

A new species of *Megalocoleus* (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Miridae: Phylinae) from Morocco

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Abstract. *Megalocoleus stysi* sp. nov. is described from Morocco and its habitus and male and female genitalia are illustrated. An amendment to the key for *Megalocoleus* Reuter, 1890, is proposed.

Key words. Heteroptera, Miridae, Phylinae, *Megalocoleus stysi* sp. nov., genitalia, key, Morocco

Introduction

The important collection of Eckerlein preserved in the Natural History Museum of Geneva (MHNG) is essential for the study of numerous Palaearctic mirid species and sometimes brings surprises. During the study of a large quantity of specimens collectively identified as '*Amblytylus*', I encountered a small series of a new species of the genus *Megalocoleus* Reuter, 1890.

This genus is strictly Palaearctic (SCHUH 1995, KERZHNER & JOSIFOV 1999). The 24 described species assigned to it were recently re-examined by MATOCQ (2004), and after establishing seven synonymies, one new combination, and one restoration of species status, the number of species belonging to *Megalocoleus* decreased to 14. Most of them are characterised mainly by the male genitalia.

The new species is described below, including a modification to the recently published key to *Megalocoleus* species (MATOCQ 2004). The species is warmly dedicated to Pavel Štys.

Results

Megalocoleus stysi sp. nov.

(Figs. 1-10)

Type locality. Morocco, Kenitra, Forêt de Mamora.

Type material. HOLOTYPE: ♂, 'Morocco / Kenitra / Forêt de Mamora / 5-V-1967 / Eckerlein leg.' (MHNG). PARATYPES: 2 ♂♂ 6 ♀♀, same data as holotype (MHNG); 1 ♂ 1 ♀, same data as holotype (coll. Matocq). The 11 specimens of the type series have lost most of their vestiture; setae can only be observed in places.