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**Dr. h.c. Walter Wittmer – a coleopterist to the bone**  
**Additions and corrections**

by Michel Brancucci

Over the past year, some additions and corrections have come to light. These particularly affect the number of aberrations, described with extreme brevity by Wittmer. The changes are listed below and are marked in bold. As a result, 1 species, 8 new species, 14 aberrations, 1 variety and 8 *nomina nova* (replacement names) have to be added to the list of taxa described by Wittmer in the course of his scientific career (BRANCUCCI 2005). As a taxonomic change, a new name is given for the cantharid species *Polemiosilis simplex* Wittmer, 1997 (*nec* Wittmer, 1989).

**Cantharidae**

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| Anisotelus flabellatus, 1964 [116]: 133  | <b>Malthodes</b> gillerforsi, 1993 [316]: 293                   |
| Asiosilis, 1977 [199]: 274   | Malthinus sexpustulatus, 1995 [323]: 147                        |
| <b>Athemus angustithorax nom.nov.</b> , 1975 [191]: 260                        | Malthodes cavicornis, 1982 [239]: 345                           |
| <b>Discodon granulipennis ab. tincticornis</b> , 1941 [27]: 203                | Malthodes deubeli, 1970 [158]: 16                               |
| <b>Discodon philipinense ab. flavotincta</b> , 1941 [27]: 204                  | <b>Malthodes deskeskampi Wittmer nom.nov.</b> , 1968 [139]: 278 |
| <b>Discodon sublineatum ab. bicoloricorne</b> , 1941 [27]: 204                 | <b>Malthodes dimidiaticollis mutatus</b> 1970 [158]: 40         |
| <b>Hansasilis plaumanni ab. immaculatus</b> , 1940 [25]: 821                   | <b>Malthodes dimidiaticollis seleukos</b> 1972 [170]: 203       |
| <b>Ichthyurus scripticollis var. basilana</b> , 1941 [27]: 210                 | <b>Malthodes distinctithorax incostatus</b> 1972 [170]: 204     |
| Islamocantharis Wittmer & Magis, 1978 [206]: 134                               | <b>Malthodes ordubadensis iranicus</b> 1972 [170]: 202          |
| Islamocantharis diffusa Wittmer & Magis, 1978 [206]: 136                       | Metacantharis balcanograeca, 1969 [150]: 76                     |
| Islamocantharis orientalis Wittmer & Magis, 1978 [206]: 134                    | Metacantharis kostali, 1997 [333]: 297                          |
| Kandyosilis nodicornis, 1982 [245]: 137  | Micropodabrus denominatus <b>nom.nov.</b> , 1997 [333]: 310     |
| <b>Laemglyptus (Drilosilis) robusticornis ab. unicolorata</b> , 1941 [27]: 209 | Micropodabrus taiwanus <b>nom.nov.</b> , 1982 [245]: 130        |
|  | Mikadocantharis Wittmer & Magis, 1978 [206]: 137                |
|  | <b>Mimopolemius luzonicum ab. testacea</b> , 1941 [27]: 206     |
|  | <b>Podabrus novemexcavatus ab. testaceicollis</b> 1951 [48]: 97 |
|  | Protomaltypus godavariensis, 1978 [211]: 300                    |
|  | Protomaltypus nepalensis, 1978 [211]: 298                       |

**Pseudoabsidia kaszabi**, 1971 [166]: 192

- Rhagonycha asiatica transita**, 1971 [166]: 200  
**Rhagonycha delagrangi elbursiaca**, 1972 [170]: 195  
**Rhagonycha vitticollis caspica**, 1972 [170]: 194  
**Rhagonycha (Harmonycha) basicrassicornis ab. banosaca**, 1941 [27]: 206

*Silis omissa*, 1954 [70]: 111

**Themus metallescens fukienensis**, 1954 [70]: 109

*Themus* (s. str.) *thudamensis*, 1981 [233]: 390

**Drilidae**

**Drilonius (Palpodrilonius) insularies ab. basitincta**, 1941 [27]: 199

**Ototretadrilus philippinus ab. maculata**, 1941 [27]: 197

**Malachiidae**

- Attalus denieri ab. ornatus**, 1942 [29]: 237  
**Attalus neomackiei nom.nov.**, 1941 [28]: 1125  
**Attalus picianus nom.nov.**, 1941 [28]: 1125  
**Attalus pygorufotinctus nom.nov.**, 1941 [28]: 1125  
**Attalus rubromaculatus nom.nov.**, 1941 [28]: 1125

**Lemphus bosqi ab. obscurior**, 1941 [26]: 507

**Malachius escalerae nom.nov.**, 1941 [28]: 1125

**Myrmecophasma (Luzonotroglops) carinata ab. discovittata**, 1941 [27]: 223

**Prionoceridae**

**Idgia bakeri ab. testaceipennis** 1941 [27]: 228

**Taxonomic changes****Cantharidae*****Polemiosilis wittmeri* nom.nov.**

*Polemiosilis simplex* Wittmer, 1997: 258 (*nec* Wittmer, 1989: 130).

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