News about Pseudomaro aenigmaticus (Araneae, Linyphiidae)

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The female of Pseudomaro aenigmaticus has been described 1966 by J. Denis from a Belgian cave. Since this time the species has been recorded from several European countries — but without any exception females. In northern Switzerland traps were exposed in winter after there has been trapped two females in April. The result: additional 36 females (the most numerous record until now) but no male. So we thought about parthenogentic populations. Most records of the species are from caves or at least from habitats with microcavernicolous niches.

Finally we got now two males from a cave in Germany (Thuringia – leg Eckert, det. Moritz) and two from Switzerland (Basel – leg. Brenneisen; Ticino – leg. Moretti, both det. Hänggi). The generic relatives of the genus Pseudomaro will be compared with the newly found males.

Furthermore we want to compile all known information about the species (habitats, phenology) and we want to produce a map with all known records (publ. and unpubl. !).

Therefore the results to be presented in Szombathely are preliminary. All information about the records of the species will be available in the internet (http://Theo.Blick.bei.t-online.de/Start.htm) and the paper is planned to be published in Bull. Br. arachnol. Soc. So we please all arachnologists to give us advices to overlooked and unpublished records to be included.

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