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**Study of the genus *Cephennium* Müller & Kunze, 1822 (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Scydmaeninae) from the Balkan Peninsula.
Part II. New species of the subgenus *Cephennium* s. str.**

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Abstract

Twelve new species of the genus *Cephennium* Müller & Kunze, 1822 are described: *C.* (s. str.) *irenae* sp. n. (from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro); *C.* (s. str.) *sladjanae* sp. n. and *C.* (s. str.) *fallax* sp. n. (both from Serbia and Bulgaria); *C.* (s. str.) *viti* sp. n. (from Serbia, Macedonia, Greece and Bulgaria); *C.* (s. str.) *fairchildi* sp. n., *C.* (s. str.) *ivanjicense* sp. n., *C.* (s. str.) *serbicum* sp. n. and *C.* (s. str.) *remisianum* sp. n. (all from Serbia); *C.* (s. str.) *assingi* sp. n. and *C.* (s. str.) *angelinii* sp. n. (both from Greece); *C.* (s. str.) *mlejneki* sp. n. (from Montenegro) and *C.* (s. str.) *vitoshae* sp. n. (from Bulgaria). Aedeagi and male protibiae of all species are illustrated. *Cephennium* (s. str.) *bosnicum* Ganglbauer, 1899 is redescribed and its lectotype is designated.

Key words: Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Scydmaeninae, Cephenniini, *Cephennium*, taxonomy, new species, Balkan Peninsula, Palaearctic

Introduction

The genus *Cephennium* Müller & Kunze, 1822 belongs to the tribe Cephenniini and so far it was represented by 138 Palaearctic and 9 Nearctic species (Newton & Franz 1998; Vít & Besuchet 2004; Castellini 2006, 2011a,b,c; Kurbatov 2006; Orousset 2006, 2007; Hopp & Caterino 2009; Stevanović 2011). The genus includes the following subgenera: *Cephennarium* Reitter, 1882, *Cephennium* s.str., *Geodytes* Saulcy, 1864, *Macroderus* Croissandeau, 1894, *Neocephennium* Apfelbeck, 1911 and *Phennecium* Normand, 1912.

The subgenus *Cephennium* s. str. occurs in the Palaearctic region and currently includes 64 species and subspecies (Vít & Besuchet 2004; Stevanović, unpublished data). However, the exact number of species may be different because the subgeneric system was ignored in some new species descriptions (Castellini 2006, 2011a, b, c).

The present study of *Cephennium* s. str. is focused on the Balkan Peninsula where 16 species were known, but most of them remained unstudied since their original descriptions, in some cases for over a hundred years. A review of available Balkan specimens provided twelve new species of the subgenus *Cephennium* s. str., which are described below.

Material and methods

The material used in this study is deposited in the following collections:

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| DPBS | private collection of Dragan Pavićević, Belgrade, Serbia |
| FABI | private collection of Fernando Angelini, Brindisi, Italy |
| HMGG | private collection of Heinrich Meybohm, Grosshansdorf, Germany |
| HNHM | Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest, Hungary |

the number of examined specimens. In order to ensure the stability of nomenclature and provide a unique name-bearing type for *Cephennium bosnicum* a lectotype is here designated.

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