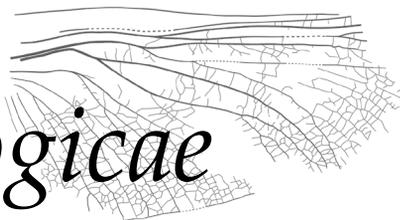


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BRIEF COMMUNICATION

A replacement name for the Baltic amber ripidiine genus *Olemehlia* (Coleoptera: Ripiphoridae)

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Abstract. A replacement name is established to remove homonymy between a genus of ripidiine beetles (Ripiphoridae) in mid-Eocene Baltic amber and a group of extant longhorn beetles (Cerambycidae) from Southeast Asia. *Olemehlia* Holzschuh (type species: *Olemehlia mystica* Holzschuh) was established for a species of Disteniinae from Vietnam, while *Olemehlia* Batelka (type species: *Olemehlia krali* Batelka) was described for a species of Ripidiinae, with both names appearing within a few weeks of each other. *Olemehliella* Batelka, new name, is established for the ripidiine name which is junior, resulting in the new combination: *Olemehliella krali* (Batelka).

INTRODUCTION

In December 2011 the prolific longhorn beetle taxonomist Carolus Holzschuh described a new genus for a peculiar species of Disteniinae (Cerambycidae) found in southern Vietnam (Holzschuh, 2011). The paper was officially published on 22 December 2011. Almost simultaneously, Batelka (2011) described a new fossil ripidiine beetle from Baltic amber, and used an identical generic name as to that proposed by Holzschuh (2011). Although issued in the final issue for the 2011 volume of the *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, the actual date of publication for the paper on Ripidiinae did not appear until January 2012. Both genera were meant to honor the Danish coleopterist, Ole Mehl (1948–2015), taking identical forms as *Olemehlia*, and it is a remarkable coincidence that these identical names appeared within such a close time period. Given that the name established for the genus of fossil Ripidiinae is slightly junior to the one described for a Vietnamese cerambycid, a replacement name is needed

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in order to remove the homonymy. Such a name is proposed here.

TAXONOMY

Olemehliella Batelka, new name

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Olemehlia Batelka, 2011 [2012]: 362, *nomen praeoccupatum* (*nec Olemehlia* Holzschuh, 2011). Type species: *Olemehlia krali* Batelka, 2011 [2012], by original designation.

ETYMOLOGY: The new generic name is a diminutive of the original, as *Olemehliella*, and preserves the intent to honor the late Ole Mehl. The gender of the name is feminine.

INCLUDED SPECIES: The genus contains only the type species, *Olemehliella krali* (Batelka), **new combination**, which is known from middle Eocene (Lutetian) amber of the Baltic region.

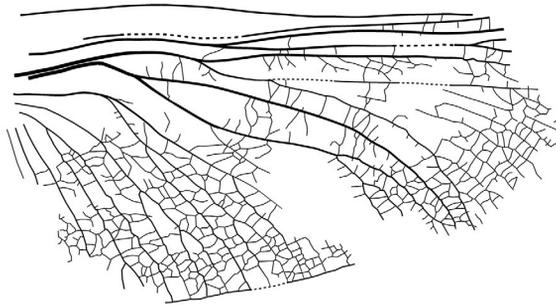
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