

A NEW HOMONYME IN THE GENUS *PODOTHROMBIUM* BERLESE, 1910 (ACARI, ACTINEDIDA, TROMBIDIIDAE)

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SUMMARY : *Podothrombium montanum* Shiba, 1969 is a junior homonyme of *Podothrombium montanum* Berlese, 1910. *Podothrombium shibai* nom. nov. is a proposed name for *Podothrombium montanum* Shiba, 1969.

RÉSUMÉ : *Podothrombium montanum* Shiba, 1969 est junior homonyme de *Podothrombium montanum* Berlese, 1910. Le nom de *Podothrombium shibai* nom. nov. est proposé pour *Podothrombium montanum* Shiba, 1969.

Podothrombium montanum was described by BERLESE (1910 pp. 355-356) from Italy (Cansiglio; Tiarno; Vallombrosa). Two years later (BERLESE, 1912) a figure and a detailed description were added to the diagnosis. In the description, the author emphasized tarsus I considerably longer than tibia I and this character included the species within the "brevipedes" group (a key to species of *Podothrombium*, p. 61, *op. cit.*). *P. montanum* Berlese, 1910 was mentioned in many works of successive authors (SCHWEIZER, 1922, 1951; THOR and WILLMANN 1947; SCHWEIZER and BADER, 1963; ROBAUX, 1967) and was never contested.

SHIBA (1969, pp. 111-113) described *Podothrombium montanum* n. sp. from Japan ("... the subalpine coniferous forest at Otanomosu-no-taira in Shiga Heights, Nagano Prefecture", p. 65, *op. cit.*). Several characters allow to maintain that these two are separate species, all the more so as *P. montanum* Shiba, 1969 undoubtedly is a member of the "longipedes" group (tibia I longer than tarsus I). The name *Podothrombium montanum* Shiba, 1969

then, as a preoccupied, appears a junior homonyme of *Podothrombium montanum* Berlese, 1910.

In September 1985, I informed Dr M. SHIBA about revealing the homonyme and unfortunately I have not received an answer. According to the fellow-workers' code, after an expiration of one year, a new name should be substituted for the preoccupied.

According to these, a name *Podothrombium shibai* nom. nov. is proposed for *Podothrombium montanum* Shiba, 1969, to honour a man who discovered the species.

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