Pseudopoda fissa sp. nov. — first record of the genus from Vietnam (Araneae: Sparassidae)

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Abstract

Pseudopoda fissa sp. nov. is described from Vietnam (male holotype). The new species belongs to the *schwendingeri*-group, previously known exclusively from northern Thailand. It is the first time that a representative of the genus *Pseudopoda* is recorded from Vietnam.

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Introduction

The genus *Pseudopoda* was recently described by Jäger (2000): nine known *Heteropoda* species were transferred to the new genus and one was synonymized. One year later, 51 species were described, mainly from the Himalayan region (Jäger 2001). Representatives were recorded from altitudes ranging from 1000 to 3800 meters. Subsequent papers described four new species and reported on two questionable species (Jäger & Ono 2001, 2002, Jäger et al. 2002). The genus seems to be more diverse than expected and is presently known by 68 species from ten countries (number of species in parentheses): Pakistan (1), India (6), Nepal (30), Bhutan (2), Myanmar (8), Thailand (6), Sumatra (1), China (13), Taiwan (2), and Japan (2) (Platnick 2004). The records of five *Pseudopoda* spp. in northern Thailand suggest that representatives of the genus also occur at least in northern mountainous parts of Laos and Vietnam (Jäger 2001: 24). In this paper the first record of this genus for Vietnam is presented.

For diagnoses and descriptions of family, subfamilies and genera and style of description see Jäger (1998, 2001) and Jäger & Ono (2000). All measurements are in millimeters. Measurements of appendices are listed as: total length (femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus, tarsus). Arising points of tegular appendices (i.e. embolus, conductor) are given by means