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THE ITALIAN SPECIES OF PHALACRIDAE WITH THE DESCRIPTION
OF *OLIBRUS DEMARZOI* SP. N.

(Coleoptera)

The Italian Phalacridae were reviewed by LUIGIONI (1929) and PORTA (1929, 1934 and 1959). Any other detailed faunistic data or taxonomic information was published. We have examined 1905 specimens of 25 species of Italian Phalacridae mainly from the collection of F. Angelini and F. Montemurro. A species new to science was discovered, *Olibrus demarzoii* sp. n. and one new to Italy, *Olibrus fallax* Flach. The study of type material from the German Entomological Institute Eberswalde (DEI) made it possible to redescribe *O. reitteri* Flach and *O. fallax* Flach. *O. baudii* Flach is proposed as a new junior synonym of *O. reitteri* Flach. A new species to Italy, *Stilbus pannonicus* Franz, was discovered in collection of National Museum Prague (NMP). Material of species new to Greece comes from the collection Svec, new to Turkey and Israel from the collections of the Museum of Natural History Geneva (MNHG), German Entomological Institute Eberswalde and Svec. The species new to Albania collected recently by Oldrich Hovorka (Prague) and the new one recorded from Azerbaidjan collected by Jan Ruzicka are deposited in Svec's coll. Altogether 35 known Italian species including the new one are keyed here.

Distribution of the known Italian species given below is compiled from the sources enumerated in literature. The sign ! next to a country names indicates specimens examined by the authors. Material examined is reported only from Italy.

The following terms are used in the text: principal striae = first and second elytral striae; principal striae fused = first and second striae joining before apex of elytron; principal striae separated = first and second striae not joining at apex, suture wholly bordered = sutural striae fused to scutellary striae; swollen part of mesosternum = raised part of mesosternum joining metasternal process; coxal lines = lines developed at metasternum behind midcoxae.

Key to Italian (also European) genera of Phalacridae

- 1 - Outline of pronotum and elytra evenly curved. Dorsal striae weak except for 1st or 2nd. Elytral punctures obsolete. Body oval 2
- Outline clearly indented between elytra and pronotum. Elytral striae and rows of punctures well developed. Body oblong oval, elytra partly parallel .. *Tolyphus* Erichson
- 2 - Metasternum without coxal lines 3
- Metasternum with coxal lines *Stilbus* Seidlitz
- 3 - One distinct elytral stria developed. Last antennal segment regularly tapered to