

Stirogaster kmenti sp. nov., a new species from Iran
(Heteroptera, Reduviidae, Stenopodainae)¹

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Abstract. *Stirogaster kmenti* sp. nov. is described from Iran (Fars and Kerman provinces). The new species is close to *S. uvarovi* China, 1934 and *S. ahriman* Rédei, 2005. The identification key of *Stirogaster* species (MOULET 2005) is modified.

Résumé. Description de *Stirogaster kmenti* sp. nov. d'Iran (provinces de Fars et Kerman). La nouvelle espèce est proche de *S. uvarovi* China, 1934 et de *S. ahriman* Rédei, 2005. Le tableau d'identification des espèces (MOULET 2005) est modifié en conséquence.

Key words. Reduviidae, Stenopodainae, *Stirogaster*, new species, Iran

Introduction

The genus *Stirogaster* Jakovlev, 1874 has been studied recently by RÉDEI (2005) and MOULET (2005, 2009) who increased the number of known species up to ten. The species are mainly distributed in North Africa, the Arabian Peninsula and Central Asia; some species reach the tropical Africa and the Oriental Region (LINNAVUORI 1986, MALDONADO CAPRILES 1990). Examining the material of Stenopodainae from the National Museum in Prague (NMPC), I found several Iranian specimens of *Stirogaster* that represent a new species, which is described in this paper.

Taxonomy

Stirogaster kmenti sp. nov.

Type locality. Iran, Fars, Daryache-ye Maharlu (29°21'N 52°49'E), south bank of the lake Maharlu (for details see HOBERLANDT 1981).

Type material. HOLOTYPE: ♂ (NMPC), 'S Iran, Maharlu, 5-6.6.1973 [white label, printed] // Loc. no. 227, Exp. Nat. Mus., Praha [white label, printed] // Collectio, National Museum, Praha Czech Republic [white label, printed] // Holotypus, *Stirogaster kmenti* n. sp., P. Moulet det 2009 [red label, printed]' (length 12.6 mm).

¹) 8th contribution to the study of West-Palaeartic Stenopodainae.