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An additional new synonymy in the European Omaliinae (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae)

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A b s t r a c t : A new synonymy is proposed: *Lesteva villardi* MULSANT & REY 1880 = *L. ihsseni* LOHSE 1956 nov.syn.

K e y w o r d s : Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Omaliinae, Europe, new synonymy.

Introduction

Several new synonymies in the European Omaliinae were proposed recently (ZANETTI 2008). An additional new synonymy is here discussed.

Material

The examined material is deposited in the following collections.

MHNG Muséum d'histoire naturelle, Genève (G. Cuccodoro)

CZA private collection Zanetti, Verona

Lesteva villardi MULSANT & REY 1880

Lesteva ihsseni LOHSE 1956 nov.syn.

M a t e r i a l : FRANCE: 1♀, Drôme, Grotte du Brudou, 4.IV.1953, L. C. G. (CZA); 1♂, Isère, G^{de} Chartreuse Grotte du Giers Vif, Gaudin (CZA); 9♂♂, 5♀♀, Drôme/Isère, Vercors, Forêt de Lente, 13.VI.1995 leg Toledano (CZA); SWITZERLAND: 1♂, Vaud, Gouffre du Chevrier, S Leysin, 1800 m, traps, II.1985/VIII.1986, leg. Besuchet (CZA); GERMANY: 1♂, Oberbayern, Wettersteingebirge, 5.VIII.1937, (paratype of *L. ihsseni*) (MHNG); 1♂, Germany, Oberbayern, Garmisch, 19.VII.1937 (paratype of *L. ihsseni*) (MHNG).

Comments: *Lesteva villardi* was described from a cave in southeastern France (Drôme: Lente-en-Royans, Grotte du Brudou). Subsequently it was reported from several caves in the French Alps (JEANNEL 1926) and from some high altitude localities in the same area (JARRIGE 1968). It is present also in the Italian Alps Maritimes (Piemonte: Certosa di Pesio) (ZANETTI 1987) and in Switzerland (SMETANA 2004).

Lesteva ihsseni was described from southern Germany (Bayern: Schachen im Wettersteingebirge) and reported also from Austrian Alps (Tirol and Salzburg) and Switzerland

(St. Gallen) (HORION 1963). In the original description LOHSE (1956) writes "Steht der *L. villardi* Rey außerordentlich nahe", but does not mention any distinguishing characters. I have been unable to find any differences between the *L. ihsseni* paratypes and the specimens of *L. villardi* from caves in Southern France. The aedeagi are identical (Figs 1-2). For characters separating *L. villardi* from similar species see ZANETTI (1987).

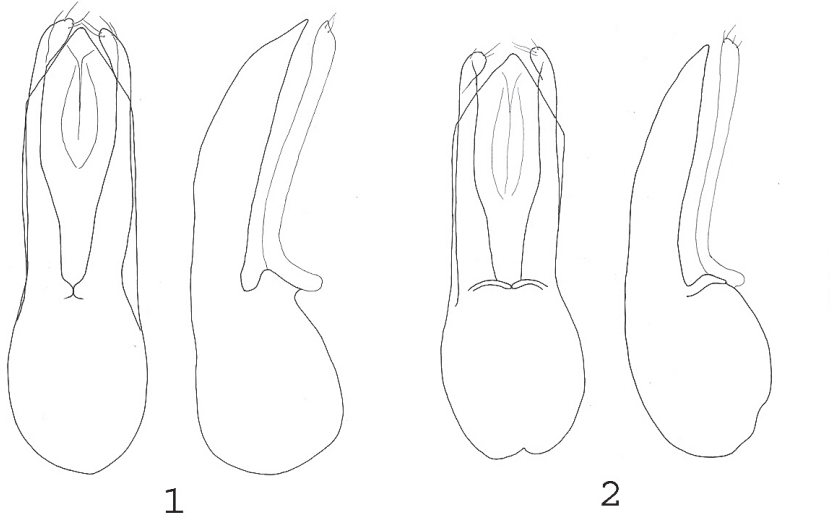
Zusammenfassung

Lesteva ihsseni LOHSE 1956 nov.syn. wird mit *L. villardi* MULSANT & REY 1880 synonymisiert.

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Figs 1-2: *Lesteva villardi* MULSANT & REY, aedeagus dorsal and lateral. (1) specimen from Certosa di Pesio (Italy, Piemonte) (from ZANETTI 1987, redrawn); (2) paratype of *L. ihsseni* LOHSE from Wettersteingebirge. Scale bar: 0.3 mm.

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