

The tachinid genus *Hasmica* new to the fauna of Pakistan (Diptera: Tachinidae)

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Hasmica Richter is for the first time recorded from Pakistan (Baluchistan Province).

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Genus *Hasmica* Richter, 1972

Hasmica xanthocera Richter, 1972

Material. Pakistan: 1 ♀, Baluchistan Province, Pringabad, 26.V.1984 (R.J. McGinley).

Until present, *Hasmica xanthocera* Richter was known from Transaltai Gobi desert region in Mongolia (Richter, 1972, 1976) and from Southern Turanian deserts in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan (Richter, 1981). The distribution of *Hasmica* was regarded as a Northern Turanian one (Richter, 1995).

One specimen of this species from Pakistan (Baluchistan Province) was found recently among Palaearctic material on tachinids in the collection of the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution (Washington). This new record of the genus indicates its wide distribution in eastern part of the Tethyan subkingdom.

There is a striking difference in the seasons of activity of adults of *H. xanthocera* in different parts of its range: while they were collected in Middle Asia and Pakistan in May, in Mongolia the time of collecting was August – September. Apparently, the flight period of adults of this species is associated with the period of maximum of precipitation which in the deserts of Mongolia with a cold and dry spring is shifted to summer.

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