

SHORT COMMUNICATION

***Holmelgonia*, a new name for the genus *Elgonia* Holm, 1989
(Araneae, Linyphiidae)**

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In 1962, Holm erected the genus *Elgonella* for the new Afrotropical species *E. nemoralis*. This genus name appeared to be preoccupied in the Mollusca (*Elgonella* Preston, 1914), and was replaced by Holm (in Platnick, 1989) with *Elgonia*. N. Platnick (pers. comm.) attracted our attention to the fact that in its turn, this name is preoccupied in the Hymenoptera (*Elgonia* Risbec, 1950). We therefore propose the new name *Holmelgonia*.

The type species of this purely Afrotropical genus is *H. nemoralis* (Holm, 1962) and further contains *H. annemetteae* (Scharff, 1990), *H. annulata* (Jocqué & Scharff, 1986), *H. basalis* (Jocqué & Scharff, 1986), *H. brachystegiae* (Jocqué, 1981), *H. falciformis* (Scharff, 1990), *H. hirsuta* (Miller, 1970), *H. holmi* (Miller, 1970), *H. limpida* (Miller, 1979), *H. perturbatrix* (Jocqué & Scharff, 1986), *H. producta* (Bosmans, 1988),

H. projecta (Jocqué & Scharff, 1986), *H. rungwensis* (Jocqué & Scharff, 1986) and *H. stoltzei* (Jocqué & Scharff, 1986).

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