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## BRIEF COMMUNICATION

### A replacement name in the genus *Heriades* (Hymenoptera: Megachilidae)

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**Abstract.** A replacement name is proposed to remove a case of secondary homonymy within the genus *Heriades* Spinola (Megachilinae: Osmiini). *Heriades* (*Heriades*) *micheneriana* Engel, new name, is established in place of *H. (H.) micheneri* (Gupta & Sharma), a junior homonym of *H. (Neotrypetes) micheneri* Timberlake.

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## INTRODUCTION

Gupta (1987) established the subgenus *Orientoheriades* for a group of three, putatively new species of *Heriades* Spinola from Himachal Pradesh, India. Later, Gupta (1993, 1999) elevated the group to the rank of genus and placed therein a further 14 species. Griswold & Michener (1997), in their review of the supraspecific classification of Eastern Hemisphere osmiines, synonymized *Orientoheriades* with *Heriades* s.str., citing their many shared and unique characters. They further noted that the type species of the former might itself be a synonym of *Heriades* (*Heriades*) *chrysogaster* (Cameron), a well-known species across the Himalayan region.

The placement of *Orientoheriades* within *Heriades* created a case of nomenclatorial conflict between two epithets, both proposed as honorifics for Prof. Charles D. Michener — *H. (H.) micheneri* (Gupta & Sharma) and *H. (Neotrypetes) micheneri* Timberlake — and necessitating replacement of the junior name. The latter species occurs in western North America, specifically the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico, while the former and more junior of the two, originally established in *Orien-*

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*toheriades*, is known only from Himachal Pradesh, northwestern India. The present name is being established to remove this homonymy and to make the replacement available for use in a forthcoming work.

#### TAXONOMY

*Heriades (Heriades) micheneriana* Engel, new name

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*Orientoheriades micheneri* Gupta & Sharma in Gupta, 1993: 100. Gupta, 1999: 107 [reprinting of Gupta (1993) and therefore appears as 'new' again].

*Heriades (Heriades) micheneri* (Gupta & Sharma); Griswold & Michener, 1997: 237 [combination implied by synonymy of *Orientoheriades* Gupta with *Heriades* Spinola s.str.], *nomen praeoccupatum* [nec *Heriades (Neotrypetes) micheneri* Timberlake, 1947].

ETYMOLOGY: The new specific epithet conserves the intended honorific for Prof. Charles D. Michener of the University of Kansas, and in recognition of his lifetime devotion to and achievements in systematic melittology.

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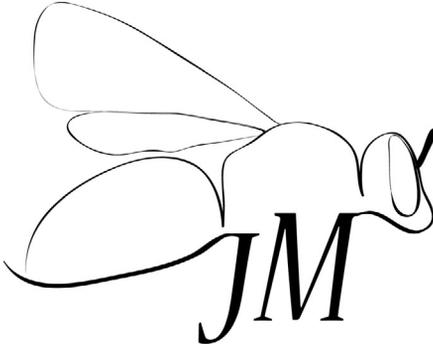
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