

W dniu 2016-11-16 o 17:14, wolfgang.nentwig@iee.unibe.ch pisze:
Dear Jerzy

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With kind regards
Wolfgang

Hern Profesor Dr. Wolfgang Nentwig,

November 17th, 2016

You were kind to forget that you write to a full Professor, senior to you not only by age (I was already supervising my PhD students [Wesołowska and Żabka, these names are best testimony for me] when you and Platnick were undergraduates and Maddison a schoolboy) but also by results of scientific research in taxonomy, in which, judging from the list of publications, you are rather innocent. Ecology is not taxonomy.

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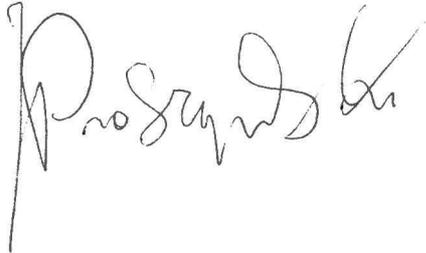
As a full Professor I have right to evaluate and opinion any publication and any individual scientist in my field of expertise. Your tries to censure me and tell me what and when I can write are simply impolite.

As for *Emertonius* what are the facts in the literature?

- Peckham & Peckham 1892 described, illustrated and placed this genus correctly;
- Wanless 1978 was uncertain, misinterpreted characters and tentatively misplaced it in Myrmarachne;
- Prószyński and Deeleman 2010 revised type specimen and new materials, published documentation supporting Peckham's views;
- Edwards 2013, a self appointed supreme authority, **authoritatively “rejected” established facts, without giving any new. His opinions cannot be considered taxonomic publication.**
- Prószyński 2016 reconfirmed *Emertonius* placement, in obvious reference to documentation published in 1892 and 2010, which is also available at the WSC hyperlink to Prószyński 2016.
- Nentwig 2016, in a letter on behalf of the WSC, disregarded all submitted documentation of Peckham 1893 and Prószyński 2013 because Edwards's 2013 **was published latest!** You have even not examined provided documentation – do you understand it at all? This simply betrays your incompetence in taxonomy.

Suggested new publication would be superfluous in view of what is already published. WSC contains hundreds of wrong identified species and erroneous synonyms. By diverting activities of these few arachnologists capable of doing taxonomic revisions for writing "standard notes", repeating what is already said? When we have hundreds of genera in real need of revision, and thousand of species awaiting description or discovery. I am not going to argue with you about obvious. You aren't competent partner to such discussions.

Respectfully.



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