



Matilea, A New Replacement Name for *Scrobicula* Matile 1970 (Diptera) non Posner 1952 (Ostracoda)

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The subgeneric name *Scrobicula* (genus *Heteropterna* Skuse) was proposed by Matile (1970: 782; type species *Heteropterna balachowskyi* Matile, by original designation) for a new dipteran subgenus of Keroplatidae from Central African Republic. However, this name is already preoccupied by a fossil Ostracoda *Scrobicula* Posner (1952: 53), classified in a distinct fossil family Scrobiculidae Posner (l.c.: 52), which is in active current use in palaeontology [1]. The extant insect generic name is also in current use [2].

To resolve homonymy, in accordance with article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1999), (*Matilea* nom. nov. type species *Heteropterna balachowskyi* Matile), is here proposed as a replacement name for *Scrobicula* Matile non Posner.

Systematics

Order: Diptera

Superfamily: Sciaroidea Billberg, ("Sciaraedes", pro natio) [3].

Family: Keroplatidae Rondani, ("Ceroplatina", pro 'stirps') [4].

Genus: *Heteropterna* Skuse [5].

Subgenus: *Matilea* nom. nov. (= *Scrobicula* Matile, 1970 non Posner, 1952 [Ostracoda]) [6,7].

Type species: *Heteropterna balachowskyi* Matile [6].

Locus typicus: Central African Republic.

Diagnosis: See Matile [6].

Etymology: In honour of Loïc Matile (1938-2000).

Note on publication dates:

Since in the former USSR the date of handing the manuscript to the printer was always noted in the books and journals, which is not the actual publication date, efforts to establish the precise date of public availability of Posner work were made since the date of printer's receipt of the manuscript was 22 December, 1951 and obligatory copies of the serial were received by public libraries of the USSR (now Russia) in earlier 1952. Publishing records of Soviet Publishers were not preserved. In this connection, dates of state bibliographic registration (which is the same date as the start of distribution to 34 public and scientific libraries in the former USSR was extracted from the print archive of the Russian Book Chamber that served as an All-Union (federal) governmental authority (All-Union Book Chamber, 1935—1991) for obligatory (immediately after their publication) bibliographic registration of all newly published print materials in the former Soviet Union [8]. It is important to note that distribution/selling of printed books and serials were not permitted upon the receipt and registration of newly published printed materials in then All-Union Book Chamber; thus the date of state registration, distribution to public libraries and permission for public distribution and selling was the same that fulfilled the requirements of the ICZN for effective publication of nomenclatural acts. The serial volume 56 of Trudy Vsesoyuznogo Neftianogo Nauchno-Issledovatel'skogo Geologorazvedochnogo Instituta (VNIGRI), New Series, was registered

on 14 March, 1952 (Record of State registration # 67, 52-2560), the effective publication of Posner's work were in reality delayed[7].

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