Geogarypidae and Olpiidae
(Arachnida: Pseudoscorpionida) — new families for the fauna of Bulgaria

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From the 22 families of Pseudoscorpionida in the World (HARVEY, 1990), 7 have been recorded so far from Bulgaria: Chthoniidae, Neobisiidae, Cheiridiidae, Atemnidae, Cheliferidae, Chernetidae and Withiidae. In the collection of National Museum of Natural History in Sofia we have identified representatives of two other families, belonging to the superfamily Garypoidea, unknown in Bulgaria: Geogarypidae and Olpiidae. Only two more families (Garypidae and Syarinidae) could be expected in our country.

Geogarypidae

Geogarypus minor (L. Koch, 1873) — SW Bulgaria, Struma Valley, Kresnensko Hanche, litter, 4 specimens, 26.IV.1971, P. Beron leg.
Distribution: Circummediterranean, from Portugal to Asia Minor and N Africa.

Olpiidae

Olpium pallipes balcanicum Beier, 1931 — Primorsko, District Burgas, 7 specimens under cardboard on the dunes between the sea shore and the lake Stamopolu, 27.VII.1968, P. Beron leg.
Distribution: Greece (Levkas), Israel, Tremiti Is. According to LAZZERONI (1969), this subspecies features transadriatic distribution.

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