



***Xanastur* (Brachiopoda, Stringocephalacea) nomen novum pro *Xana* García-Alcalde, 1972 (non *Xana* Kurdjumov, 1917, Hymenoptera, Hexapoda)**

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García-Alcalde (1972) proposed the new genus *Xana* (type species *Xana bubo* García-Alcalde, 1972) for a terebratulid brachiopod included in the superfamily Stringocephalacea from the Lower Devonian of the Cantabrian Mountains (Northwestern Spain). In an email message sent on April 3, 2018, the entomologist Dr. Eduardo I. Faundez, from the Patagonia Institute, Magallanes University, Chile, warned the author that *Xana* was a name previously used by Kurdjumov (1917) for a hymenopteran genus. *Xana* García-Alcalde, 1972 would be so a later homonym of *Xana* Kurdjumov, 1917. In accordance with articles 52.3, 52.4, 53.2, 60.3 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN) (2000), it is proposed here to replace the invalid name with the new name *Xanastur*. This name refers to the original substituted name (*Xana*, a legendary river and forest nymph) and to the typical region inhabited by the xanas (Asturias, Northwestern Spain). The type species would be *Xanastur bubo* (García-Alcalde, 1972).

Incidentally, Díaz Cosín *et al.* (1989) also proposed a new genus *Xana*, with the same García-Alcalde's *derivatio nominis*, for *Xana omodeoi* n. sp., an Asturian Annelida Oligochaeta. But when noticing that *Xana* was already used by Kurdjumov, Marchán *et al.* (2018) proposed to substitute the junior homonym for *Xanina* (meaning “small xana” a diminutive common in the Asturian region), with *Xanina omodeoi* (Díaz Cosín *et al.*, 1989) as the type species.

The magic of the Asturian xanas spread more and more: insect, fossil, worms...

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