alcohol)
- 50,000 larvae and pupae (in alcohol)
- Biologies traces of feeding and other signs of presence

The oldest stock goes back to the period around 1770 - in other words, the history of the collection spans nearly 250 years.

Highlights of the Collection
The most precious parts of the collection are the Historical Collection, material collected by curators, specific systematic and geographical collections and important collections from research trips and expeditions.
The collection follows the beetle taxonomy and is structured as a main collection.
Parts of the collection under their administration:
Strepsiptera.
Coleoptera: Archostemmata, Adephaga, Myxophaga, Polyphaga partim: Staphylininae, Staphylinoidea not including Staphylinidae, Hydrophiloidea, Scirtoidea, Dascilloidea, Buprestoidea, Byrrhoidea, Elateroidea, Derotondoidea, Bostrichoidea, Lymexyloidea, Cleroidea, Cucujoidea, Tenebrionoidea.

Coleoptera 2 are cared for by:
Dr. Johannes Frisch, Head of Collection
Dipl.-Biol. Joachim Willers, Chief Preparator Entomology

Parts of the collection under their administration:
Staphylinidae (not including Staphylininae), Cryptophagidae, Scarabaeoidea

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