Tribalus anatolicus Olexa, new species for Bulgaria (Coleoptera Histeridae)

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This last-mentioned species was until now known only from Turkey and Greece. Its occurrence in southwestern Bulgaria is somewhat surprising, though not entirely unexpected. Its Bulgarian locality lies in a natural extension of the ponto-mediterranean area. For the present, this locality is the northwestern-most spot in the range of the species and is the first record from the continental part of Europe. E. Chechlarov has determined the species and the identity was confirmed by the second author. Male genitalia were examined and are identical to the Turkish and Greek specimens.

Material examined

Three male specimens were found in pitfall traps placed on the right shore of Struma river near the “Rupite” Place (Lat: 41.4333, Long: 23.25; UTM: FL88). The pitfall traps were set up in the period 20.04 – 20.05.1996 at 3–5 m. from the river, collected by Borislav Guerguev (National Museum of Natural History, Sofia).

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