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**A CASE OF HOMONYMY IN *CHARINUS* SIMON, 1892
(AMBLYPYGI: CHARINIDAE)**

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Abstract

Charinus quinteroi **nom. nov.** is proposed as a replacement name for *Charinus guianensis* (Quintero, 1986), originally described in *Tricharinus*, preoccupied by *Charinus guianensis* (Caporiacco, 1947), originally described in *Oligacanthophrynus*.

Keywords: Amblypygi, Charinidae, *Charinus*, Taxonomy.

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Abstract

Se propone *Charinus quinteroi* **nom. nov.** como nombre de sustitución para *Charinus guianensis* (Quintero, 1986), descrito originalmente en *Tricharinus*, que está preocupado por *Charinus guianensis* (Caporiacco, 1947), descrito originalmente en *Oligacanthophrynus*.

Palabras clave: Amblypygi, Charinidae, *Charinus*, Taxonomía.

The genus *Oligacanthophrynus*, and its only species, *O. guianensis*, were described by Caporiacco (1947), based on one immature female from Campo de Marlissa, Berbice, British Guyana.

Another species, *Tricharinus guianensis*, was described by Quintero (1986), based on specimens from Surinam (Anapaiké Village, Lawa River Maro Wijne District) and British Guyana (Kartabo, Bartica District). *T. guianensis* is also the type species of *Tricharinus* Quintero, 1986.

The genus *Oligacanthophrynus* was synonymized with *Charinus* by Weygoldt (1998). In 2000, the same author also synonymized *Tricharinus* with *Charinus*. This generic synonymies created a secondary homonymy between the species described by Caporiacco and Quintero, respectively.

As both species are clearly not synonyms and seem to be valid, a new name should be proposed for Quintero's species. According to the current taxonomy of the genus *Charinus*, *C. guianensis* (Caporiacco) fits in the *Charinides* species group and *Charinus guianensis* (Quintero) in the *Tricharinus* species group, clearly separated by the subdivision of the fourth tibia.

So, we propose *Charinus quinteroi* **n. name** as a replacement name for *Charinus guianensis* (Quintero, 1986), preoccupied by *Charinus guianensis* (Caporiacco, 1947).

As the taxonomy of Charinidae is poorly known and there is no solid phylogenetic framework for the family, the synonymy of *Tricharinus* and *Charinus* is still debatable. If *Tricharinus* should be revalidated, our replacement name will become a superfluous amendment. But, according to the ICZN (1999, 4th ed.), article 59.1, a replacement name is mandatory for all cases of secondary homonymy.

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Charinus guianensis (Caporiacco, 1947)

Oligacanthophrynus guianensis di Caporiacco, 1947: 21.

O. g.: Caporiacco, 1948: 616, fig. 9.

Charinus g.: Weygoldt, 1998: 72.

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Tricharinus guianensis Quintero, 1986: 209, fig. 16, 27.

Charinus g.: Weygoldt, 2000: 25, 135.

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