

A SUGGESTED NAME CHANGE IN TAENIOPTERYGIDAE

In my days as a schoolboy, when I was an avid beetle collector, I was familiar with little creatures of the genus *Brachypterus* (Nitidulidae, Kateretinae) abounding in the flowers of stinging nettles. However, I did not expect that I would, much later, "be in the nettles", because of these beetles.

When I proposed a new subfamily of Taeniopterygidae, Brachypterinae (1973), derived from the stem Brachypter- of the generic name *Brachyptera*, I did not think of the tiny beetles. Had I remembered them, I would nevertheless have been unsuspecting because they were then known under the beforementioned family-group names. In the meantime, however, during taxonomic work on Coleoptera, Dr. Audisio (Rome) found that already Erichson (1845) proposed a family group-name based on the beetle genus *Brachypterus*. The name is now in use (Coleoptera: Kateretidae: Brachypterinae), and valid; the unexpected homonymy needs to be removed.

There is no synonym which could replace the junior homonym among the Plecoptera. Therefore, P. A. Audisio, R. Fochetti and I have applied to the International Commission for Zoological Nomenclature (Case 2865, Bull. Zool. Nomencl. 51(4): 309-311, 1994), requesting that the homonymy be removed by regarding the complete stonefly name, *Brachyptera*, as the stem from which the stonefly subfamily name is formed, i.e. Brachypterainae. This appears to be the simplest solution, and although a decision of the commission is still pending, I suggest that stonefly students start using the new name, Brachypterainae, now.

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LOCATION OF THE J. RAÜSER COLLECTION REMAINS UNKNOWN

Everybody who worked taxonomically and borrowed types knows how vitally important it is that collections are well kept and remain accessible. I am grateful to Alain Thomas of Toulouse for his kind help with loans from the collection of the late C. Berthélemy, and am pleased that he provides information on that collection. I wish I could do the same regarding the collection of my late friend, Jaroslav Raüser. When I prepared the obituary (PERLA 12) I did not mention this point, hoping to fill the gap in the present issue of PERLA. Unfortunately, where Jarek's collection now is remains uncertain.

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