

AUTHORSHIP OF SUPERFAMILY RAPHIGNATHOIDEA (ACARI: ACTINEDIDA)

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SUMMARY: The purpose of this short note is to draw raphignathoid specialists' attention to the authorship of the superfamily Raphignathoidea, according to article 36 of the International Code of Zoology Nomenclature.

INTRODUCTION

KRAMER (1877) established the family Raphignathidae, based on the genus *Raphignathus* Duges, 1834 and GRANDJEAN (1944) suggested the superfamily Raphignathoidea for the families Raphignathidae, Stigmaeidae and Caligonellidae. To date 10 families are included in this superfamily (GERSON & WALTERS, 1998). Several authors recognised Grandjean as author of this superfamily (CUNLiffe, 1955, MEYER & RYKE 1960; SUMMERS, 1966; GERSON, 1968; SEPASGOSARIAN, 1985 and MEYER & UECKERMANN, 1989).

According to the Principle of Coordination, article 36 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1985) all taxa in the family group, based on the same name-bearing type genus, are subjected to the same rules and recommendations. Therefore KRAMER (1877), the author of the family Raphignathidae, is automatically considered the author of the superfamily Raphignathoidea and not GRANDJEAN (1944). WAINSTEIN (1978) applied this rule but in spite

of this most raphignathoid specialists either ignored it or are still unaware of this rule and we wish to draw their attention to this. Recently, Koç & AKYOL (2004) also applied this rule.

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