

GER & J. HAWKING (2006, *The complete field guide to dragonflies of Australia*, Collingwood) and in *World Odonata list* by SCHORR et al., available on internet at <http://www.ups.edu/x6140.xml>, two genera *Diphlebia* and *Philoganga* Kirby, 1890 are included in the family called Diphlebiidae. R. NOVELO-GUTIERREZ (1995, *Odonatologica* 24: 73-87) included also *Lestoidea* Tillyard, 1913 in this family (but in a separate subfamily Lestoideinae).

As already pointed out by J. VANTOL (1995, *Odonatologica* 24: 245-248) there exist available family-group names introduced on all three genera *Diphlebia*, *Philoganga* and *Lestoidea*, viz. (in chronological order) Lestoidinae [sic!] by MUNZ (1919, *Mem. am. ent. Soc.* 3: 1-78), Philoganginae (by C.H. KENNEDY, 1920, *Ohio J. Sci.* 21: 19-29) and Diphlebiidae (DAVIES & TOBIN, 1984, see above). Based on the principles of nomenclature, Van Tol concluded as follows "The correct family-group name for a group made of *Diphlebia*, *Philoganga* and *Lestoidea* is thus based on *Lestoidea*, introduced by MUNZ (1919): Lestoideidae. Novelo-Gutierrez also distinguishes two subfamilies, one including *Diphlebia* and *Philoganga*, the other *Lestoidea* only. Their correct names are Philoganginae and Lestoideinae respectively." Consequently, if the two genera *Diphlebia* and *Philoganga* alone are ranked as a family, its correct name is Philogangidae Kennedy, 1920.

The present Code (INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE, 1999, *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*, London) rules in Article 35.5. as follows: "Precedence for names in use at higher taxa. If after 1999 a name in use for a family-group taxon [...] is found to be older than a name in prevailing usage for a taxon at higher rank in the same family-group taxon [...] the older name is not to displace the younger name." However, this more liberal practice cannot be applied in this case, since the mutual priority of the family-group names based on these three genera was documented already in 1995 by VAN TOL (see above).

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PHILOGANGIDAE VERSUS DIPHLEBIIDAE: NOMENCLATORIC NOTE ON A FAMILY-GROUP NAME (ZYGOPTERA)

D.A.L. DAVIES & P. TOBIN (1984, *The dragonflies of the world, a systematic list of the extant species of Odonata*, Vol. 1: *Zygoptera, Anisozygoptera*, Soc. Int. Odonatol., Utrecht) introduced the new family Diphlebiidae to house a single genus *Diphlebia* Selys, 1896. Presently in some publications, e.g. in G. BECHLY (1996, *Petalura* Special-Volume 2), G. THEISCHIN-