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**A. L. Ozerov<sup>1)</sup>, M. G. Krivosheina<sup>2)</sup>. THE FIRST RECORD OF THE FAMILY CARNIDAE (DIPTERA) IN THAILAND, WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES. – *Far Eastern Entomologist*. 2014. N 279: 11-12.**

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**Summary.** *Meoneura thaica* sp. n. is described from Thailand. Holotype of the new species is deposited in Zoological Museum, Moscow State University. The family Carnidae and the genus *Meoneura* Rondani, 1856 are registered in Thailand for the first time.

**Key words:** Diptera, Carnidae, *Meoneura*, new species, Thailand.

**А. Л. Озеров<sup>1)</sup>, М. Г. Кривошеина<sup>2)</sup>. Первое указание семейства Carnidae (Diptera) для Таиланда с описанием нового вида // Дальневосточный энтомолог. 2014. N 279. С. 11-12.**

**Резюме.** Из Таиланда описан *Meoneura thaica* sp. n. Голотип нового вида хранится в коллекции Зоологического музея МГУ. Семейство Carnidae и род *Meoneura* Rondani, 1856 впервые отмечены для Таиланда.

## INTRODUCTION

The majority of the carnid species belong to the genus *Meoneura* Rondani, 1856 and the species of this genus are mostly Holarctic (Brake, 2009). Oriental fauna is studied poorly and includes now 7 species (Papp, 2013): *Carnus orientalis* Maa, 1968 from Malaysia, *Meoneura vikhrevi* Ozerov, 2011, *Meoneura indica* Papp, 2013, and *Meoneura simplex* Papp, 2013 from India, *Meoneura orientalis* Papp, 2013 from Laos, *Meoneura nepalensis* Papp, 2013 from Nepal, and *Meoneura subinversa* Papp, 2013 from Vietnam.

The description of a new species, *Meoneura thaica* sp. n., from Thailand is given below. The family Carnidae and genus *Meoneura* are registered in Thailand for the first time. The holotype of *M. thaica* sp. n. is deposited in the Zoological Museum of Moscow University, Moscow (ZMUM).

## DESCRIPTION OF NEW SPECIES

***Meoneura thaica* Ozerov et Krivosheina, sp. n.**

Figs 1, 2

**MATERIAL.** Holotype – ♂, Thailand: Kanchanaburi province, Taweechai elephant camp, 14,215° N, 99,225° E, 28.I 2014, coll. by N.E. Vikhrev (in ZMUM).

**DESCRIPTION. MALE.** Body length 1.1 mm; wing length 0.9 mm. Head, thorax, abdomen and legs black, but tarsi of all legs dark brown. Frontal triangle extended nearly to lunula,

shining. Scutum shining rather than subshining, pleural sclerites subshining. No dorsocentral setae. Scutellum microtomentose. Wing hyaline. Knob of halter yellow, stalk blackish. Abdomen subshining. Epandrium with one pair of epandrial processes only (surstyli). Surstylus simple, straight and wide in lateral view (Fig. 1).



Figs 1–2. *Meoneura thaica* sp. n., holotype male: 1) epandrium, cercus and surstylus, lateral view; 2) epandrium, cerci and surstyli, dorsal view.

DIAGNOSIS. Among Oriental species of *Meoneura*, the new species resembles *Meoneura vikhrevi* Ozerov which also has one pair of epandrial processes only, but its surstylus is hook-like in lateral view (see: Ozerov, 2011: 3, fig. 4). Besides, *M. thaica* is characterized by the absence of dorsocentral setae, and *M. vikhrevi* has one pair of dorsocentral setae.

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