SCIENTIFIC NOTE

**PLATNICKNIA NOM. NOV., A NEW NAME FOR THE PREOCCUPIED SPIDER GENUS BRYANTINA BRIGNOLI, 1985 (ARANEAE: PHOLCIDAЕ)**

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One proposed genus name in the spider family Pholcidae is nomenclaturally invalid, as the genus group name has already been used by a different author in Diptera. In accordance with Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, we propose a substitute name for this genus name.

**Family PHOLCIDAЕ**

**Genus PLATNICKNIA nom. nov.**


**Remarks on nomenclatural change:** The monotypic orientalic genus *Bryantina* was firstly introduced by Malloch (1926) with the type species *Bryantina javensis* Malloch, 1926 from Java (Indonesia) in Diptera. It is still used as a valid genus name.

Subsequently, the neotropical spider genus name *Bryantina* was proposed by Brignoli (1985) as an objective replacement name for *Bryantia* Mello-Leitão, 1946 that preoccupied by *Bryantia* Schaus, 1922 (Lepidoptera) with the type species *Systenita coxana* Bryant, 1940 in Pholcidae. Also, it is still used as a valid generic name in Pholcidae (Platnick, 2008).

Thus the spider genus name *Bryantina* Brignoli, 1985 is a junior homonym of the valid genus name *Bryantina* Malloch, 1926. So we propose here that *Bryantina* Brignoli, 1985 should be replaced with the new name *Platnicknia*, as a replacement name.

**Etymology:** The name is dedicated to the well known arachnologist Norman I. Platnick (USA).
Summary of nomenclatural changes:

**Platnickia nom. nov.**
pro Bryantina Brignoli, 1985 (non Malloch, 1926)

**Platnickia coxana** (Bryant, 1940) **comb. nov.**
from Bryantina coxana (Bryant, 1940)
Bryantia coxana (Bryant, 1940)
Systenita coxana Bryant, 1940

**Platnickia incerta** (Bryant, 1940) **comb. nov.**
from Bryantina incerta (Bryant, 1940)
Bryantia incerta (Bryant, 1940)
Systenita incerta Bryant, 1940

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