# PhlebKeyTool: description

**PhlebKeyTool** has been developed within the framework of the European project MediLabSecure -> is a project funded by the European Commission (EU DG DEVCO: IFS/2018/402-247).

Phlebotomine sand flies identication tool using Xper2 software to open an illustrated dataset describing the different species of Phlebotomine sand flies (Genera: *Phlebotomus* and *Sergentomyia*) in Europe, Mediterranean areas and Arabar Peninsula.

The dataset has been developed by a consortium of specialists of many countries coordinated **by Dr Ozge Erisoz** and **Pr. Bulent Alten's lab** (VERG) in Hacettepe University, Ankara.

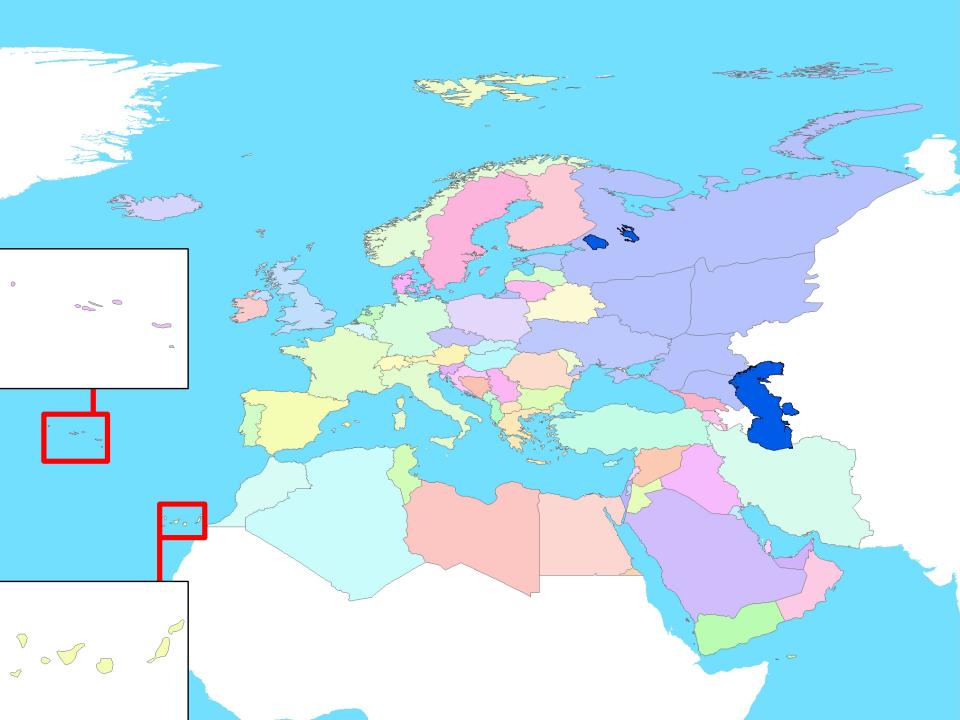
Xper2 is a free access software available on Windows, MacOS or Linux allowing computer-assisted identification <u>available on line</u> and locally. Here is a tutorial on how to use Xper2 as an identification tool:

http://www.infosyslab.fr/?q=en/resources/scientific\_videos

#### **PhlebKeyTool:** why this tool was needed? Aims?

**PhlebKeyTool** is intended to be an interactive identification key for Phlebotomine sand flies of the Greater Palaearctic Region including Europe + Mediterranean Region and Arabian Peninsula.

- A) Achievements of MosKeyTool
- B) To create a more user-friendly identification key for entomologists and particularly nonentomologists.
- C) Very limited body characters for identification with naked eyes. Not like mosquitoes.
- D) It can be able to identify a specimen even if some characters are missing by using independent descriptors.
- E) To use images as much as possible to identify especially close species
- F) To perfectly identify species using lesser steps as much as possible (even 2-3 steps are possible).
- G) To make easier the life of taxonomists.



# PhlebKeyTool: features?

#### - for Phlebotomus and Sergentomyia genera

- for adult female and male specimens
- a single basis for genus, subgenus and species identification
- mainly based on morphological characters
- supported with images, drawings and descriptions
- non-morphological characters will also be included (MALDI-TOF and DNA Barcoding data) in Version 2.
- training / informative tool

## PhlebKeyTool: features?

- A total of 84 species (female and male) and some subspecies
- 130 references
- Achivements : 90% (for Version 1)
  - 9 species without description or poorly describe
  - 15 species without any photo/drawings

Note: most of the species which we have no description / photo are from Arabian Peninsula. Most of them was identified many years ago with 1 or 2 specimens and very limited information.

Some of them could be previously misidentified.

# PhlebKeyTool: the team

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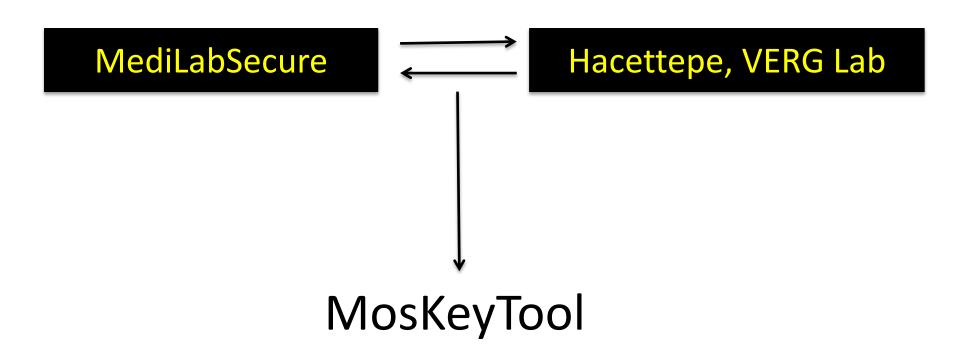
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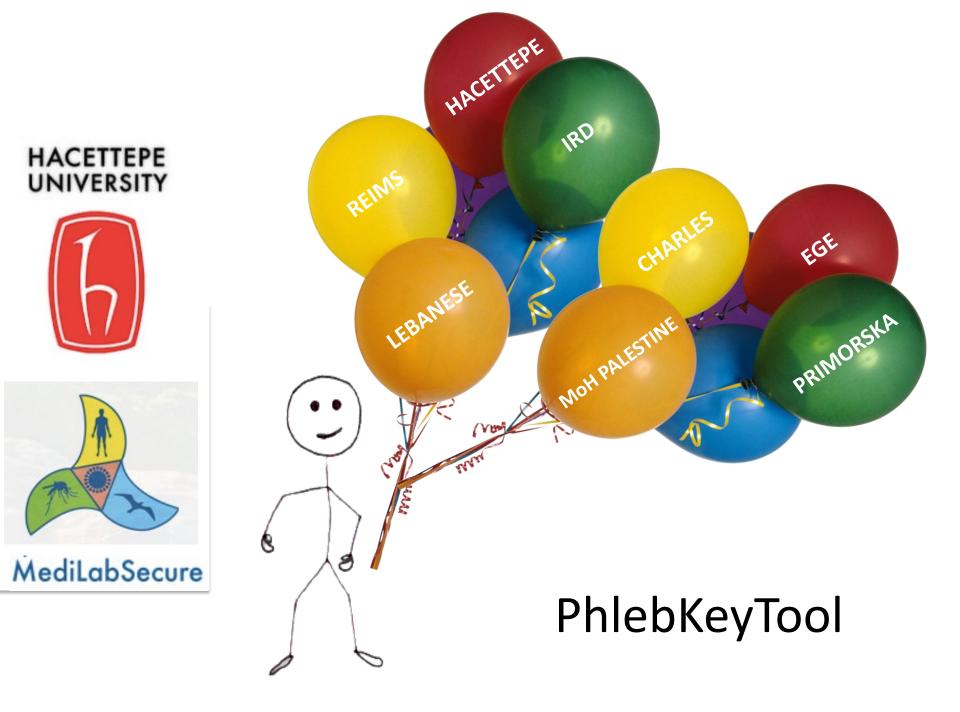
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## PhlebKeyTool: the team

Although the authors' contributions for version 1 are not equal, according to the division of work we initially made, all team members will make a great contribution in the validation / correction / completion stages to ensure that version 2, which will be published in about 1 year, is close to perfection.





# DIFFICULTIES RELATED TO SAND FLY TAXONOMY

- Adult morphology
- Small in size (2 4 mm)
- Keys are old and difficult to obtain, descriptions can be blurry
- A few online or computer based keysPhenotypic plasticity

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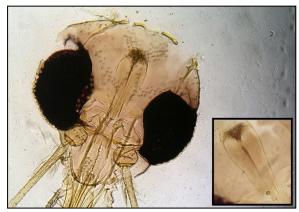
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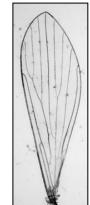
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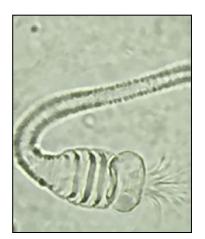
(*Phlebotomus* and *Sergentomyia* genera)

- For adult males and females
- 61 morphological criteria
  (Head, Thorax, Genitalia)
- Base construction with published/online keys and descriptions
- Pictures and drawings are included



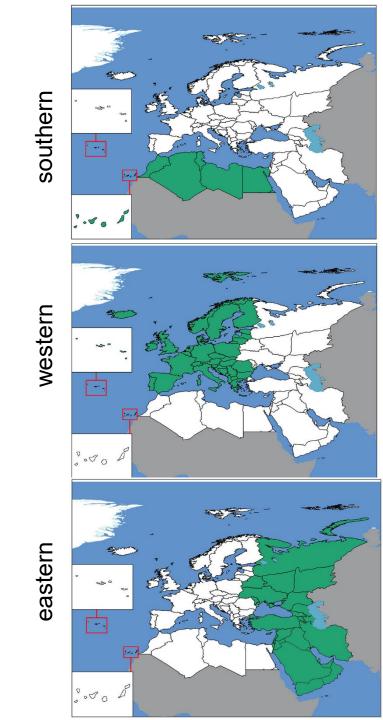








- Includes all the Western
   Palearctic sand fly species
- Geographic origin (sampling area) as a criteria
- 67 geographic units representing individual countries
- One country can be a member of more than one sampling area
- Islands are represented as independent geographic units
- Comprehensive literature search for species distribution data base construction

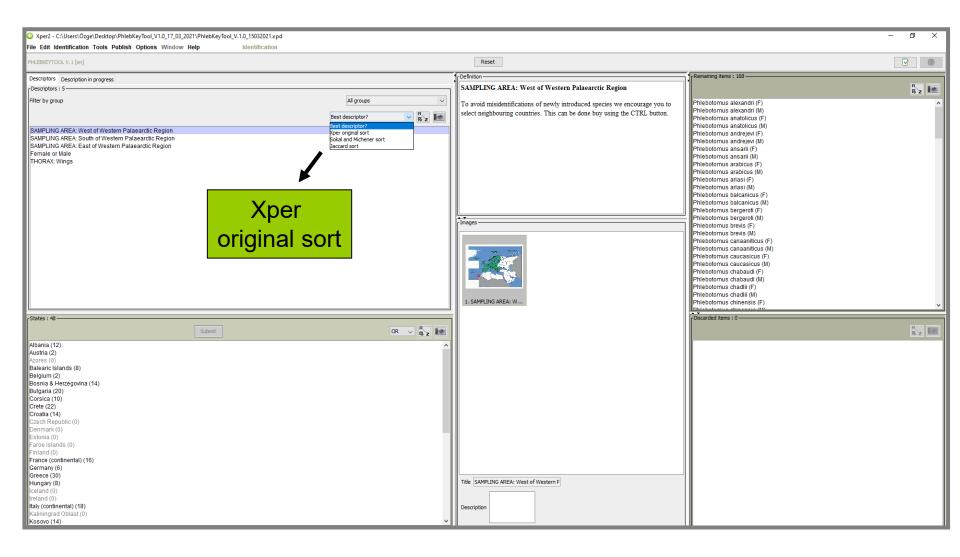


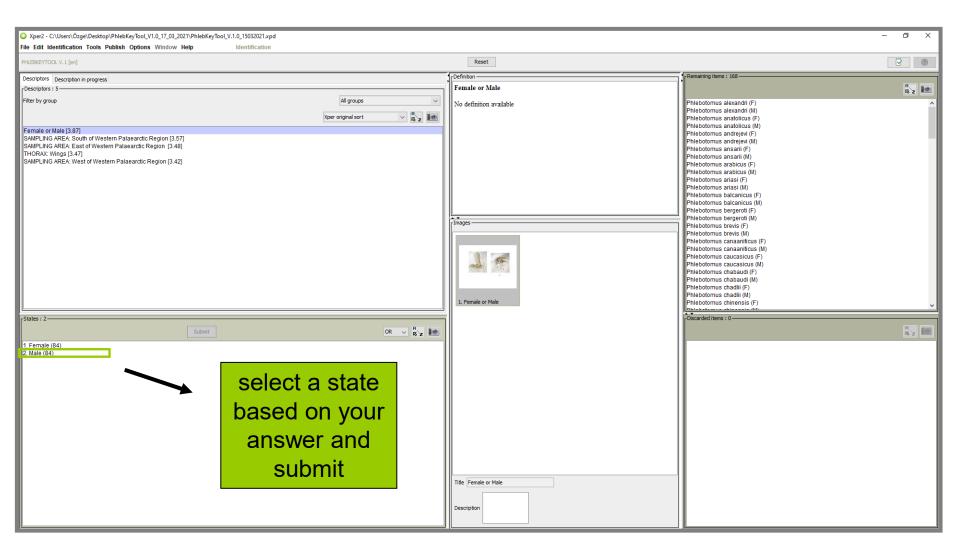
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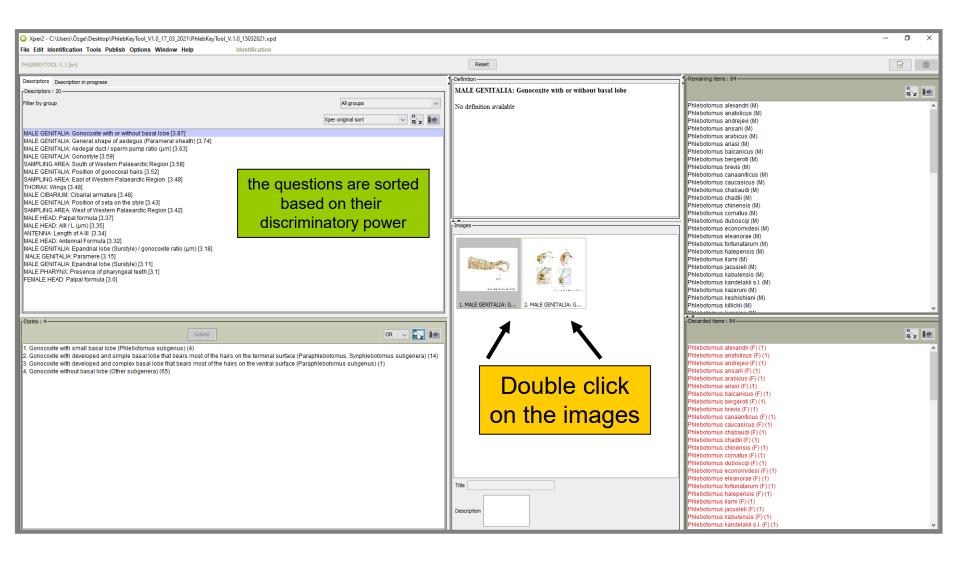
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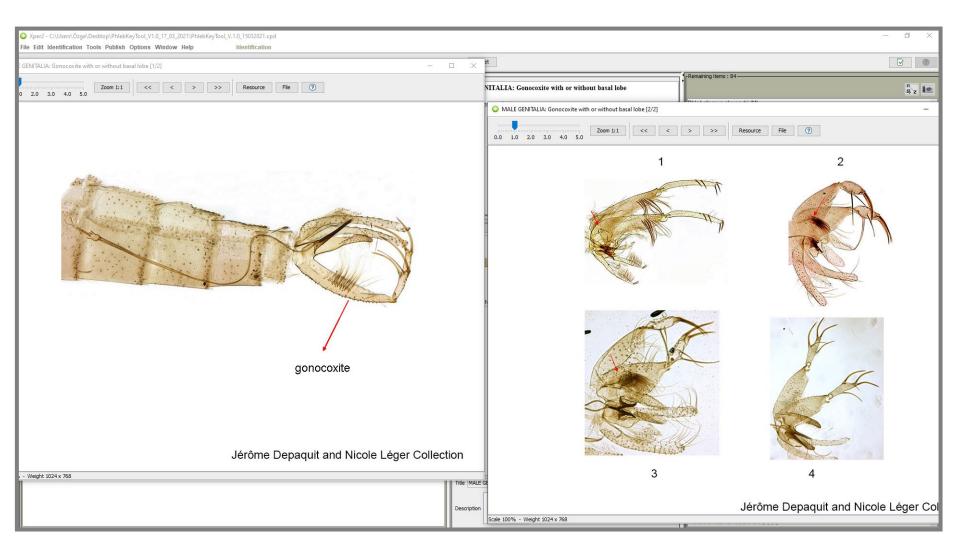
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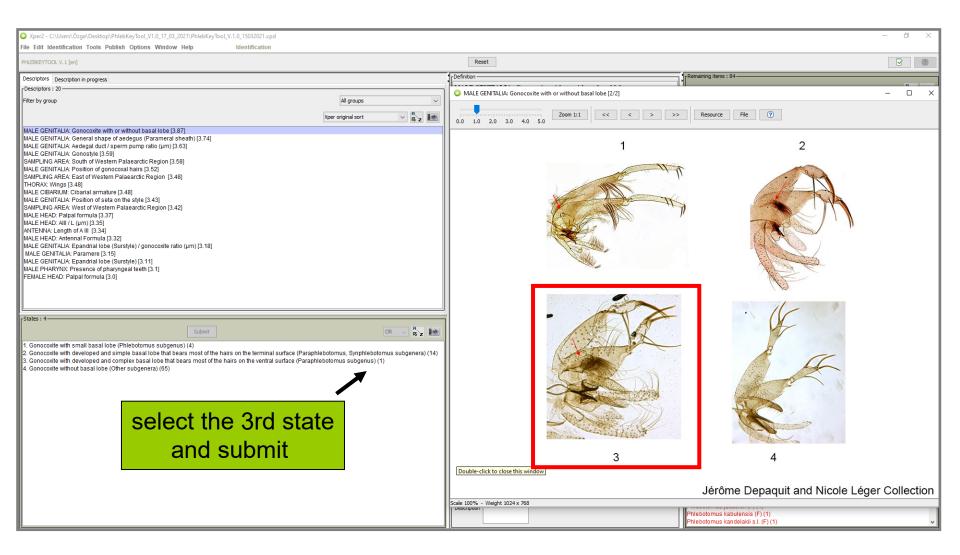
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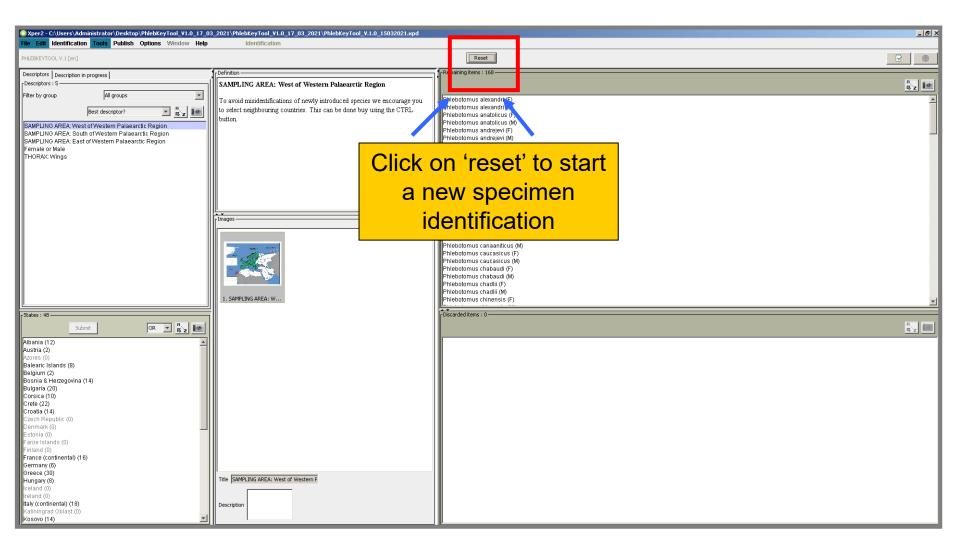


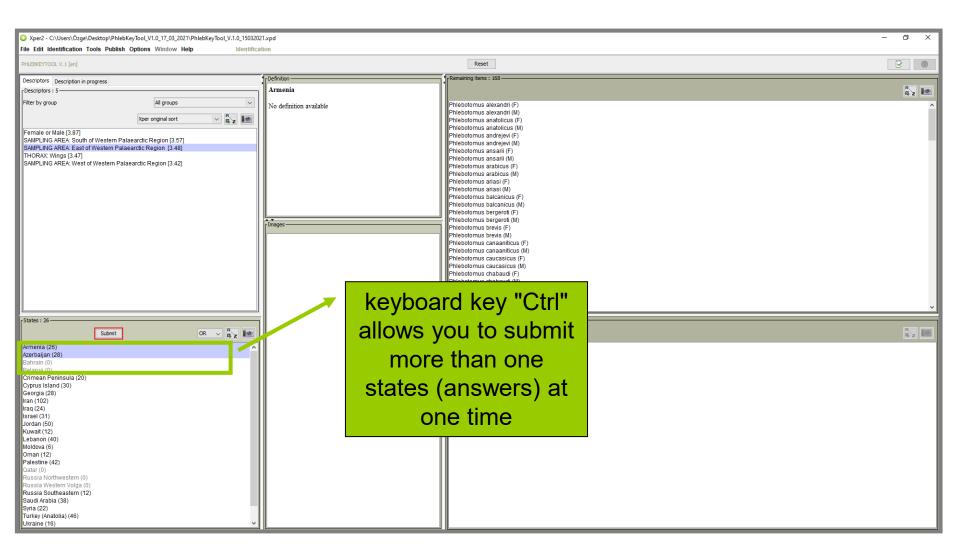


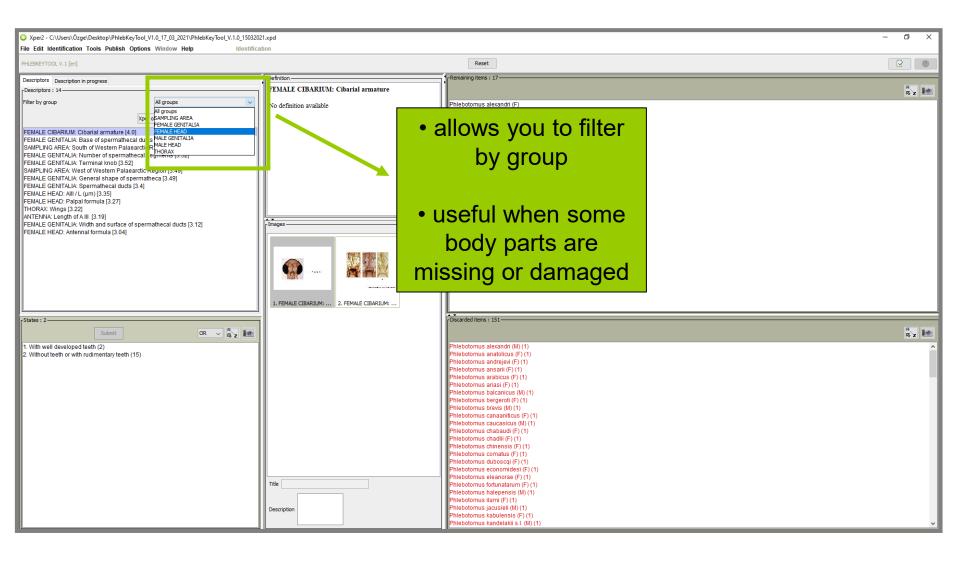


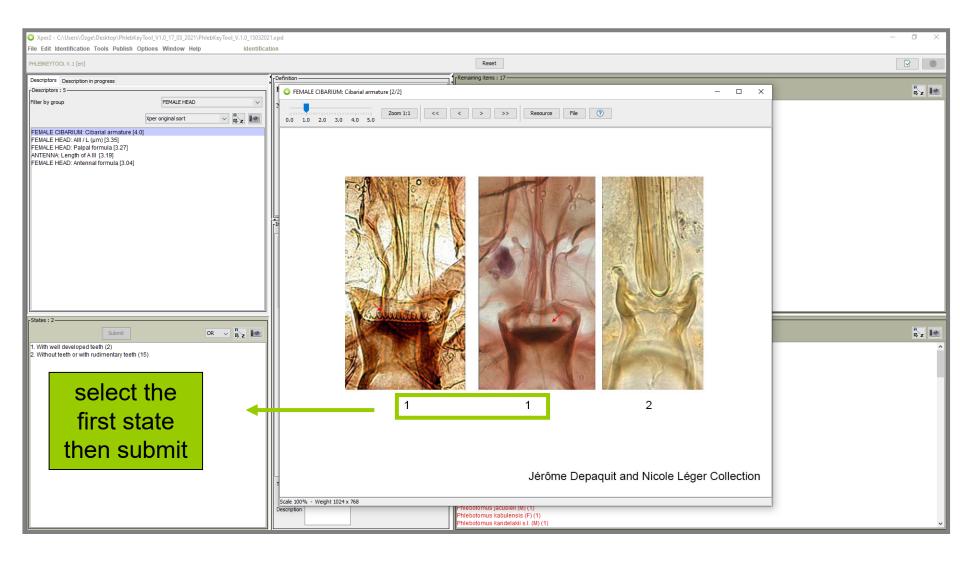
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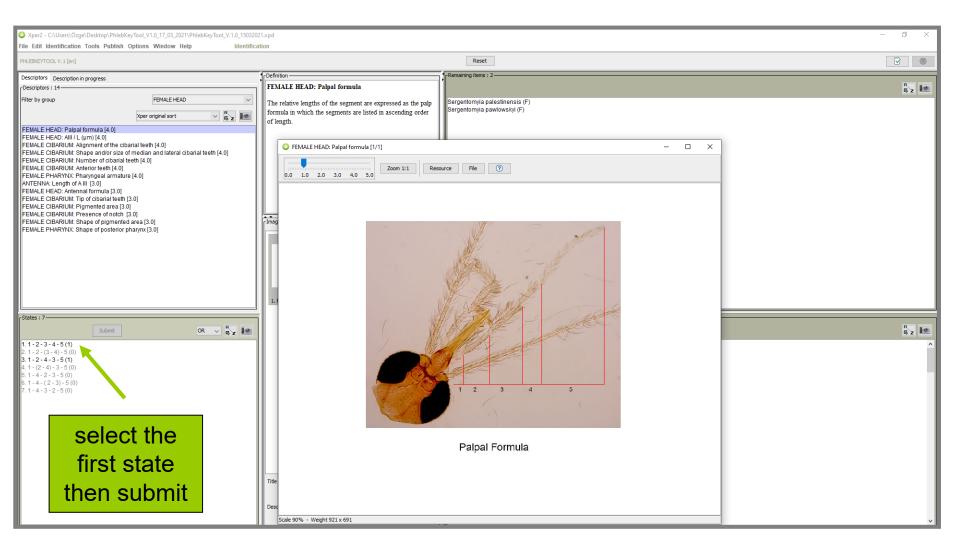
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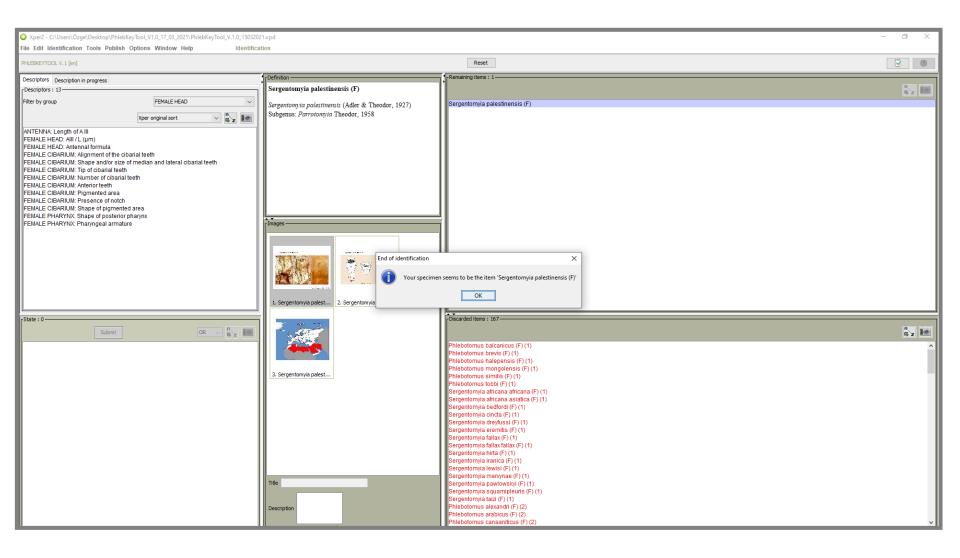












- Missing data for some taxa
- Missing pictures and/or drawings for some taxa and descriptors
- No molecular data is available
- The first version is open to improvements
- Feedbacks and contributions are welcome

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PhlebKeyTool (The phlebotomine sandflies of Europe, Mediterranean area, Middle-East, Arabian Peninsula and Iran). Identification tool for males and females of 84 species and sub-species of Phlebotominae (52 *Phlebotomus* et 32 *Sergentomyia*). A single common basis for genus, species and sub-species identification.

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#### How to install this identification tool?

#### 1. Download and install the Xper2 identification software

Version 2.3.2 for Windows XP/Vista/7 / Linux / MacOS X (>10.10) / MacOS X (<10.11). More infos on Xper2.

#### 2. Download the arthropod database (.zip file) of your choice.

Extract the zip archive inside a directory, you must have 1 folder and 4 files:

folder " images"

file "[name of the database].xpd"

file "[ name of the database].xpx"

file "[ name of the database].xpw"

file "[ name of the database].xpr"

#### 3. Open the Xper2 software .

Go to File -> Open a Database, and select the file "[name of the database].xpd"



#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !