Luis Cervantes Peredo, born in Mexico City, Mexico, on May 8, 1962, was the fourth of seven children. He had one son, Santiago, from a previous marriage. He received his Bachelor’s degree in 1988 from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), completing an undergraduate thesis on the nymphal stages and phenology of a group in the tribe Pentatomini [Pentatomidae] at the Tropical Biology Station at Los Tuxlas, Veracruz, Mexico. He obtained his Master’s degree in 1989, based on a study of the biology, morphology, and systematics of Piezosternum subulatum (Thunberg) [Tessaratomidae], including investigations on its phylogenetic and biogeographic relationship within the family. He completed his Ph.D. in 1996 at Imperial College, University of London, England, where he studied the effects of Hemiptera on successional plant communities. In 1998, he accepted a position at the Biodiversidad y Sistemática del Instituto de Ecología (INECOL), A.C., Xalapa, Veracruz, where he remained for the rest of his career.

Luis was an avid collector and traveled to the field whenever he could. He worked throughout Mexico in search of Heteroptera, especially the Lygaeoidea. His graduate studies clearly cultivated his strong interest in the life history and immature stages of his bugs, which is reflected in many of his publications. He also had become an outstanding taxonomist and published papers describing new Mexican genera and species, across many families, especially those within the Cydnidae, Lygaeidae, Oxycarenidae, and Rhyparochromidae.

During his career, he published 62 papers on Heteroptera and other arthropod groups and described four new genera and 43 new species in six heteropteran families. He published 25 papers on the biology and immature stages of Lygaoidea and other Heteroptera, including 10 on the life history of bugs associated with figs in Mexico. At the time of his death, he was working on a large, multi-year, cooperative faunal survey of the Heteroptera of Baja California, which resulted in a number of important papers, with others planned.

Luis had a wide range of interests and hobbies. He was especially fond of working puzzles and playing dominoes with his friends. He enjoyed cooking and, though not a vegetarian, he usually avoided red meat. He also was skilled at woodworking; he had just finished building customized laboratory benches for his new office. He loved the outdoors and whenever possible spent time at the cabin he built himself in the local forest, especially after a hard day’s work, sometimes enjoying an occasional glass of a glass...