

Zelotes pyrenaicus*, replacement name for *Zelotes mediocris* Simon, 1914 (Araneae: Gnaphosidae)*Francesca Di Franco**Dipartimento di Biologia Animale,
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Di Franco (2002) changed the status of *Zelotes reconditus mediocris* Simon, 1914 from subspecific to specific level. Unfortunately it was overlooked that Kulczyński (1901: 9, pl. 1, fig. 6) had already described *Prosthesima mediocris* from Ethiopia (now Eritrea); only the female of this species is known. *Prosthesima* L. Koch, 1872 and *Zelotes* Gistel, 1848 (which has priority) were both

proposed as replacement names for *Melanophora* C. L. Koch, 1833, which was preoccupied in Diptera. Therefore *Zelotes mediocris* (Kulczyński, 1901) is the older and valid name, and we propose herewith the replacement name *Zelotes pyrenaicus* for *Zelotes mediocris* Simon, 1914.

Derivatio nominis: Both hitherto known records of the species are from the Pyrénées near Lourdes (Département Hautes-Pyrénées, France).

Geographical data for the two localities for mapping purposes (with help of <<http://www.mapblast.com>>):

Bagnères-de-Bigorre: 43.0649°N, 0.1491°E

Ourdon (=Orédon): 43.0360°N, 0.0142°W

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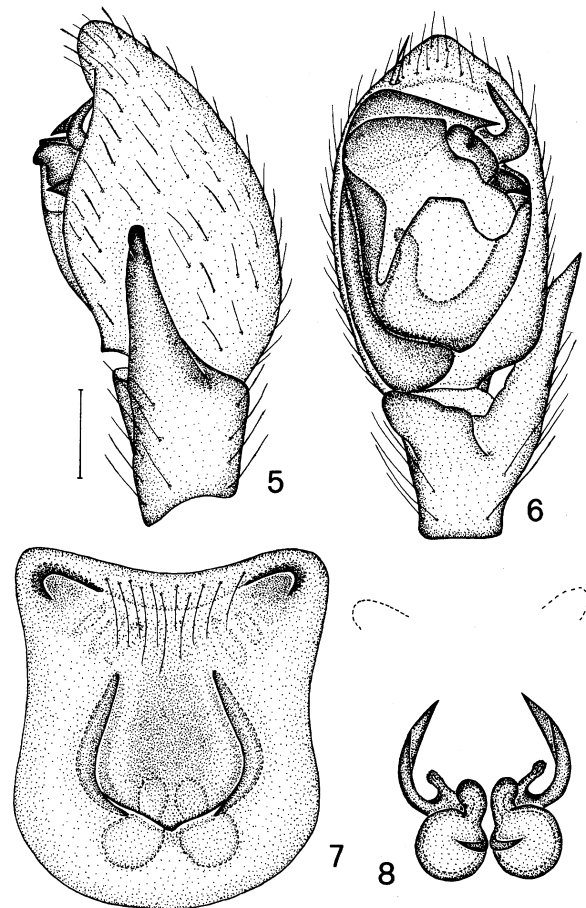
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New data on four little-known species of the genus *Zelotes* Gistel, 1848 (Araneae, Gnaphosidae)***Francesca Di Franco**Dipartimento di Biologia Animale,
Via Androne 81, 95124 Catania, Italy**Summary**

Some particularly interesting specimens of the genus *Zelotes* Gistel have been collected in different districts of Sicily. They belong to *Z. reconditus* Simon, recorded on this island for the first time, and *Z. labilis* Simon. For these species and for *Z. gallicus* Simon new morphological details and new information on their distribution and habitat preferences are provided. The subspecies *Z. reconditus mediocris* Simon has been elevated to species rank as the genital structures are different from those of *Z. reconditus*.

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Figs. 5–8: *Zelotes mediocris* Simon. **5** Left male palp, lateral view; **6** Ditto, ventral view; **7** Epigynum, ventral view; **8** Epigynum, dorsal view. Scale line = 0.2 mm.

***Zelotes mediocris* Simon, 1914, new status (Figs. 5–8)**

Zelotes reconditus mediocris Simon, 1914: 179, 215, fig. 379 (D♀); Denis, 1950: 80, figs. 3–5 (♀, D♂); Jézéquel, 1962b: 599.

Material examined: FRANCE (MNHN): *Hautes-Pyrénées*: Bagnères-de-Bigorre, 1♀ (Simon, 1914) (AR 1845); Orédon, 1♂ 5♀ (Denis, 1950) (AR 1832).