

SCIENTIFIC NOTE

A NEW NAME FOR THE BEE SUBGENUS *STENOSTYLUS*
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The Palearctic bee genus *Panurgus* Panzer is the most abundant panurgine genus in northern Europe. The 31 currently recognized species (Patiny and Gaspar, 2000) are entirely black oligoleges of Asteraceae. Patiny (1999b: date of publication 30 September 1999) divided *Panurgus* Panzer into four subgenera, of which three were newly erected: *Euryvalvus* (two species), *Pachycephalopanurgus* (six species), and *Stenostylus* (two species). The 21 remaining species were placed in the nominate subgenus, *Panurgus*. Although Patiny had earlier in the same year (Patiny, 1999a: date of publication 30 July 1999) used the names *Euryvalvus*, *Pachycephalopanurgus*, and *Stenostylus* in connection with a study of phylogenetic relationships among subgenera of *Panurgus*, no descriptions or type designations were provided and the names were at that time *nomina nuda*. Thus, *Euryvalvus*, *Pachycephalopanurgus*, and *Stenostylus* date from Patiny (1999b) and not Patiny (1999a). Patiny and Gaspar (2000) discussed the distribution of *Panurgus* (*Stenostylus*) in a biogeographic study of Old World panurgines, focussing on Morocco.

Unfortunately, the genus-group name *Stenostylus* is preoccupied, having been previously proposed for an Andean subgenus of the landsnail genus *Drymaeus* Albers (Mollusca: Gastropoda). The following replacement name is proposed for *Stenostylus* Patiny:

***Panurgus* (*Micropanurgus*) Patiny, NOMEN NOVUM**

Panurgus (*Stenostylus*) Patiny, 1999b: 317. Type species: *Panurgus ovatulus* Warncke, 1972, by original designation. *Nomen praeoccupatum* [non *Drymaeus* (*Stenostylus*) Pilsbry In Tyron and Pilsbry, 1898: 184 (Mollusca: Gastropoda)].

Etymology: The new subgeneric name combines the prefix *Micro-*, which refers to the small size of both included species, with the generic name *Panurgus*.

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