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## The localities of I. A. Scopoli's *Entomologia Carniolica* (1763)

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### Introduction

Giovanni Antonio Scopoli was born in Cavalese (Trento) on 13 June 1723 and died in Pavia on 8 May 1788. He was a physician, and became successively Professor of Metallurgy and Chemistry in Idria, then an important mining centre<sup>1</sup> of the crown-land and duchy of Carniola in the Austro-Hungarian Empire [now Idrija in Slovenia] (1754–1769); Professor of Mineralogy and Metallurgy at Schemnitz in Hungary [now Banská Štiavnica in Slovakia] (1769–1776); and Professor of Natural History in the University of Pavia (1777–1788). Among his many publications<sup>2</sup> two works in particular were important for entomology, the *Entomologia Carniolica* (Vienna, 1763; Figure 1) and the *Deliciae flora et faunae insubricae* (1786–1788). The present note concerns the localities of the Insecta described in the *Entomologia* and seeks to rectify current misunderstandings: recent authors have misidentified Carniola with Carinthia.

### The localities of the *Entomologia Carniolica*

Carniola, or Krain, was, in political terms, 'a crown-land and titular duchy of Austria-Hungary, in Cisleithania, enclosed by Styria, Croatia, Istria, Görz and Gradisca, and Carinthia' (Heilprin & Heilprin, 1922: 347), or, topographically, the area comprising the hinterland of Trieste up to, in the north, the eastern extremities of the Julian Alps and the foothills of the Karawankens. Notwithstanding these readily ascertainable facts, or the fact that Moll long since had emphasized that Scopoli was dealing with 'Krainischen, nicht Kärntischen, Insekten' (Moll, 1789: 288), Carniola has been identified by recent authors with Carinthia, e.g., by Ebmer (1974: 113<sup>3</sup>, 1988: 597) as 'Kärnten oder Krain' and by Warncke variously as 'SE-Österreich' (1967: 253), 'SE-Australien' (*sic*, 1967: 300) or, more specifically, 'Kärnten' (1970: 31, several entries).

The *Entomologia Carniolica* dealt with the insects, and in small part the other arthropods, collected by Scopoli in the grand-duchy between the years 1759 and 1762 ('in Ducatu Carnioliae, ab Anno 1759 ad 1762 a me primo collecta'), in other words, during a part of the period when he was a professor in Idria, to which were added a few received from correspondents, notably from Wulfen<sup>4</sup> who provided specimens from the area of the capital, Laibach [Labacum, now Ljubljana, Slovenia] and from Göritz [Goritia, now Gorizia, Italy]. The work is of particular interest as being not only one of the earliest major entomological works to apply the Linnaean system but also in giving, in many instances, details of the plants and habitats with which the insects were associated, and,

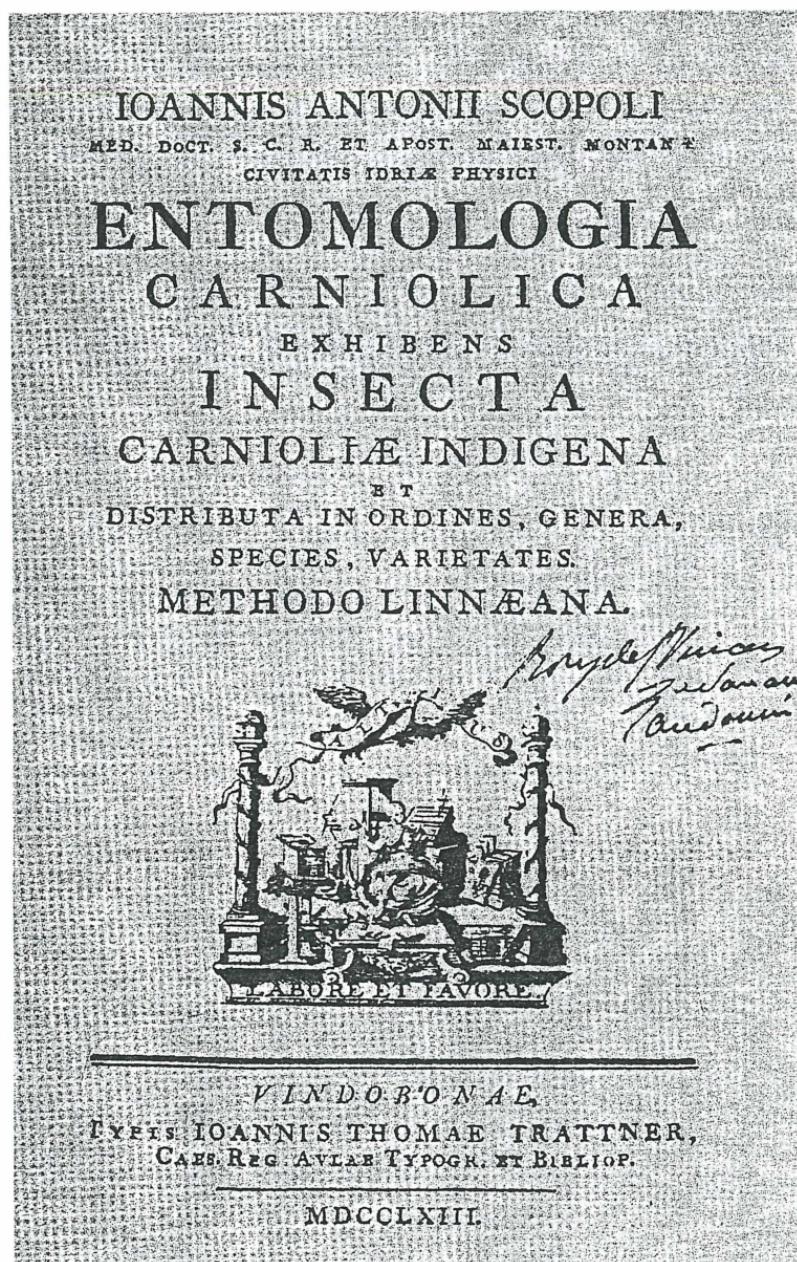


Fig. 1. Title page of the *Entomologia Carniolica*. Copy inscribed 'Bory de St Vincent à son ami Audouin' [Jean-Baptiste-Geneviève-Marcellin Bory de Saint-Vincent (1778–1846), botanist; Jean-Victor Audoin (1797–1841), entomologist, Latreille's successor at the Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle]. Author's library.

sometimes, their dates of capture (e.g., p. 9, under *Scarabaeus Alpinus*, 'Reperi. A. 1761. 20. Julii, in alpibus *Vochinensibus* ...').

Unsurprisingly, most of Scopoli's insect collecting was done, as is evidenced by the frequent recurrence of the locality in his descriptions, in the neighbourhood of Idria ('circa *Idriam*, in *Rosenberg*', 'in montibus circa *Idriam*', 'prope litus fluvii *Idriae*', etc.), but it is also evident that he collected more widely, from the Adriatic coastlands and throughout the hinterland of Trieste up to the Julian Alps and the foothills of the Karawankens ('in *Austriaco Littorali*', 'in *Carniola Istriaca*', 'circa *Tergestum*, prope mare', 'in monticulis *Adriatico mari proxime*', 'in *Carniola calidiore / inferiore / media / super*', 'ad radicem *alpium nostrarum*', 'in alpibus *Carnioliae super*', etc.). While localities are commonly stated in such general terms as those quoted, a few are more precisely stated. With some of these there is no problem of identification: 'circa *Tergestum*' = about Trieste [Tergeste, Triest]; 'circa *Labacum / in agro Labacensi*' = Ljubljana [Labacum, Laibach]; 'in agro *Vipacensi*' = Vipava [Vipacum, Wippach]; 'Lippiza' = Lipica. With others, recognition is less simple: former German names under the Empire have been replaced and classical ones have fallen into desuetude. These included, with their modern equivalents so far as established (exemplar page references in brackets):

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| <i>circa Idriam in Rosenberg</i> (240)  | Rosenberg                             | common place-name, not identified:<br>Idrija district   |
| <i>in nemore Weichenthal</i> (282)  | Weichenthal                           | not identified  |
| <i>in Gariusche, inter Veldes &amp; Vochein</i> (299)   | Gariusche<br>Veldes                   | Gorjuše [Goriusch], 46°19'N 14°01'E<br>Bled, 46°22'N 14°07'E (and Lake,<br>Bledsko Jezero, Veldeser-See,<br>Radmannsdorfer-See) |
| <i>ad radicem alpium nostrarum,</i><br><i>praesertim ad pedem M. Greben,</i><br><i>Grindovitz, in Kankerthal, &amp; supra</i><br><i>Gariutsche inter Veldes &amp; Vochein</i> (168) | M. Greben<br>Grindovitz<br>Kankerthal | Bohinjska-Bistrica, 46°16'N 13°57'E<br>(and Lake, Bohinjsko Jezero,<br>Vocheiner-See, 46°17'N 13°51'E)                          |
| <i>In alpibus Vochinensibus</i> (9, 129)  | -                                     | not identified (? Triglav)<br>Grintavec (mt), 46°22'N 14°32'E   |
| <i>circa tuguria &amp; possessiones</i><br><i>Rusticorum</i> (236); <i>prope</i><br><i>Rusticorum tuguria</i> (328)   | -                                     | Kekra valley [Kekra, 46°18'N<br>14°30'E]  |
| <i>in agro Locopolitano</i> (216)   | Locopolis                             | mountains about Bohinjska-Bistrica  |
| <i>circa aquæductus Fodinarum</i><br><i>Idriensium in Struk</i> (264, 360)  | Struk                                 | not in fact a specific locality ('about<br>rural dwellings')  |
| <i>in M. Nanas, supra Prewald</i> (224)   | M. Nanas<br>Prewald                   | Škofja Loka (formerly Bischofslack),<br>46°09'N 14°19'E   |
|   |                                       | not identified, presumably, from the<br>'aqu. <i>Fod. Idr.</i> ', in the immediate<br>vicinity of Idrija                        |
|   |                                       | Nanos [M. Re], 45°47'N 14°03'E<br>Razdro [Präwald, Prevallo], 45°45'N<br>14°04'E  |

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|----------------------------|---------|--|
| in agro Vipacensi (26, 53) | Vipacum | Vipava (formerly Wippach, anc. Vipacum), 45°51'N 13°58'E |
| circa Goritiam [Wulfen]    | Goritia | Gorizia (formerly Görz) 45°56'N 13°37'E                  |
| circa Idriam, &c           | Idria   | Idrija, 46°00'N 14°05'E                                  |

The intermediate scale maps found most useful for the area concerned – several of the above names will not be found in maps at atlas scales – are listed following the References.

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### Notes

- <sup>1</sup> The mines at Idria, referred to by Scopoli (p. 61, under *Mordella Rustica*: '*Idriæ in intimis cuniculis Fodinarum Hydrarg: dicta ab operariis Schpanischamucha*'), were an important European source of mercury.
- <sup>2</sup> Bibliographies have been provided by, *inter alios*, Voss (1881), Tomaselli (1973) and Violani & Giordano (1983). An autobiography was included, under the title *Vitae meae vices*, in Scopoli's *Deliciae* (3, 1788: 79–87). Portraits have been reproduced by Conci & Poggi (1996).
- <sup>3</sup> Ebmer (p. 113) invalidly (ICZN Art. 75(d)(5)) designated as neotype of *Apis calceata* Scopoli, 1763, a specimen from Zell Pfarre in Carinthia. Further, to support his identification of Scopoli's insect, Ebmer hypothesized that Scopoli employed, as a basis for his measurements, a *Linie* of 'mindestens 2,50 mm'. In reality, Scopoli's *Linie* was the Paris *ligne* and not some imaginary larger measure: on p. [xxxii] of the *Entomologia* he supplied a scale, with subdivisions, of '*Tres unciae Parisinae*' (in which, as printed, the *Linie* measured 2,24 mm). Scopoli gave the length of his *calceata* as 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> lines, or ca 7,5 mm, which would suggest that Ebmer's identification of Scopoli's species, for which he gave (1971: 79) a size-range (♂) of 8–10 mm, was erroneous.
- <sup>4</sup> R. P. Franc. Xav. Wulfen, SJ.
- <sup>5</sup> The *Monitum* was probably not printed until a considerable time after the book was first published, which would explain its absence from the majority of copies. In any event, Scopoli would hardly have been in a position even to consider the feasibility of providing plates until a substantial number of entreaties had been received. The anonymous reviewer of the *Commentarii* (Anonymous, 1766: 428), who did see the *Monitum*, referred to the plates

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und der Baum fruchtet ist. Im trocknen Weifer gibt man Achtung, ob sich auf der Erde, um den Stamm herum etwas, wie ein weißes Mehl findet. Außerdem bemerkt man, ob der Baum viel Harz am Stamm fallen lässt, welches ein Zeichen ist, daß der Gast nicht auf seine gewöhnliche Art aufzulegen kann, sondern zurück fällt, und durch die Rinde herausträuft.



## III.

## Entomologische Fragmente

von

Herrn Dr. D — — s. in Florenz.

**D**ass zu Scopoli Entom. carniol. wirklich Kupfer vorhanden sind, scheinen nur wenige Entomologen zu wissen. Gewiß ist es, daß die Kupfer, deren Anzahl so viel ich weiß sich auf einige 40 erstreckt, niemals in die Buchläden gekommen. Bei einigen Exemplaren findet man hinten an gebunden, Monitum Auctoris, in welchem der Verfasser eben diese Kupfer ankündigt, bei vielen Exemplaren aber fehlt dieses Blatt. Die Ursach, daß dieses Unterschreiten liegen geblieben, war die übel angewandte Karikavit des Verlegers, welcher zu denen von Hrn. Berg- rath ihm gelieferten, ungemein saubern und geskreuen Zeichnungen, die aller wohlfeilsten und natürlichen Weise schlechtesten Kupferstecher in Wien erschen halte,

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hatte; und dadurch ward, um die Welt mit kleinen  
zulenden Werke mehr heim zu suchen, der Dr. Berg-  
grath gebwungen, diesen gut gemeinten Vorjah auf-  
zugeben. Bei allein dem daß die vorhandenen Ku-  
pfer sich als Kunst-Produkt eben nicht sehr empfehlen,  
so sind doch selbige, so gar in Wien nicht mehr für  
Geld zu haben. Sie sind im ganzen genommen schlecht,  
wen weltem nicht so gut als Frisch ic., und beson-  
ders wurden mehrere von den Phaläen gar nicht zu  
erreathen sehn, wenn nicht die Nummer die bey je-  
dem Insect gestochen ist, (denn die Taseln selbst sind  
nicht nummerirt) mit der Nummer im Buch überein  
kame. Die Zahl der vor mir liegenden Kupfertaseln  
ist 43, ob noch einige mehr vorhanden, habe ich  
nicht erfahren können. Die Käfer, Fliegen, und  
Wanzen sind am erträglichsten, einige so gar gut,  
und ich bin daher auf den Gedanken gekommen, daß  
vermutlich ein mittelmäßiger, und mehrere schlechte  
Künstler zu dieser Arbeit sind gebraucht worden, wie  
wohl bey einigen Exemplaren, auf den ersten Kupfer-  
tasel X. Winkler sc. und auf den übrigen sein Name  
steht. Abgebildet sind überhaupt 815 Insecten, das  
leiste ist Apis terrestris. So schlecht die Kupfer sind,  
so wurde doch manches Insect, das bey der oft angst-  
lichen Genauheit des Herrn Bergraths im Beschrei-  
ben dunkel wurde, durch die Veranschaulichung der  
selben deutlicher geworden seyn.

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In Unter-Sceyermarck, brauchen die Bauern  
das Gesalin der Phal. Pavon. maj. (Pan-  
nitium). Fingewurz, so nehmlich, daß sie in die  
An 3 auf-

Fig. 2. Dr. D--'s Entomologische Fragmente in Fuessly's Neues Magazin (1785). Der Herr Bergrath [mining councillor]: Scopoli.

- 'quae jam meditatur', which, if 'meditatur' is read as 'contemplated', would indicate that drawing and engraving had not at that date commenced. [One must wonder whether Higgins (1963) ever saw the *Commentarii* in the original, since he gave a wrong date (1764) and a wrong volume number (3 for 13).]
- <sup>6</sup> 'Auch Schäfer's *Icon.* und Scopoli's *Icon. ad Entom. Carniol.* habe ich zu vergleichen Gelegenheit gehabt ...' (Moll, 1785, 1: 149).

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The article (III) 'Entomologische Fragmente von Herrn Dr. D--s. in Florenz' (Figure 2) was immediately followed (pp. 370–387) by an article (IV) 'Bemerkungen, Berichtigungen, und Zusätze zu dem Wiener systemat. Verz. der Schmetterlinge [i.e., J.N.C.M. Denis & I. Schiffermüller's *Systematisches Verzeichniß der Schmetterlinge der Wienergegend* (Wien, 1776; Augustin Bernardi), a subsequent edition of the same authors' *Ankündigung eines systematischen Werkes von den Schmetterlingen der Wienergegend* (Wien, 1775)] von Ebendemselben'. Percheron (1837: 83) identified the author of the latter article, and consequently also, indirectly, the author of the *Fragmente*, as Denis himself. Hagen (1862: 167), referring to the *Bemerkungen*, suggested that the attribution was incorrect ('Percheron und Carus haben sie wohl irrig Denis zugeschrieben, da Denis seit 1759 in Wien lebte') and Rogenhofer and Dalla Torre (1882: 593), referring to the *Fragmente*, indicated some doubt ('angeblich Dr. Denis!') but no other ascription suggests itself. (The contents-list of vol. 2 of the *Neues Magazin* gave only the cryptonym.)

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Rogenhofer & Dalla Torre (1882: 593, footnote <sup>(2)</sup>) quoted this work as noticing (p. 149) the existence of plates for the *Entomologia* but gave a false reference.

— [as Moll, K. E. Ritters von] 1789. Entomologische Nebenstunden. *Schr. berl. Ges. naturf. Fr. Berl.* 9: 257–301.

Moll dealt with the *Entomologia* on pp. 286–296 under the heading 'Icones ad Scopoli Entom. Carniol.'

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It was clearly not the author's original intention to publish illustrations, but in the *Monitum Auctoris* (Figure 3) issued with copies supplied subsequently to the work's first becoming available<sup>5</sup> it was announced that, in response to public demand, illustrations of all the species described would be published:

Cum fama de vulgando hoc libello, typo pene jam absoluto, ad nostrates Entomologiae cultores permanasset; petiere vehementer, ut ad expeditiorem ejus usum icones omnino omnes descriptorum entomorum adjicerentur. Horum itaque incitamento, favore, & forsitan auspiciis, icones descriptorum in hac Entomologia Insectorum brevi dabo iis numeris distinctas, quibus superius Insecta ipsa enumeravi. Poterunt igitur Tabulae iconum vel ad calcem opusculi hujus adjici, vel cum supplementis. quæ meditor, partem Entomologiae alteram facere.

## MONITUM AUCTORIS.

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Fig. 3. The *Monitum Auctoris* issued with late copies of the *Entomologia*.

For the purposes of figuring, Scopoli placed his collection in the hands of the publishers, Trattner, but they were dilatory in proceeding with the work and by the time, some years later, the firm sought further specimens for the completion of some plates they could not be provided (Moll, 1789; Higgins, 1963) and the full complement of plates was therefore never completed. The print-run of the *Entomologia* was probably small, and, although Trattner presumably printed at least an equal number of sets of the plates, few purchasers of the *Entomologia* would seem to have acquired them: early purchasers of the work would not, of course, have seen the *Monitum* and may never have learned of the existence of plates [not, apparently, recorded until some twenty years later, when they were noticed by D--s (1785: 364) and by Moll (1785: 149)<sup>6</sup>], while others may, in view of the delay in their production, have lost interest in acquiring them or for some other reason did not do so. In any event, very few copies of the work with the original plates are known. [The plates were reproduced by photolithography by Friedländer in 1880, in an edition of about fifty sets. All had been sold by 1892: Higgins to Townsend, 2 November 1957.] The quality of the engraving, although the original drawings had apparently been excellent (D--s, 1785), was uneven but in general bad.

Scopoli's insects were reviewed by a succession of 19th C. authors, the Odonata and Neuroptera by Hagen (1854), the Lepidoptera by Zeller (1855, revised by Werneburg, 1858), the Diptera by Schiner (1856: Schiner did not know the plates), the Orthoptera by Fischer (1857), the Hymenoptera by Rogenhofer & Dalla Torre (1882) – the last-named paper appears to have been unknown to Warncke and other more recent authors.

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### Maps

Italy, 1 : 250,000, Sheet 7B, Trieste:

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## Notes on the biology of *Cryptocephalus coryli* (Linnaeus) (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

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The larvae of *Cryptocephalus* species are vegetarian, each characteristically developing in a portable shell formed from faecal material. When the larvae are full-grown, they seal the shell, pupate and the adults emerge in due course.

The life-history of *Cryptocephalus coryli* is known to conform to this in essence but some details do not appear to have been recorded or confirmed, such as what do the larvae eat or how is the shell enlarged as the larva grows. An opportunity to investigate some of these questions arose when my friend Peter Hodge generously gave me some eggs which he had obtained from a wild caught female.

### Studies on feeding

In Britain, adults of *C. coryli* are usually to be found on young birch trees (*Betula* spp.) or, more rarely, hazel (*Corylus avellana*). Larvae obtained from eggs laid by captive females have been reared on birch or hazel leaves picked from the shrub (I. S. Menzies, pers. comm.). Encumbered by their shells, however, the larvae have very limited climbing ability and, in the wild, are almost certainly ground feeders. The feeding studies described here were designed to try and confirm that larvae of *C. coryli* can develop normally by eating only plant material available at ground level.

The eggs were obtained in August 1996 from a female beaten from birch-hazel scrub. They and, subsequently, the larvae were kept in squat, 2-litre plastic containers with perforated lids, set out of doors on a shelf in an open, rain-proof shelter with winter temperatures occasionally falling below 0°C. Each container held a 2 cm layer of sand kept moist by the addition of small amounts of water at intervals. To facilitate observations on feeding and moulting, the surface of the sand was covered with a disc of filter paper which was renewed at intervals.

Three different feeding regimes were used initially, each involving plant material picked up from the ground. Larvae from 16 eggs were given in succession fresh leaves of various plants which grow immediately under young birch trees in an area where the beetle has been recorded (see Table 1). A second group (from 8 eggs) were given fallen birch leaves and a third group (from 8 eggs) were given fallen hazel leaves.

Table 1. Plants growing under birch trees in the Mickleham (Surrey) area which proved unpalatable to young *C. coryli* larvae.

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| <i>Achillea millefolium</i> |
| <i>Cirsium acaule</i>       |
| <i>Galium verum</i>         |
| <i>Hieracium</i> sp.        |
| <i>Inula conyzoides</i>     |
| <i>Lotus corniculatus</i>   |
| <i>Origanum vulgare</i>     |

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| <i>Plantago lanceolata</i>  |
| <i>Polygala vulgaris</i>    |
| <i>Poterium sanguisorba</i> |
| <i>Prunella vulgaris</i>    |
| <i>Ranunculus repens</i>    |
| <i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>  |
| <i>Viola hirta</i>          |



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