

OSWALD DUDA AND *SCAPTOMYZA*, 1921 (DIPT., DROSOPHILIDAE)BY E.B. BASDEN (1976)

Oswald Duda's first paper on Drosophilidae appeared on 16 December, 1921 (*Jahresheft des Vereins für schlesische Insektenkunde zu Breslau*, Heft 13: 57-69). It was entitled, "Kritische Bemerkungen zur Gattung *Scaptomyza* Hardy (Dipteren)". One will notice the word Gattung (Genus) in the title, and this has misled subsequent drosophilists. Also throughout the paper Duda writes of the various species as *Scaptomyza*. He includes only two full palearctic species, viz. sp. 1, *S. disticha* nov. nom. (p. 64), and sp. 2, *S. apicalis* J. Hardy (p. 67), each with various named varieties.

However, in the very last paragraph (p. 69) he emphasises that the two above species and their varieties have no right to be in a separate genus, i.e. *Scaptomyza*, but form a *subgenus* of *Drosophila*. He excludes three species from consideration (*Scaptomyza amoena* (Mg.), *S. gracilis* (Walk.), and *S. unipunctum* (Zett.)) only because he has not seen type material and they are unknown to him.

This means that any new names in the paper should be included in the genus *Drosophila*, which up to now has not been done for the two he erected. These are: *disticha* nov. nom. Duda, a species with two rows of acrostichals (pp. 64-65), and *griseceus* m. (= mihi) Duda, a variety of *apicalis* with four rows of acrostichals (p. 67). This name was spelt *grisesceus* in later papers.

A new name should therefore be found for *Drosophila disticha* D.E. Hardy, 1965; and the names *disticha* Duda and *griseceus* (or *grisesceus*) Duda should be included in the catalogue of *Drosophila*. For *Drosophila disticha* Hardy (1965, *Insects of Hawaii*, 12: 249) I propose ***Drosophila waddingtoni*** nom. n., to commemorate Professor C.H. Waddington of Edinburgh, who was born 8th November, 1905 and died 26th September, 1975. He was eminent in biological thought and practice and was outstanding in experimental research on *Drosophila melanogaster* Meigen.

It is not necessary to discuss here Duda's cavalier approach to the use of authors' names of species, or his disregard of priority of species names, or of his interpretation of "types", but these need careful attention in all his works and particularly in this, his first, drosophilid paper. But there is no ambiguity that the names of the species and varieties there should be in *Drosophila*.