

NOTES ON THE GENERA *OXYRHACHIS* GERMAR 1835, *PEDALION* BUCKTON 1903, *GONGRONEURA* JACOBI 1910 AND *NEGUS* JACOBI 1910 (HOMOPTERA, MEMBRACIDAE)

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I have recently had occasion to investigate the identity of *Oxyrhachis delalandei* Fairmaire and the relationship between this genus, and the genera *Pedalion* Buckton 1903, *Gongroneura* Jacobi 1910 and *Negus* Jacobi 1910. There has been considerable confusion in these genera and it is, therefore, necessary to publish the results of my investigations.

The genus *Oxyrhachis* was established by Germar (1835, *Rev. Ent. Silb.*, 3:232), type *Centrotus tarandus* F. (type fixation by Distant, 1907, *Faun. Brit. India*, 4:3, as *Oxyrhachis tarandus* F.). In 1864 *Ann. Soc. ent. Fr.*, 4:268) Fairmaire described his species *Oxyrhachis delalandei*.

In 1902 Buckton (*Mnog. Meshch.*, 257), established the genus *Pedalion*. In 1916 (*Ann. Mag. nat. Hist.* (8) 18:23) Distant fixed the type of *Gongroneura* and thus of *Pedalion* also, as *Gongroneura fasciata* Buckton, that is *Pedalion fasciatum* Buckton. As this is one of the originally included species in *Pedalion* Buckton, Distant's type fixation is valid.

The *Oxyrhachis delalandei* auctt. of the Mediterranean Region, which is a true *Oxyrhachis* and was wrongly transferred to *Gongroneura* in Oshanin's Palearctic Catalogue 1912, on the strength of Jacobi's statement, is thus left without a name. I therefore propose the name ***Oxyrhachis capeneri*** nom. nov. for this species. It was Mr. A. L. Capener of S. Africa who first called my attention to the confusion which existed between these genera.

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Negus triste (Buckton). Type in B.M.

Negus ornatum (Buckton). Type in B.M.

Gongroneura fasciata (Buckton). Type in B.M.

= *delalandei* (Buckton nec Fairmaire). No specimen existant.

= *punctipennis* (Buckton). Type missing.

= *delalandei* Jacobi nec Fairmaire. Jacobi's specimen in Stockholm Museum.

= *confusa* Distant.

Oxyrhachis capeneri Izzard.

= *O. delalandei* Oshanin et auctt. nec Fairmaire.

Kombazana brevicornis (Jacobi).

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