

Galsania Richter, 1993, a distinct genus of tachinids (Diptera: Tachinidae)

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The generic status of *Galsania* Richter is resurrected; the name is not a junior synonym of *Goniocera* B. & B.

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Galsania dictaeta Richter, 1993

Material examined (additional to types). 1 ♂, **Russia**, *Khabarovsk Terr.*, Slavianka, 5 km E of Troitskoye Vill., Malaise trap in broad-leaved deciduous forest, 14-18.VI. 1993 (P. Lindskog & B. Viklund leg.).

The genus *Galsania* was erected for *G. dictaeta* Richter described from two females with entirely haired parafacials bearing 3 longer bristle-like hairs in lower part and 2 anterodorsal bristles on middle tibia (Richter, 1993). Examination of *Goniocera schistacea* B. & B., also with entirely haired parafacials, resulted in synonymization of *Galsania* Richter, 1993 with *Goniocera* B. & B., 1891 (Richter, 1994). The diagnosis of *Goniocera* was changed from "Middle tibia with a row of three or more anterodorsal bristles" to "Middle tibia with at least two anterodorsal bristles" (Richter, 1994; Tschornig & Richter, 1998).

A few years later, a male of *Galsania dictaeta* was found by the author in the collection of the Swedish Museum of Natural History (Stockholm). It has the middle tibia with 1 anterodorsal bristle, which makes assignment of the species to the genus *Goniocera* quite impossible.

Thus, *Galsania* Richter should be considered a separate genus characterized by the unique combination of the entirely haired parafacials bearing 3 bristle-like longer hairs in lower part and middle tibia with 1 anterodorsal bristle in male and 2 anterodorsal bristles in female.

In the key to genera of Palaearctic Siphonini (Andersen, 1996), *Galsania* Richter should be

placed near *Entomophaga* Lioy also having the fore tibia with the preapical anterodorsal bristle as long as or longer than the preapical dorsal bristle and setulose prosternum. *Galsania* differs from *Entomophaga* in the entirely haired parafacials with 3 bristle-like longer hairs in the lower part, short aristomere 1 which is not longer than wide, and also fore tarsi with flattened elongated tarsomere 5 which is twice as long as tarsomere 4, and middle tibia with 2 anterodorsal bristles in female.

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