

SYNONYMY OF *LEONOMYRMA* ARNOLDI 1968
WITH *CHALEPOXENUS* MENOZZI 1922
(HYMENOPTERA: FORMICIDAE)*

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Arnoldi (1968) erected the genus *Leonomyrma* for a single new species, *L. spinosa*, which he had collected in July, 1949, near Peremetriaja, East-Kasachstan (USSR), at the lower course of Ural River. Up until present, only the type series of 4 ♀♀ and 14 ♂♂ have been known; no ♀♀ were found. In the course of a study in morphology and behavior of several species of the ant genus *Chalepoxenus*, I came across the description of *Leonomyrma*. A direct comparison of its holotype (♀) and an allotype (♂) with material of two *Chalepoxenus* species, *C. muellerianus* (Finzi) (= *C. gribodoi* Menozzi) and *C. kutteri* Cagniant, clearly revealed the synonymy of the two genera.

Genus *Chalepoxenus*

Chalepoxenus Menozzi, 1922: 257, worker, female. Type species by original designation: *C. gribodoi*.

Leptothorax (*Temnothorax*) *muellerianus* Finzi, 1921: 118, synonymized with *Chalepoxenus* by Müller 1923: 98.

C. gribodoi Menozzi, 1922: 257, synonymized with *C. muellerianus* (Finzi) by Kutter (1973).

Leonomyrma Arnoldi, 1968: 1809, female, male. Type species: *L. spinosa*, monobasic. NEW SYNONYMY.

Since the original description of *Leonomyrma* was published in Russian, I provide an English translation of its main contents:

“*Leonomyrma* K. Arnoldi gen. n. (Leptothoracini)”

“Type of the genus: *Leonomyrma spinosa* K. Arnoldi sp. n.

Female: Head elongate rectangular. Antennae 12-jointed,

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