Rusingeria nom. nov., a new substitute name for Usingeria Coetzee & Segerman, 1992 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Cimicidae)

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Abstract

Rusingeria nom. nov. is established as a new substitute name for Usingeria Coetzee & Segerman, 1992 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Cimicidae), which is junior homonym of Usingeria Schouteden, 1952 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Aradidae). The following new combination is proposed: Rusingeria transvaalensis (Coetzee & Segerman, 1992), comb. nov., for Usingeria transvaalensis Coetzee & Segerman, 1992

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Coetzee & Segerman (1992) described Usingeria Coetzee & Segerman, 1992, a new genus of the subfamily Cacodminae (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Cimicidae) from the Republic of the South Africa, to accommodate a single new species, Usingeria transvaalensis Coetzee & Segerman, 1992. The name was created in honor of Robert Leslie Usinger (1912–1968), a recognized specialist in Heteroptera and author of the renowned monograph of the family Cimicidae (Usinger 1966, 1972; Ashlock 1969). However, recently we discovered that the genus name Usingeria Coetzee & Segerman, 1992 is preoccupied by Usingeria Schouteden, 1952 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Aradidae), established earlier in honor of the same R. L. Usinger (Schouteden 1952). As there is no available junior synonym of Usingeria Coetzee & Segerman, 1992, a new substitute name must be established for this genus in accordance with the ICZN (1999: Articles 60.1, 60.3). The proposed taxonomic changes are as follows:

Rusingeria nom. nov.


Etymology. The new name remains in honor of Robert L. Usinger. The gender is feminine.

Rusingeria transvaalensis (Coetzee & Segerman, 1992) comb. nov.

Usingeria transvaalensis Coetzee & Segerman, 1992: 230. Holotype: female, South Africa, Transvaal, Nelspruit, collected on a farm belonging to the University of the Witwatersrand ca 30 km south-east of Nelspruit (25°36'S, 31°10'E), 14 January 1989 (Peter Hawkes) (coll. National Institute for Communicable Diseases [NICD], previously the South African Institute for Medical Research [SAIMR]).