

# Pasquale Ciliberti

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## EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC DEGREES

2001-2007 Bachelor and Master in Biology, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam  
1997-2000 Dutch language at ROC, Leiden  
1987-1991 High school, Istituto Tecnico Commerciale, F.S. Nitti, Potenza (Italy)

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013-2024 Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden (The Netherlands)  
Position: Collection manager  
TASKS: To manage and organize the Diptera-collection, identification of Diptera at family level, take pictures of specimens for research purposes, loan administration, assist researchers and guide students through the entomological collection.

2011-2013: Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden  
Position: Guest Researcher  
TASKS: Investigate past distribution patterns of the genus *Chionea* (Diptera: Limoniidae) using Ecological Niche Modelling, identification of Diptera at family level.

2010-2011: Amandelbloesem, Wormerveer (The Netherlands)  
Position: Nurse assistant  
TASKS: Help elderly people in a rusting home.

2006-2010: Zoological Museum of Amsterdam, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)  
Position: Temporary assistant Collection manager  
TASKS: Organize the section of the Diptera collection dedicated to the family Empididae, identification of potentially economically important fruit flies (Diptera: Tephritidae) of the Oriental region, identification of Dutch Diptera at family level and helping out with the relocation of the collection from Amsterdam to Leiden.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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I have always been very intrigued by the interaction between organisms and their environment, which led me to study the Ecological Niche Modelling method, a tool that attempts to estimate the niche of species. Additionally, I am fascinated by the compelling diversity of living things, especially Arthropods. I am very interested in the field of taxonomy. Given the enormous diversity of Arthropods, I focus on the faunistic and taxonomy of some families of Lower Diptera. Over the past decade, I have concentrated my activities on the families Psychodidae and Ceratopogonidae. Currently, I am excited to embrace a new challenge: studying the taxonomy of the Limoniidae crane flies.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Ciliberti, P., Dek, N.J. & Kvifte, G.M. (2017). Three species of moth flies (Diptera: Psychodidae) new for the Netherlands. *Entomologische Berichten*, 77(2): 62-65. <https://secties.nev.nl/pages/publicaties/eb/nummers/2017/77-2/62-65.pdf>

Ciliberti, P., & Meiswinkel, R. (2016). *Culicoides poperinghensis*, a new species of biting midge for the Netherlands (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae). *Entomologische Berichten*, 76(1): 11–14. <https://natuurtijdschriften.nl/pub/1011440/EB2016076001003.pdf>

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Ciliberti, P., de Jong, H., Schouten, M.A., Verweij, P., & Heitmans, W. (2009). Ecological niche models for four native cockroach species (Blattaria: Blattellidae: Ectobiinae) in the Netherlands. *Contributions to Zoology*, 78(4): 149–156. <https://doi.org/10.1163/18759866-07804002>

## **CONFERENCES**

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SPNHC 20-25/06/2016. Conference organized by the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections: “Green Museum – How to practice what we preach?”

## **REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC ARTICLE**

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Kvifte, G.M., Salmela, J. & Suuronen, A. (2020). Taxonomic history of *Pericoma albomaculata* Wahlgren, 1904 (Diptera, Psychodidae) with new synonymies and description of *Panimerus halophilus* sp. n. Norwegian Journal of Entomology 67: 61–69.