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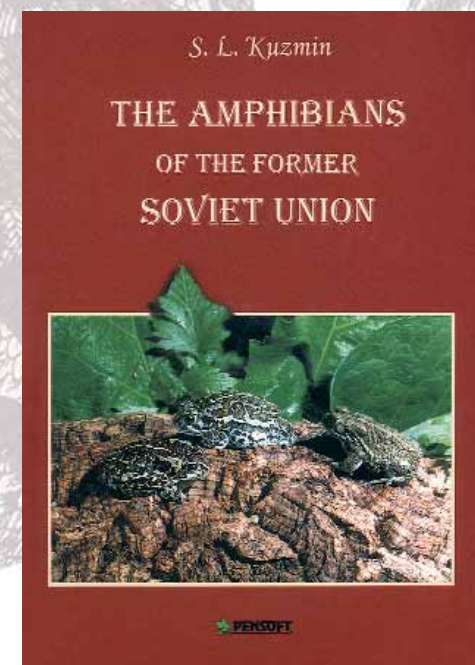
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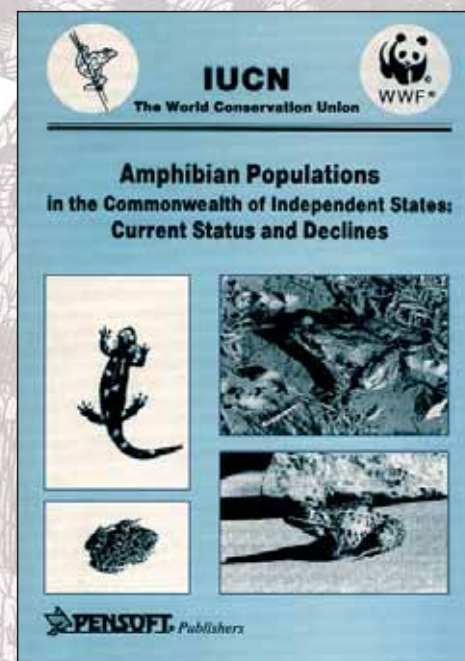


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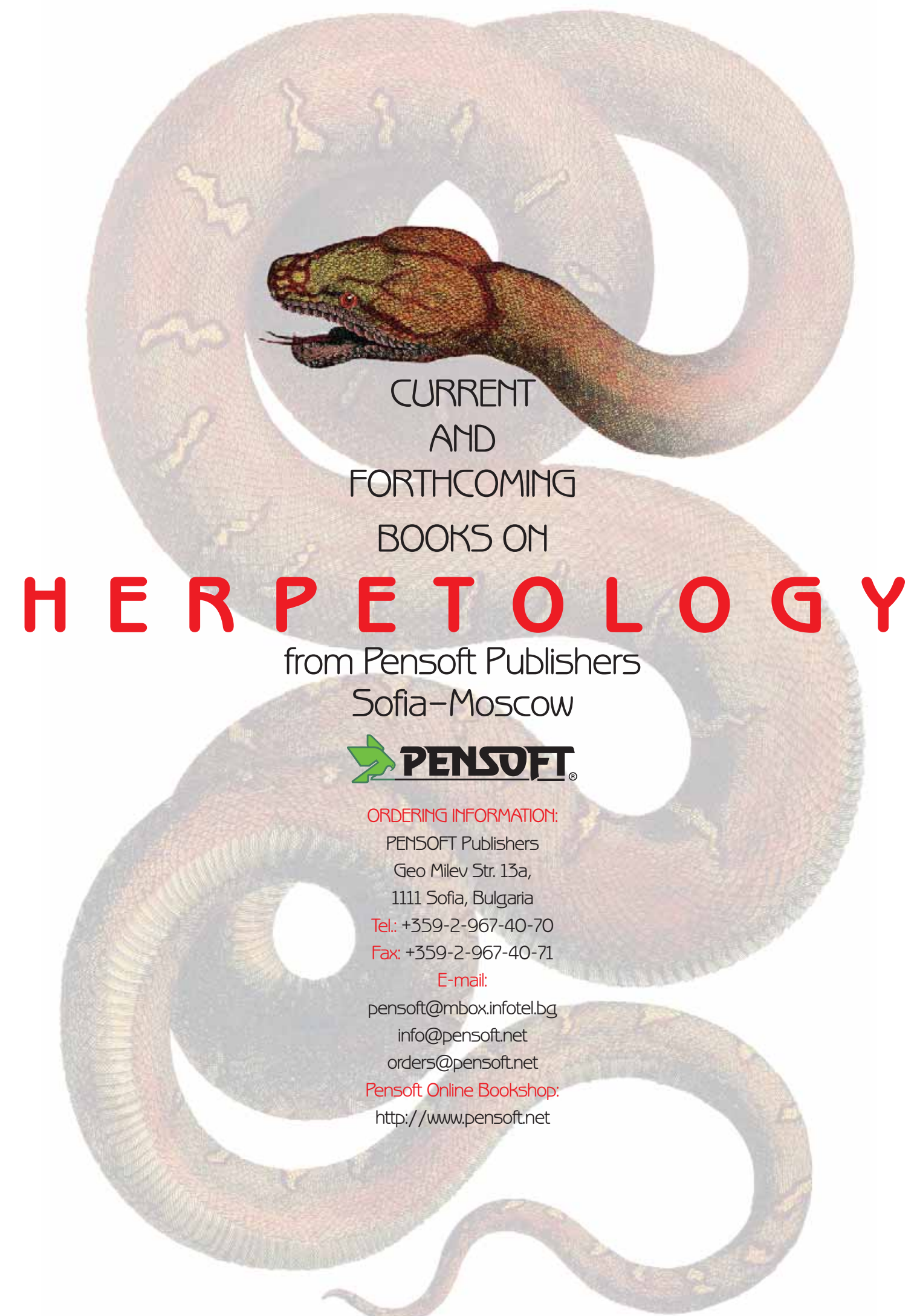
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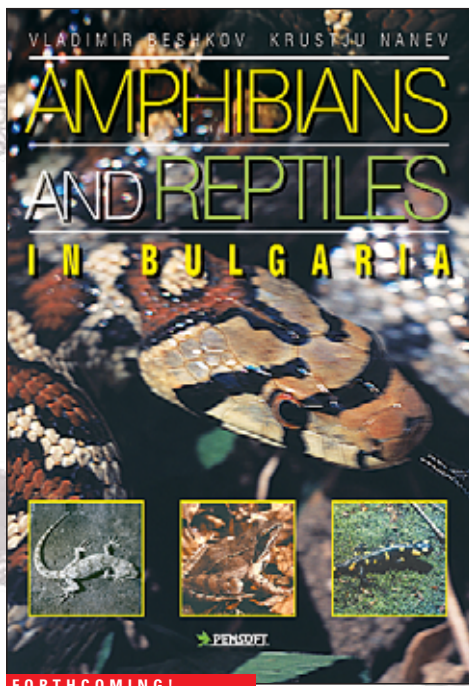
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The author worked for approximately 25 years in Papua New Guinea and is now Emeritus Professor of Biology at the University of Papua New Guinea and, concurrently, visiting research fellow at the University of Adelaide in Australia. He has carried out research in many parts of New Guinea, published on the natural history of frogs and mammals and collaborated in botanical and environmental impact studies.

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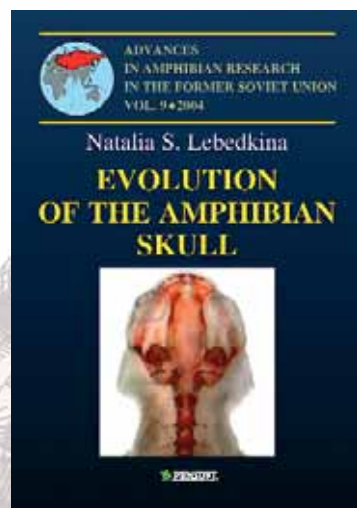
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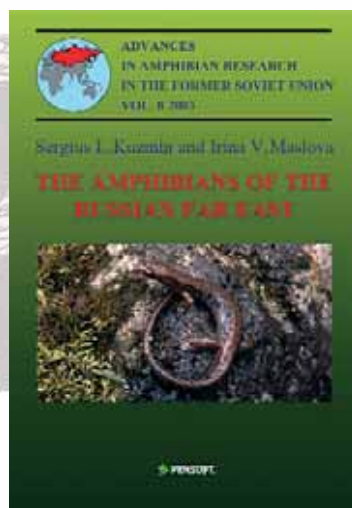


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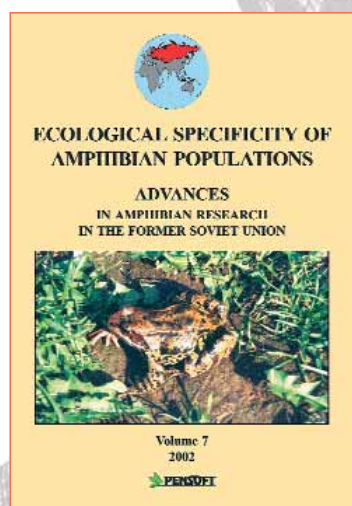
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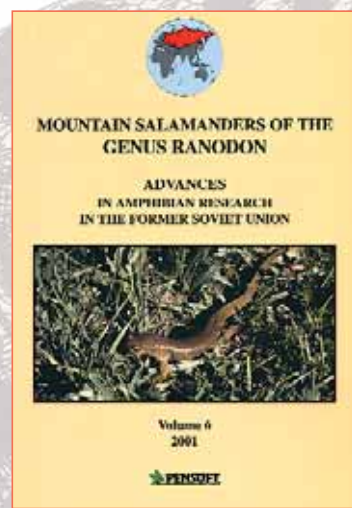
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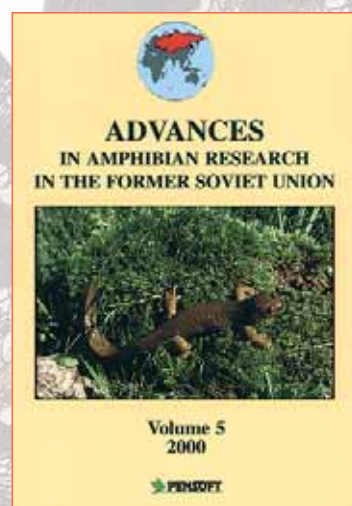
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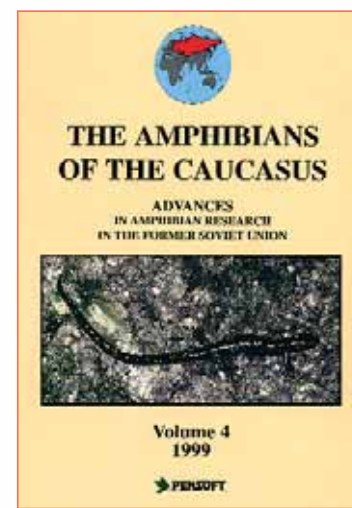
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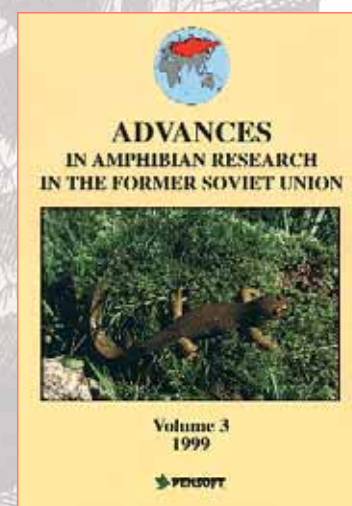
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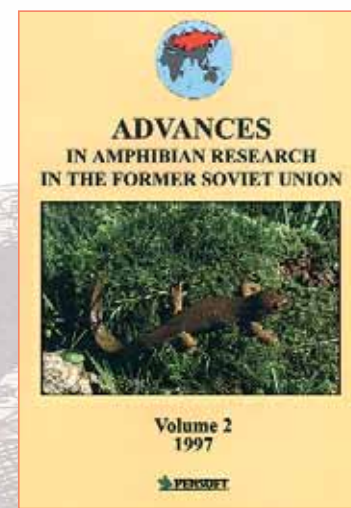
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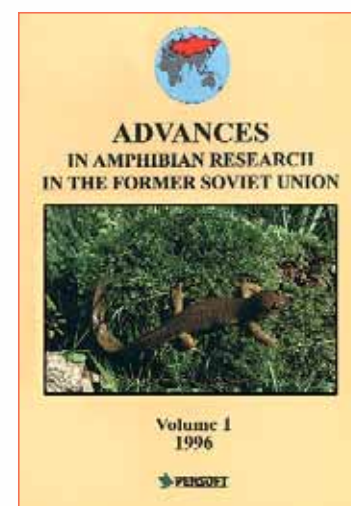
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