A new species of the genus *Neocollyris* W. Horn, 1901, subgenus *Isocollyris* Naviaux, 1994, from southern Vietnam (Coleoptera: Cicindelidae)

Новый вид рода *Neocollyris* W. Horn, 1901, подрод *Isocollyris* Naviaux, 1994, из Южного Вьетнама (Coleoptera: Cicindelidae)

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ABSTRACT. *Neocollyris* (*Isocollyris*) *sharovae* sp.n. is described from Lam Dong Province, southern Vietnam. The new species is clearly distinguished from all known species of the subgenus *Isocollyris* Naviaux, 1994, by the entirely pale labrum, as well as the elytral colouration and maculation.

РЭЗЮМЕ. Из южновьетнамской провинции Лам Донг описан *Neocollyris* (*Isocollyris*) *sharovae* sp.n. Новый вид отличается от остальных видов подрода *Isocollyris* Naviaux, 1994 полностью светлой губой, а также окраской и рисунком надкрылий.

Introduction

The subgenus *Isocollyris* was established by Naviaux to initially include 19 species [Naviaux, 1994, 1995]. Over the following years, the species diversity of this subgenus has more than doubled [Naviaux, 2004, 2008, 2010; Matalin, Naviaux, 2008; Naviaux, Schüle, 2008; Dheurle, 2016, 2017] to reach 40 species [Wiesner, 2020]. Of them, 11 occur in Vietnam [Wiesner et al., 2017].

The present paper puts on record still one more, new species of *Isocollyris* found in southern Vietnam. Its distinctions from the related consubgeneres are discussed as well.

Material and methods

The specimens used in this study are in the collections of the Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St.-Petersburg, Russia (ZIN) and the collections of Charles Dheurle, Langres, France (cCD) and Jürgen Wiesner, Wolfsburg, Germany (cJW), as indicated below.

Measurements were taken as follows: TL — total body length without labrum (from the anterior margin of the clypeus to the apex of the elytra); HL — length of head (from the anterior margin of the frons to the anterior margin of the neck); HW — width of head (without eyes); TE — transverse diameter of eye; LE — longitudinal diameter of eye; LL — length of labrum without apical teeth (from the anterior margin of the clypeus to the base of the apical teeth); LW — width of labrum (in the widest place); PL — length of pronotum (along the midline); PW — width of pronotum (in the widest place excluding the basal lobe); EL — length of elytra (from the base of the scutellum to the apex); EW — width of the elytra (in the widest place); SW — width of shoulders (in the widest place).

Photographs of the habitus and individual structural details were taken using a Canon EOS 40D camera with a MP-E 65 mm macro lens. The images of the maxillary and labial palps were taken with Canon EOS 6D camera attached to a Carl Zeiss AXIO Scope.A1 microscope. All pictures were processed using Zerene Stacker software.

Taxonomy

*Neocollyris* (*Isocollyris*) *sharovae* Matalin, sp.n.

Figs 1–8.


COMPARATIVE MATERIAL. Two paratypes, ♂, ♀ of Neocollyris (Isocollyris) apiceflava Dheurle, 2017: Vietnam, Hue Province, Bach Ma National Park, 16°12’ N 107°51’E, alt. 400–1,200 m, 16–20.IV.2012, E. Jendek leg. (cCD, cJW).

DIAGNOSIS. Head elongate, black with violet lustre, frontal grooves convergent in anterior and posterior thirds, interocular excavation with an oval central impression; eyes slightly protruding. Labrum short and transverse, monochromatic yellow, with eight submarginal setae and seven apical teeth. Palps entirely yellowish except for yellow-brown apical joints. Pronotum metallic bluish-green, glabrous, expanded in basal third, straight in lateral view. Prothorax bluish-green, mesothorax dark with metallic green tinge, metathorax yellow. Coxae and trochanters yellow; fore- and mid-femora dark yellow, hind femora bichromous; tibiae and tarsi mostly dark yellow. Elytra long, with sloping shoulders, expanded apically, with numerous, regularly distributed, rounded, blue pits; maculation consisting of a three-lobed humerobasal spot, a subquadrate middle spot, and a wide, crescent, apical spot. Insinuator (sternum 8th) with two sharp apical spines.

DESCRIPTION: TL, 9.4 mm. Head elongate, HL/HW: 1.32, with thin isodiametric microsculpture, temples gradually convergent towards base (Fig. 5); black with violet lustre, anterior margin of genae with blue reflection; clypeus with two setae; frons narrow, frontal grooves deep, strongly convergent in anterior and posterior thirds, interocular excavation with an oval central impression and golden-green reflection in anterior half; eyes slightly protruding, LE/TE: 1.19; each supra-orbital plate with two long setae (right posterior one double); vertex in anterior third with sparsely arranged shallow wrinkles; occiput smooth (Figs 5–6). Labrum short and transverse, LW/LL: 2.4; monochromatic yellow with extremely narrow light brown anterior and posterior margins; with eight long submarginal setae and seven apical teeth: with a very short central tooth and a pair of relatively large latero-apical teeth, as well as a small laterobasal tooth on both sides (Fig. 2). Mandibles dark yellow with brown apices and molars (Fig. 6). Maxillary (Fig. 3) and labial (Fig. 4) palps entirely yellowish except for yellow-brown apical joints with straight and truncate apices. Antennae relatively long, slightly projected towards base of pronotum; antennomeres 2–5 brown on dorsal face and yellow-brown on ventral face, antennomeres 6–11 entirely brown, antennomeres 7–10 finely pubescent on ventral face, antennomere 11 entirely and finely pubescent (Figs 1, 6).

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lobe yellow with a group of thin, soft, sparse and white hairs. Prothorax bluish-green, pro-episternum indistinctly transversely wrinkled, prosternum sparsely pubescent with long, soft, white hairs (Fig. 6). Mesothorax dark with metallic green tinge, except for yellow supracoxal area and mesepisternum; the latter, as well as the centre of posterior margin of mesosternum with groups of sparse, soft, white hairs. Metathorax entirely yellow, metepisternum with a deep, longitudinal, central groove and very sparse, thin, white hairs in posterior third. Abdominal sternites dark brown, sternites 5 and 6 each with five thin and pale setae on each side; sternite 7 with at least 32 similar setae in anterior third and with ca. 35 yellow setae extending directly from anterior margin. All coxae and trochanters yellow; fore- and mid-femora dark yellow except for brown anterior margins, hind femora bichromous: dark-yellow in proximal half and dark brown in distal half; fore- and mid-tibiae dark yellow, indistinctly brownish at base, hind tibia yellow except for its 3/4 brown inner face; tarsomeres 1–3 of fore- and mid-tarsi yellowish-brown, of hind tarsi light yellow; two apical tarsomeres of all tarsi dark brown, all claws dark yellow (Figs 1, 6).

Elytra long, distinctly expanded towards apex, with sloping shoulders, EL/EW: 3,1, EL/PL: 2.95, EW/SW: 1.58; bright metallic green with light golden lustre except for light purple reflection along suture; covered with isodiametric microsculpture, with numerous relatively regularly distributed, rounded, blue pits, denser along suture and sparser at base and apex (Figs 1, 6–7); scutellum black-blue, small, with a blunt apex; suture dark, slightly protruding; epipleura brown with greenish metallic tinge. Elytral maculation consisting of three large yellow patches: a three-lobed humerobasal spot with a long juxtasartorial portion, a long subcubital part (the latter extended to the level of the middle of the metepisternum), and a short central portion (Figs 1, 6–7), a large, subquadrate, middle spot (Figs 1, 7) separated from lateral edge by one row of pits, and a wide crescent apical spot extending from lateral edge to suture (Figs 1, 7).

Insinuator (sternum 8) oblong-oval, sparsely pubescent with short pale setae in anterior quarter including lateral sides, with two sharp spines with apices slightly curved towards ventral side, and a short oblong ridge under notch between spines (Fig. 8).

Male unknown.

ETYMOLOGY. The new species honours my late teacher, the famous Russian entomologist, Professor Inessa Kristianovna Sharova.

COMPARISON. Neocollyris (Isocollyris) sharovae sp.n. seems to be especially close to N. (I.) apiceflava Dheurle, 2017 (male and female paratypes, cCD, cJW, revised), but is easily distinguished by the entirely yellow labrum (vs. bichromous in N. (I.) apiceflava); the frontal grooves strongly convergent in anterior and posterior thirds (vs. first subparallel and then divergent in N. (I.) apiceflava); the bright green colouration of the pronotum and elytra (vs. dark blue, cohabt-blue or blue-green in N. (I.) apiceflava); the shape and size of the elytral maculae: very wide bright yellow spots in N. (I.) sharovae sp.n., vs. narrower dull yellow spots in N. (I.) apiceflava.

To accommodate the new species, the first two couplets in the key to the species of the subgenus Isocollyris from Vietnam [Wiesner et al., 2017] must be modified as follows:
1. Elytral apex with a yellow band ........................................... A
   — Elytral apex without yellow band ...................................... 2
2. A(1). Labrum bichromous with a pale central area; head, pronotum and elytra dark blue or blue-green; elytral spots dull yellow and relatively narrow .............................................
   — Labrum uniformly pale; head dark violet, pronotum and elytra bright green; elytral spots bright yellow and very wide ............................................. N. (I.) apiceflava Dheurle, 2017

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