

AUTHORSHIP OF SUBSAHARAN AFRICAN CYLINDROMORPHINE GENERA
(COLEOPTERA: BUPRESTIDAE)

In my recent consideration of the subsaharan African cylindromorphines (C. L. Bellamy, 1992. Trop. Zool 5:45–54), I raised questions of priority about two taxa that had been recognized independently and given different names by Théry: *Franchetia* and *Zita* (1947. Arq. Mus. Boçage 18:1–96) and Cobos: *Capeneria* and *Neomorphus* (1953. Bull. Inst. R. Sci. Nat. Belg. 29(37):1–20). A third genus, *Zitella*, was also ‘described’ by Théry (1947. *loc. cit.*). Despite the fact that only *Franchetia* and *Capeneria* had designated type species, my argument was that the names of Théry should be recognized over those of Cobos. In further consultation with the most recent version of the ICZN Code (1985) and comments (*in litt.*) from the current ICZN secretary, P. K. Tubbs, resolution of this problem brings a completely new picture of the authorship of these genera.

Article 13b of the Code states that “every new genus-group name published after 1930 must, in addition to satisfying the provisions of Section a of this Article, be accompanied by the fixation of a type species for that nominal genus-group taxon by original designation [Art. 68b] or by indication [Arts 67h, 68c–e].”

Franchetia has priority over *Capeneria* as both were described and had valid type species designations. Neither *Zita* nor *Zitella* satisfied Art. 13b until my (1992) type species designations. *Neomorphus* had two type species designated, thus not satisfying Art. 13b, but is also a junior homonym of the bird generic name *Neomorphus* Gloger 1827. There is no question of priority between *Zita* and *Neomorphus*.

Thus, according to Dr. Tubbs, “under the Code *Zita*, *Zitella* and *Neomorphus* only became available in [my] paper and there is no obvious reason why they should not continue to take formal priority from Bellamy 1992”. Therefore the authorship and synonymy of the subsaharan African cylindromorphine genera is as follows:

Paracylindromorphus Théry 1928
Franchetia Théry 1947
Capeneria Cobos 1953
Zita Bellamy 1992
Neomorphus Bellamy 1992
Zitella Bellamy 1992

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