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Summary. *Meoneura merzi* sp. n. is described from Kazakhstan.

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Резюме. Из Казахстана описан новый для науки вид *Meoneura merzi* sp. n.

INTRODUCTION

A new species of the genus *Meoneura* Rondani, 1856 (Diptera: Carnidae) was discovered as a result of the examination of material sent to the first author for determination by Dr. Bernhard Merz (Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Geneva, Switzerland: MHNG). The description of this species is given below.

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

Fig. 1

TYPE MATERIAL. Holotype – ♂, **Kazakhstan:** Kara-Tau Gebirge, 15 km N Atabaj (now is Karnak, 43.52° N, 68.34° E), 550–700 m, 9.V 1994 (leg. B. Merz) (deposited in the collection of the MHNG). The whole specimen is macerated and stored in glycerine in a microvial.

DESCRIPTION. MALE. Head: frons dark brown, face, gena and occiput black. Setae well developed, postocellar setae slightly diverging. 1 strong bristle on vibrissal angle and additional 2 strong setae on gena present. Frons parallel. Frontal triangle reaching about half the length of the frons, not differentiated from the rest of the frons. Both postpedicels missing. Antennal grooves not deep with a small but distinct carina. Gena broad, height below eye about 1/3 of the maximum eye height. Thorax black. Scutum mostly shining, with 0+3 dorsocentral bristles. Scutellum microtrichose. Legs black. Fore femur with three posteroventral long setae. Wing is typical for *Meoneura* species, slightly whitish. Knob of halter dirty white. Abdomen black. Male terminalia as in Fig. 1. Surstylus V-shaped, divided in two arms: upper long and stick-like, lower wide, shorter than upper arm, with numerous hairs internally. Lamella present, simple, with long setae internally.

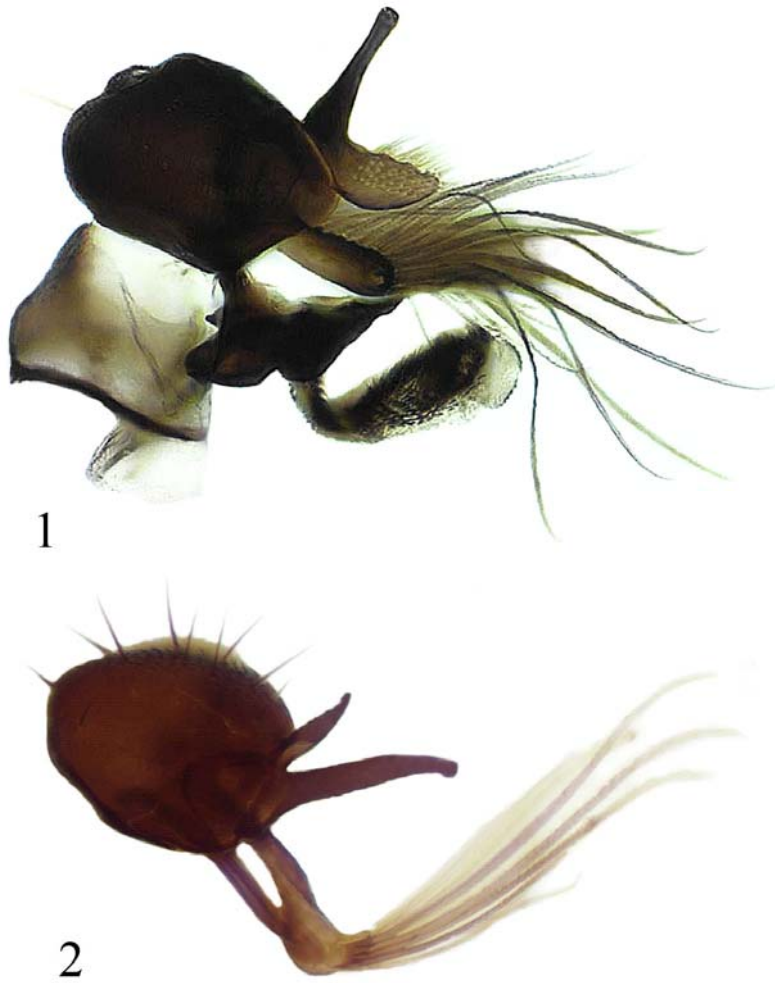
Female. Unknown.

MEASUREMENTS. Length of body 4.1 mm; length of wing 3.2 mm.

DISTRIBUTION. Kazakhstan.

DIAGNOSIS. *Meoneura merzi* can easily be recognized by the unique genitalia (Fig. 1), which are more similar to *M. neotiophila* Collin, 1930 (Fig. 2).

ETYMOLOGY. This species name is a patronym for Dr Bernhard Merz (Geneva), collector of this species.



Figs 1–2. *Meoneura* spp., male genitalia, lateral view. 1 – *M. merzi* sp. n.; 2 – *M. neotiophila* Collin.

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