

SHORT COMMUNICATION

Homolophus bastawadei, a replacement name for the homonym *Euphalangium martensi* (Opiliones: Phalangiidae)

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Abstract. A new name *Homolophus bastawadei* is proposed for *Euphalangium martensi* Das and Bastawade 2006 non Staręga 1986.

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The name *Euphalangium martensi* was given by Staręga (1986) for a species from an unspecified locality in eastern Tibet. Twenty years later the same name was used by Das & Bastawade (2006) for another species from the state of Himachal Pradesh in India. Both names are homonyms, and according to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1999) the younger name must be changed. Attempts were made to contact the Indian authors suggesting they make the change by themselves, but with no success.

The situation is even more complicated because the generic name *Euphalangium* Roewer 1911 is not nomenclatorically available any more since Cokendolpher (1987) regarded it as a junior synonym of *Homolophus* Banks 1893. This opinion was confirmed by Tsurusaki et al. (2000), Staręga (2003) and Staręga & Snegovaya (2008).

Taking the above reasons into consideration I feel obliged to propose a new name *Homolophus bastawadei* nom. nov. to replace *Euphalangium martensi* Das & Bastawade 2006. It is given in honor of the well-known Indian arachnologist, Dr. Deshbhushan B. Bastawade.

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