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**A New Synonym of *Carabus zubovi* Fominykh,
Zamotajlov et Titarenko, 2018 (Coleoptera, Carabidae)¹**

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Abstract—Based on the original descriptions and distribution data and according to the principle of priority, the following new synonymy is established: *Carabus zubovi* Fominykh, Zamotajlov et Titarenko, 2018 = *Carabus lailensis stefaniianus* Deuve, 2018, **syn. n.**

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Carabus (Archiplectes) zubovi was described on September 5, 2018 from Kvemo Svaneti, Georgia (Fominykh et al., 2018). About two weeks later (September 21, 2018, according to the indication at the journal website) Dr. Thierry Deuve (2018) described *Carabus (Tribax) lailensis stefaniianus* from the same region. Both forms occur on the southern slopes of Svaneti Mt. Range near Lentekhi Town and obviously represent the same taxon of the genus *Carabus* L. We have already posted this information as a preprint (September 21, 2018) at the ResearchGate social networking site (Zamotajlov and Fominykh, 2018) but found no reaction to this note so far. This is why we present here the following short communication.

Carabus (Archiplectes) zubovi

Fominykh, Zamotajlov et Titarenko, 2018

Fominykh, Zamotajlov and Titarenko, 2018 : 631.—*Carabus (Archiplectes) lailensis*: Retezár, 2015 : 95, Plate 148 (partim).—*Carabus (Tribax) lailensis stefaniianus* Deuve, 2018 : 46, **syn. n.**

Illustrations of the aedeagus provided by Deuve (2018) leave no doubt as to the identity of his taxon with *Carabus zubovi*, possessing very broad (viewed laterally) apical lamella with irregularly rounded, not pointed apex. As it has been already noted, the type localities of both forms also nearly coincide.

The species status of *Carabus zubovi* is substantiated by the shape of endophallus, possessing a pronounced mediolateral lobe at its base, which is unique

among the related forms, a feature ignored by Th. Deuve.

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