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Dear friends,

As you can see above I moved from Munich to a small village at the foot of the Bavarian mountains. This took a lot of my time. Beside this there are the troubles with Roman Hołyński's publications. I have been several times in our state library to search with the help of the librarians there for Procrustomachia. I could not be found by the ISSN nor by any other criteria. Even in the library of the Polish State Library it could not be found. This is the reason why you find Roman's titles in read letters without any further specification. I am not willing to help create a second line of taxonomy beside the rules of the ICZN.

For the next issue, please send me your news up to 1 January 2019.

Hans

A. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

B. SPECIES WANTED FOR RESEARCH OR EXCHANGE

C. REQUESTS FOR LITERATURE

D. FORUM

Svatopluk **Bílý**, Mark G. **Volkovitsh** and Ted **MacRae** wrote:

To finish the endless discussions concerning the validity of "*Procrustomachia*", we submitted an Application to the International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature to recognize "*Procrustomachia*" as an unavailable work that does not meet publication criteria as specified in the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, to put this pamphlet on the list of unavailable publications, and to suppress all new names that have appeared there and place them on the Official Indexes of Rejected and Invalid Generic/Specific Names in Zoology. Furthermore, until such time that the Commission reaches a FINAL decision on this matter, we will treat "*Procrustomachia*" as an unavailable publication and all names published in it so far as unavailable names.

Roman **Holýňski** sent the following letter:

In reaction to some questions I wish to give hereby informations as to what is the "*Uncensored Scientists Group*", what kind of scientific journal is *Procrustomachia*, and what have been the factors contributing to make it necessary.

As to the USG, it is very simple: as specified on the last page of each *Procrustomachia* issue, it is an **informal** group – truly, perfectly informal, not only without fees, duties or meetings, but even without registered membership: **everybody** is a member who **a)** considers the currently dominating practices (rigidly executed formal "editorial standards", obligatory "peer-reviewing", &c.) a form of censorship, **b)** agrees that censorship in science is a dangerous poison, and **c)** does not like to inertly, slavishly "float with the current". So, I am not able to answer a question like "how many members *Uncensored Scientists Group* counts": perhaps I am the only one, maybe we are millions, most probably the truth is somewhere in between.

And *Procrustomachia* is a journal designed just for this group: offering the possibility for those who wish (and can afford...) to publish without censorship. Hitherto the only author having used this possibility was myself, and – although *Procrustomachia* is open to all – I am fully aware that this "pattern" is not likely to significantly change in the predictable future: my situation is different from that of those formally employed in scientific institutions or otherwise dependent upon impact factors, Philadelphia-lists, or other formal criteria that plague the late-XX and XXI century science... I am – and have ever been – a "private entomologist", never paid for my scientific activity (indeed, often for months- or even years-long periods having no regular income at all...), what has had serious negative "existential" consequences (our "standard of living" has never approached country-average, usually remaining at or below the "official" poverty-line; for years my daily ration was a plateful of rice with margarine, in winter windows in the room where I lived and worked were covered inside with thick layer of hoar-frost – even now I write this in 10°C, although the weather is still relatively very mild...), but in reward I have enjoyed the rare privilege and invaluable comfort of having not been involved in the "rat-race", forced to "climb the monkey-ladder" (I decided to arrange for my PhD only at the age of 61, and even then only for the memory of my Mother) or to publish in snobbish ("peer-reviewed", high Impact Factor, included in ISI-list &c.) journals. However [with but three, unfortunately "ephemeral", exceptions: first few volumes of *Notatki Ornitologiczne* (edited by my friends, including – albeit informally – myself); five issues of *Crystal* (where I was the sole editor); and 11 numbers of *Jewel Beetles* (whose editor accepted papers as edited and formatted by the authors)], the editors of even the less "dignified" journals consider not only reviewers' views but also

actual fashions and their own personal whims (“editorial standards” – the only correct and acceptable although... in any journal *different*!) incomparably more important than the specificity of the paper or clarity of expression, not to mention such totally “immaterial” aspects as opinions and preferences of the author; attempts to discuss are almost invariably a kind of fighting windmills, often arrogantly cut short with something like “if you don’t like it, you can publish privately” [the Editor of *Elytron*, 1989]. Thus, for most of my life I (to use Władysław BARTOSZEWSKI’s formulation) “must ... have weighed on my conscience whether agreeing to publish something faulty is less evil ... or is it already too wrong to be accepted and I should rather resign from publication”. The “kind advice” to publish privately was, of course, absolutely unrealistic in the time when “publication” meant “printed on paper and distributed in that form”, and this impossibility was so strongly “imprinted” in my mind, that only recently, having known of many “renowned” journals (e.g. *Zootaxa* or *ZooKeys*) distributed mainly as pdf-s with but few printed copies sent to libraries and subscribers, it struck me that “huuu! now I can do the same!” – and so *Procrustomachia* was born, relieving me from conscience-compromises and offering several other advantages very important to me (I think they *should be* important to *all* scientists, but this is already a problem of *their* scientific conscience!):

- *real* freedom of scientific expression: unrestricted possibility to publish *the author's* views in the form *the author* considers adequate (and, for readers, certainty of those being *indeed* the author’s – *not an anonymous editor’s or reviewer’s* – opinions and preferences!);
- no fruitless (but time-consuming and nerve-racking) quarrels with editors and (usually indirectly) “peer”-reviewers;
- immediate (as soon as the paper is ready, rather than after months or even years “spent on various desks”) publication;
- exactly stated, *unambiguous* date of publication (no “electronic preprints”, no time-lag between “online” and printed versions, or any other confusing practices);
- printed version *really* identical to the electronic pdf (unlike the practice of many journals *claiming* the identity although e.g. colour figures – often of key importance in not only taxonomic works!) are printed as black-and-white);
- *real* [not only for rich people, able to pay tens of dollars for a needed paper] “open access” (each issue freely downloadable from ResearchGate or available on request from me), with no cost to either the author or readers;
- no restrictive copyright: the content may be copied, re-published, quoted, or used in any other way under the only obligation to honestly cite the source.

And what about the *dis*advantages? Besides the (discussed above) poor “performance” in terms of the (scientifically irrelevant but decisive in bureaucratic evaluations) criteria influencing the scientist’s institutional career, and superciliousness from the side of snobbishly inclined colleagues (which, however, do not characterize the journal but only others’ attitude), small number – resulting in lack in most libraries – of printed copies (the deficiency shared with many “leading” journals including e.g. *Zootaxa* or *ZooKeys*), and somewhat suboptimal (but sufficiently good to fulfil the role intended for scientific publication) technical parameters, I cannot think of any drawback which would make *Procrustomachia* inferior to other periodicals I am aware of: in my opinion, *from the truly scientific point of view it is almost ideal journal*!

Of course, this is my opinion, not binding to anybody else...

Best wishes!

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F. NEW TAXA

(In the first column the name, author, year of publication and page number of the new taxon is shown; the second column indicates the type locality, state and province; and the third column the collection where the type is deposited)

Abbreviations:

CSCA	California State Collection of Arthropods, Sacramento, U.S.A.
DBCR	Daniele Baiocchi collection, Roma, Italy
EJCB	Eduard Jendek collection, Bratislava, Slovakia (will be deposited in Smithsonian Institution, Washington, USA)
FWPC	Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
HNHM	Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest, Hungary
JMCS	Jaroslav Marek collection, Šýkořice/Czech Republic (will be deposited in NMPC)
GMCC	Gianluca Magnani collection, Cesena, Italy
MCCI	Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Carmagnola, Carmagnola, Italy
MNMS	Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
MRHNB	Musée Royale d'Histoire Naturelle, Bruxelles, Belgique
MZUEL	Museo de Zoología de la Universidad Estadual de Londrina, Paraná, Brasil
NME	Naturkundemuseum Erfurt, Erfurt, Germany
NMPC	Národní Muzeum v Praze, Prague, Czech Republic;
VKCB	Vítězslav Kubáň collection, Šlapanice near Brno, Czech Republic
WAMP	Western Australian Museum, Perth, Australia
ZIN	Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia

New species and subspecies

2017

<i>Acmaeodera (Ptychomus) koshtali</i> Volkovitsh & Prepsl, 2017:1113	Oman	ZIN
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) antelucanus</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:19	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) anthracites</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:23	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) atrox</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:22	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) elfus</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:15	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) empictus</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:18	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) emsignatus</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:19	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) fei</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:23	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) kawi</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:18	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) lindae</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:15	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) nigrobrunneus</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:19	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) silvanoi</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:22	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Nigritius) scottoi</i> Curletti & Dutto, 2017a:423	Cameroun	MCCI
<i>Agrilus aruensis</i> Jendek, 2017:251	Indonesia	FWPC
<i>Agrilus ateles</i> Jendek, 2017:252	Malaysia	FWPC
<i>Agrilus bicoloripennis</i> Jendek, 2017:259	Indonesia	FWPC
<i>Agrilus chloros</i> Jendek, 2017:259	Laos	FWPC

<i>Agrilus duffelsorum</i> Jendek, 2017:260	Malaysia	FWPC
<i>Agrilus ecalcaratus</i> Jendek, 2017:261	Vietnam	FWPC
<i>Agrilus incrassatus</i> Jendek, 2017:263	Malaysia	FWPC
<i>Agrilus korbicola</i> Jendek, 2017:264	Malaysia	FWPC
<i>Agrilus oidema</i> Jendek, 2017:265	Philippines	FWPC
<i>Agrilus spheopteris</i> Jendek, 2017:267	Malaysia	FWPC
<i>Agrilus suturistriatus</i> Jendek, 2017:267	Indonesia	FWPC
<i>Agrilus thailandicus</i> Jendek, 2017:268	Thailand	FWPC
<i>Agrilus vogti</i> Jendek, 2017:269	Myanmar	FWPC
<i>Anthaxia (Anthaxia) simonae</i> Verdugo, Niehuis & Gómez de Dios, 2017:211	Spain	MNMS
<i>Conognatha (Pithiscus) caparaoensis</i> Pineda y Barros, 2017:2	Brazil	MZUEL
<i>Endelus (Endelus) bellamyi</i> Kalashian, 2017:351	Philippines	CSCA
<i>Endelus (Endelus) pseudobelial</i> Kalashian, 2017:350	Philippines	NMPC
<i>Endelus (Papuadelus) telnovi</i> Kalashian, 2017:350	Indonesia	NME
<i>Neobubastes obscura</i> Bílý & Powell, 2017:87	Australia	WAMP
<i>Neotropicantius dubitatus</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:24	French Guiana	MCCI
<i>Neotropicantius federicae</i> Curletti & Brûlé, 2017:24	French Guiana	MCCI

2018

<i>Acmaeodera (Ptychomus) kubani kubani</i> Volkovitsh, 2018:172	Algeria	VKCB
<i>Acmaeodera (Ptychomus) kubani saudita</i> Volkovitsh, 2018:176	Saudi Arabia	NMPC
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) adamanteus</i> Curletti & Pineda, 2018:6	Brazil	MZUEL
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) auriginus</i> Curletti, 2018a:330	Argentina	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) barrosi</i> Curletti & Pineda, 2018:6	Brazil	MZUEL
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) bordoni</i> Curletti, 2018a:339	Argentina	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) caesius</i> Curletti, 2018:35	Malawi	EJCB
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) caneparai</i> Curletti, 2018:31	Madagascar	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) erubescens</i> Curletti, 2018a:328	Argentina	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) facetus</i> Curletti, 2018a:323	Argentina	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) febriculosus</i> Curletti, 2018:26	Zambia	EJCB
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) inauratum</i> Curletti, 2018a:332	Argentina	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) majungus</i> Curletti, 2018:31	Madagascar	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) noelemahc</i> Curletti, 2018:30	Madagascar	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) noviusculus</i> Curletti, 2018a:321	Argentina	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) nullus</i> Curletti, 2018:30	Ghana	MRHNB
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) parotites</i> Curletti, 2018:33	Cameroun	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) senior</i> Curletti, 2018a:334	Argentina	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) tamarindi</i> Curletti, 2018:34	Kenya	EJCB

<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) totus</i> Curletti, 2018:27	South Africa	EJCB
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) tractatus</i> Curletti, 2018a:325	Argentina	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agrilus) triseriatus</i> Curletti, 2018a:336	Argentina	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Agriphylus) metallicus</i> Curletti, 2018:23	Zimbabwe	EJCB
<i>Agrilus (Duttus) inusitatus</i> Curletti, 2018:18	Ethiopia	EJCB
<i>Agrilus (Lilliput) ungujanus</i> Curletti, 2018:26	Tanzania	EJCB
<i>Agrilus (Nigritus) hystrix</i> Curletti, 2018:19	Congo	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Nigritus) mutantor</i> Curletti, 2018:22	Rwanda	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Nigritus) oborili</i> Curletti, 2018:19	Malawi	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Nigritus) similis</i> Curletti, 2018:23	Cameroon	MCCI
<i>Agrilus (Paralophotus) haladai</i> Curletti, 2018:18	Ethiopia	EJCB
<i>Anthaxia (Anthaxia) cebecii</i> Baiocchi & Magnani, 2018:230	Turkey	DBCR
<i>Chalcogenia brandli</i> Bílý, 2018:148	Ethiopia	NMPC
<i>Chrysobothris (Abothris) gianassoi</i> Magnani, 2018:197	Iran	GMCC
<i>Taphrocerus acaranus</i> Marek, 2018:108	Brazil	HNHM
<i>Taphrocerus apti</i> Marek, 2018:104	Colombia	HNHM
<i>Taphrocerus bolivianus</i> Marek, 2018:106	Bolivia	HNHM
<i>Taphrocerus ecuadorensis</i> Marek, 2018a:131	Ecuador	JMCS
<i>Taphrocerus merkli</i> Marek, 2018:111	Paraguay	HNHM
<i>Taphrocerus redeii</i> Marek, 2018:112	Brazil	HNHM
<i>Taphrocerus regularis</i> Marek, 2018a:130	Ecuador	JMCS

New subgenus

2018

Ekseksel Curletti, 2018a:319

type species: *Agrilus xantholomus* (Dalman, 1823)
Curletti 2018a

G. Nomenclatural changes

Synonyma (the second name is the valid one)

2018

Paradomorphus Waterhouse 1887: 183 = *Agrilus* Curtis, 1825

Woodley, 2018:382

Status novus (upgraded)

2018

Anthaxia (Anthaxia) oberthuri Schaefer, 1938 from subspecies of *Anthaxia (Anthaxia) midas*
Kiesenwetter, 1857)

Baiocchi & Magnani, 2018:225

Agrioides Kerremans 1903: 264. Resurrected from synonymy and considered valid.

Woodley, 2018:382

Status novus (downgraded)

2018

Agrilus circumflutus Obenberger, 1947 to subspecies of *Agrilus (Agrilus) albomaculifer* Sanders, 1870
Curletti, 2018a:341

Status novus (new combination)

2018

Paradomorphus caelatus Curletti & Brûlé, 2015 = *Agriloides caelatus* (Curletti & Brûlé, 2015)
Woodley, 2018:383

Paradomorphus frontalis (Gory & Laporte, 1837) = *Agriloides frontalis* (Gory & Laporte, 1837)
Woodley, 2018:383

Status novus (resurrected combination)

2018

Paradomorphus concavus (Curletti & Brûlé, 2014) = *Agriloides concavus* Curletti & Brûlé, 2014
Woodley, 2018:383

Paradomorphus kallipygos (Curletti & Brûlé, 2014) = *Agriloides kallipygos* Curletti & Brûlé, 2014
Woodley, 2018:383

Paradomorphus kubani (Curletti & Brûlé, 2011) = *Agriloides kubani* Curletti & Brûlé, 2011
Woodley, 2018:383

Paradomorphus palaestes (Obenberger, 1932) = *Agriloides palaestes* (Obenberger, 1932)
Woodley, 2018:383

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