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Two new *Strumigenys* from Ethiopia (Hymenoptera, Formicidae)

Abstract - Two new Ethiopian *Strumigenys* are described: *S. alessandrae* n. sp. and *S. bartolozzii* n. sp. The former is an unique Afrotropical *Strumigenys* without any preapical tooth on the left mandible; the latter differs through its pilosity and mandibular dentition from related taxa. The key to the Afrotropical *Strumigenys* is updated.

Key words: *Strumigenys*, new species, Ethiopia, taxonomy.

Riassunto - Due nuove *Strumigenys* dell'Etiopia (Hymenoptera, Formicidae).

Vengono descritte due nuove *Strumigenys* etiopi: *S. alessandrae* n. sp. e *S. bartolozzii* n. sp. la prima è unica tra le *Strumigenys* afrotropicali per l'assenza di denti preapicali sulla mandibola sinistra; la seconda differisce dalle specie vicine per la pelosità e la dentatura delle mandibole. La chiave per le *Strumigenys* afrotropicali viene aggiornata.

Parole chiave: *Strumigenys*, nuove specie, Etiopia, tassonomia.

Introduction

Bolton (2000) published a monumental revision on the Dacetini of the world, describing many new species from all of the zoogeographical regions. He also updated his previous revision (Bolton, 1983) of Afrotropical taxa adding 9 new species to the region and bringing the total to 50 species.

In the summer of 2002 Luca Bartolozzi and Alessandra Sforzi of the Zoological Museum of the University of Florence carried out some entomological field researches in Ethiopia, sampling soil-dwelling ants. In 2003 they sent me their material for identification. Among those specimens I found a few *Strumigenys* workers that I could not identify by means of Bolton's key (l.c.). I soon realized that those species were still undescribed and my opinion was confirmed by Bolton himself (pers. comm.).