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Reissmesa, nom. nov., a replacement name for *Reissia* Brundin

(Insecta, Diptera, Chironomidae, Diamesinae)

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The genus name *Reissmesa*, nom. nov. is proposed as a replacement for *Reissia* Brundin, 1981 (Insecta, Diptera), a junior homonym of *Reissia* Loeblich & Tappan, 1964 (Protozoa, Rhizopoda).

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Introduction

It has recently come to my notice that *Reissia* Brundin, 1981, a genus name in the Chironomidae subfamily Diamesinae, is preoccupied by *Reissia* Loeblich & Tappan, 1964 which was erected for a fossil Protozoan of the Class Rhizopoda (family Islandiellidae).

Reissmesa, nom. nov.

Reissia Brundin was named in honour of Dr. Friedrich Reiss. It was itself a replacement name for *Araucania* Brundin, 1966 nec Pate, 1947.

Dr. Reiss, 'Frieder' to his friends, became ill unexpectedly and died during the summer of 1999. I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for all the kindness and friendship Frieder has shown me. To honour his memory, the replacement name *Reissmesa* is formed by retaining the prefix "Reiss" and adding "mesa", the ending of many genus names in the Diamesinae.

The type species becomes *Reissmesa antiqua* (Brundin, 1966), comb. nov., and the two other included species: *Reissmesa gelida* (Brundin, 1966), comb. nov., and *Reissmesa valdesiana* (Brundin, 1966), comb. nov.

The genus is only known at present from the southern Neotropical Region.

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