

type worker, 10 paratypes and allotype queen. Male is not known. It is possible that 3 workers from Hot Key, Krasnodar Region belong to this species, IV 1952 (K. Arnol'di). This species is very similar to *S. caucasicum*. It could even be classified as a subspecies. It often inhabits chestnuts of the sea shore zones." (Arnol'di, 1975: 1824. Translation by S. Goldgof).

LECTOTYPE DESIGNATION

After examining the type series of *S. georgii*, I noted that no specimen is clearly designated holotype or "type." Additionally, there are several collections from near Tuapse (or 15 km ENE Tuapse) with several dates of collection all mixed together with the type series. Unfortunately, Arnol'di did not indicate separate measurements for the holotype. In order to reduce possible future confusion, I designated one worker as lectotype and included a red, partly handwritten label (*Stenamma georgii* LECTOTYPE (top)) as this is the top specimen on a pin. It is a fairly typical specimen. Although there is some dirt on the specimen, it is covered by much less glue than on the remaining specimens and is less damaged.

COMPARISONS

This species might be confused with *S. lippulum*, *S. striatulum*, and *S. debile* as all species may occur in the Caucasus'. *S. georgii* seems to be most closely related to *S. lippulum*. Both species have similar longitudinal carinae on their thoracic dorsum and sides (like *S. striatulum*). *S. georgii* has more prominent longitudinal carinae on the thoracic sides, particularly the pronotal humeri. The mesopleural medial area in *S. georgii* is smoother, while the same area in *S. lippulum* is more punctate. *S. lippulum* has more setae (which are more dense) on the thoracic dorsum and on the petiolar and postpetiolar node dorsa. The metanotal impression in *S. georgii* is shallower and not as wide as in *S. lippulum*. Additionally, the postpetiolar node dorsal profile (when viewed from the rear) is flatter in *S. lippulum*.

Comparisons with remaining species are discussed further under *S. lippulum*. Characters listed for *S. lippulum* also apply to *S. georgii*, except for the differences listed above.

MATERIAL EXAMINED

GEORGIA: 299, T. I. Zhizhilashvili (1 worker — ZMUM); Tsagveri (in Georgian) 17 VI 1964, (1 worker — ZMUM); Tsagveri, 17 VI 1964, T. I. Zhizhilashvili (4 workers — ZMUM). RUSSIA: Goryachiy Klyuch Cuban', 7.4.52, K. V. Arnol'di (3 workers — ZMUM); Blanket, Georgievskoe forestry, 24 block, Tuapsinskiy region, 15 km ENE from Tuapse.