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Abstract

A junior homonym was detected among phasmid genera and the following replacement name is proposed: *Redtenbacherus* nom. nov. for *Ernodes* Redtenbacher, 1908. New combinations are proposed for the species group names currently included in this genus. *Redtenbacherus antennatus* (Redtenbacher, 1908) comb. nov.; *Redtenbacherus jacobsoni* (Rehn, 1912) comb. nov. and *Redtenbacherus sumatranus* (Redtenbacher, 1908) comb. nov.

Key words

name change, homonymy, replacement name, Phasmida, Phasmatidae

Introduction

The purpose of the present paper is to bring the taxonomy of Phasmida into accordance with the requirements of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1999). The genus name *Ernodes* is previously published for another taxon, making it a junior homonym. In accordance with Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, we propose a substitute name for this genus name.

Taxonomy

Family Phasmatidae Genus *Redtenbacherus* nom. nov.

Ernodes Redtenbacher, 1908. In Brunner & Redtenbacher, Ins.-Fam. Phasm., 368, 373. (Insecta: Phasmida: Verophasmatodea: Anareolatae: Phasmatidae: Platycraninae: Platycranini). Preoccupied by *Ernodes* Wallengren, 1891. K. svenska VetenskAkad. Handl., (N.S.) 24, no. 10, 113. (Insecta: Trichoptera: Sericostomatoidea: Beraeidae).

Remarks on nomenclatural change.— For the family Phasmatidae Redtenbacher (1908) proposed the oriental phasmid genus *Ernodes* of type species *Ernodes sumatranus* Redtenbacher, 1908, by subsequent designation Zompro & Adis (2001). It is still used as a valid genus name in Phasmida (e.g., Bradley & Galil 1977, Zompro & Adis 2001, Bragg 2001, Zompro 2004, Otte & Brock 2005). Currently, the genus *Ernodes* Redtenbacher, 1908 includes 3 species: *Ernodes antennatus* Redtenbacher, 1908; *Ernodes jacobsoni* Rehn, 1912 and *Ernodes sumatranus* Redtenbacher, 1908.

Unfortunately, the genus name was preoccupied. Wallengren (1891) had described the caddisfly genus *Ernodes* with the type species *Rhyacophila articularis* Pictet, 1834 for Trichoptera: *Ernodes* is still used as a valid genus name in the family Beraeidae (e.g., Morse et al., 2007). Presently, the genus *Ernodes* Wallengren, 1891 includes 15 species from the Western Palaearctic Region [Europe & Northern Asia (excluding China)] as *E. abanticus* Cakin, 1983; *E. anatolicus* Cakin, 1983; *E. articularis* (Pictet, 1834); *E. botosaneanui* Vaillant, 1982; *E. digitatus* Martynov, 1918; *E. dirginensis* Sipahiler, 1998; *E. kakofonix* Malicky, 1979; *E. macahelensis* Sipahiler, 1997; *E. nigroauratus* Mosely, 1930; *E. palpatus* (Martynov, 1909); *E. rizeiensis* Sipahiler, 1987; *E. saltans* Martynov, 1913; *E. skipetarum* Malicky, 1986; *E. vicinus* (McLachlan, 1879) and *E. wolfgangjoosti* Mey, 2004.

The phasmid genus *Ernodes* Redtenbacher, 1908 is therefore a junior homonym of the genus *Ernodes* Wallengren, 1891. Brock (2008) notes “a replacement name is needed for *Ernodes*” but does not propose any. In addition to this, Uvarov (1940) states that *Ernodes* Redtenbacher, 1908 is preoccupied by *Ernodes* Wallengren, 1891 (Trichoptera). Uvarov also refrained from proposing a new name for *Ernodes*, due to its being a synonym of *Echetus* Stål, 1875 at that time. Zompro & Adis (2001) reinstated *Ernodes* as valid, but were presumably unaware of Uvarov. So we propose a new replacement name *Redtenbacherus* nom. nov. for *Ernodes* Redtenbacher, 1908.

Etymology.— Named for Josef Redtenbacher who authored the generic name *Ernodes*. The replacement name *Redtenbacherus* is male in gender.

Summary of nomenclatural changes.—

Genus *Redtenbacherus* nom. nov.
= *Ernodes* Redtenbacher, 1908 (not Wallengren, 1891).

Species *Redtenbacherus antennatus* (Redtenbacher, 1908) comb. nov.
= *Ernodes antennatus* Redtenbacher, 1908
Type locality: Asia-Tropical, Malesia, Sumatra, Mt. Singalang.

Species *Redtenbacherus jacobsoni* (Rehn, 1912) comb. nov.
= *Ernodes jacobsoni* Rehn, 1912
Type loc.: Asia-Tropical, Malesia, Java, Nongkodjadar.

Species *Redtenbacherus sumatranus* (Redtenbacher, 1908) comb. nov.
= *Ernodes sumatranus* Redtenbacher, 1908
Type loc.: Asia-Tropical, Malesia, Sumatra, Mt Singalang.

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