

Species of the genus *Folsomia* (Collembola: Isotomidae) of northern Asia

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Abstract. This paper deals with the taxonomy and distribution of *Folsomia* species from northern Russia with special reference to the Asian regions. Eight new species are described: *F. amplissima* sp. n., *F. ancestor* sp. n., *F. atropolaris* sp. n., *F. borealis* sp. n., *F. brevisensilla* sp. n., *F. cryptophila* sp. n., *F. longidens* sp. n., *F. palaeartica* sp. n. Five species, *F. taimyrica*, *F. regularis*, *F. sp. aff. altamontana*, *F. alpha*, and *F. janstachi* (nom. n. for *Isotomina gracilis* Stach, 1962 nec *Folsomia gracilis* Latzel, 1922), are re-described. *F. binoculata* (Wahlgren) has been recovered and re-described. The positions of *F. macrochaetosa*, *F. magadani*, and *F. tesari* have been defined more exactly on the basis of type material. An identification key of the northern Asiatic species of the genus is given.

INTRODUCTION

Folsomia is among the largest genera of the Isotomidae. The members of the genus predominate in most collembolan communities of the Palaearctic, especially in the northernmost areas. Nevertheless, the taxonomy of the species inhabiting the Russian Arctic remains unclear, since more attention has been paid by Russian taxonomists to Middle Asia and southern regions of Siberia.

The present paper is concerned with the fauna and distribution of *Folsomia* species in the tundra and partly taiga zones of Russia with special reference to the Asian regions. It is based on a large quantity of material collected during several expeditions to the Arctic by the authors as well as by other scientists.

LIST OF LOCALITIES AND COLLECTORS

(Fig. 1)

High Arctic Islands (AR)

Norway, Spitsbergen (SPITS)

Loc. 1. Hornsund, leg. A. Uvarov, viii.1989.

Loc. 2. Edgeoya Island, leg. I. Vtorov, viii.1990.

Franz Josef Land Archipelago (FJL)

Loc. 3. Alexandra Land, leg. V. Bulavintsev, ix.1986.

Loc. 4. Hooker Island, leg. V. Bulavintsev, ix.1986.

Loc. 5. Rudolf Island, leg. V. Bulavintsev, ix.1986.

Loc. 6. Kheis Island, leg. V. Bulavintsev, ix.1986.

Loc. 7. Graham Bell Island, leg. V. Bulavintsev, ix.1986.

Novaya Zemlya Archipelago (NOVZEM)

Loc. 8. Zemlya Pan'kova (73°04'N, 53°10'E), leg. S. Goryachkin, vii.1995.

Loc. 9. Mys Zhelaniya, leg. G. Khakhin, viii.1998.

Severnaya Zemlya Archipelago (SEVZEM)

Loc. 10. Komsomolets Island, leg. V. Bulavintsev, vii.–viii.1991.

Loc. 11. Bol'shevik Island, Vise Point, leg. V. Bulavintsev, vii.1991.

Loc. 12. Bol'shevik Island, Solnechnaya Bay, leg. V. Bulavintsev, vii.1991, leg. O. Makarova, vii.–viii.1997.

Novosibirsk Islands (NOVISL)

Loc. 13. Bel'kovsky Island (75°00'N, 139°50'E), leg. V. Bulavintsev, vii.1990, leg. A. Babenko, vii.1994.

Loc. 14. Stolbovoi Island, leg. V. Bulavintsev, vii.1990.

Loc. 15. Zhokhova Island, leg. V. Bulavintsev, vii.1990.

Loc. 16. Koteln'nyi Island, Balyktakh River (75°03'N, 140°10'E), leg. A. Babenko, vii.1994.

Loc. 17. Bol'shoi Lyakhovsky Island, leg. V. Bulavintsev, vii.1990.

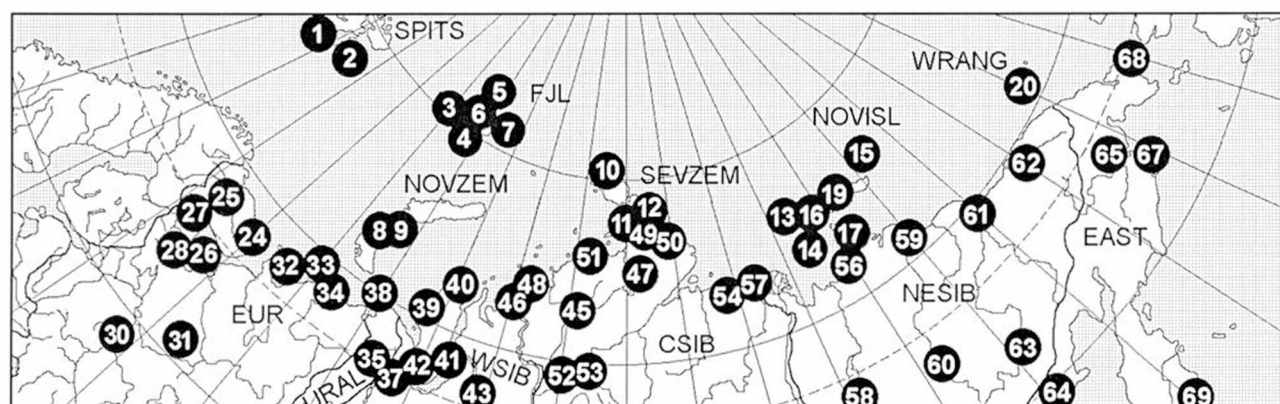


Fig.1. Distribution of sampling localities (see list of localities and collectors).

Loc. 18. Bunge Land, leg. V. Bulavintsev, vii.1990, A. Babenko, viii.1994 (same as loc. 16 in Fig. 1).

Loc. 19. Faddeev Island, Ulakhar-Uryakh River (75°35'N, 144°50'E), leg. A. Babenko, vii.1994.

Wrangel Island (WRANG)

Loc. 20. Mamontovaya River (70°58'N, 179°34'E), leg. A. Babenko, vii.1994.

Loc. 21. Somnitel'naya Bay, leg. V. Chelnokov, vii.1971.

Canada, NWT (NWT)

Loc. 22. Devon Island, Truelove lowland, leg. A. Babenko, vii.1991.

Loc. 23. Ellesmere Island, Swerdrup Pass, leg. A. Babenko, vii.1991.

North of European part of Russia (EUR)

Loc. 24. Kola Peninsula, Kochkovka River (67°25'N, 40°50'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.-ix.1994.

Loc. 25. Kola Peninsula, Khibin Mts, near Kirovsk, leg. M. Potapov, viii.1986.

Loc. 26. White Sea, Solovetskie Islands, leg. M. Potapov, vii.1985.

Loc. 27. Karelia, White Sea, Belomorskaya station, leg. S. Firsova, vii.1976, leg. O. Makarova, viii.1992.

Loc. 28. Karelia, White Sea, Pon'goma, leg. M. Potapov, viii.1995.

Loc. 29. Karelia, White Sea, Kandalaksha Bay, leg. M. Potapov, viii.1986.

Loc. 30. Vologodskaya Region, Darvinsky Nature Reserve, leg. N. Kuznetsova, vi.1982.

Loc. 31. Southern part of Archangelsk Region, Ramen'e, leg. M. Potapov, viii.1981.

Loc. 32. Kanin Peninsula, Rybnaya River (68°12'N, 46°10'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.1994.

Loc. 33. Kolguev Island, Gol'tsovaya River (69°12'N, 49°30'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.1994.

Loc. 34. Pechora Bay, Kuznetskoe lake (68°50'N, 53°45'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.1994.

Loc. 35. Komi Republic, near Sivomaskinsky, Kuz-di-Shor, N. Kuznetsova, vii.1978.

Ural (URAL)

Loc. 36. North Ural, Pechoro-Ilychsky Nature Reserve, leg. L. Pospelov, viii.1972.

Loc. 37. North Ural, Salekhard, leg. I. Stebaev, vii.1957.

Loc. 38. Vaigach Island, leg. V. Bulavintsev, vii.1987.

North-western Siberia (WSIB)

Loc. 39. Yamal, Myrtyakha River (70°18'N, 67°53'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.1994.

Loc. 40. Yamal, mouth of Yakhadeyakha River (72°52'N, 70°56'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.1994.

Loc. 41. Yamal, Kamenny Nos Point, leg. V. Nikolsky, 1979.

Loc. 42. Southern Yamal, Schuch'e, leg. A. Tikhomirova, vii.1971, leg. P. Basikhin, vii.1984.

Loc. 43. Tazovsky Peninsula, Pur-Taz, leg. I. Vtorov, viii.1989.

Loc. 44. Middle current of Yenisei River (62°20'N), leg. K. Eskov, viii.1978.

Northern part of the central Siberia (CSIB)

Loc. 45. Taimyr, Tareya settlement, spotted tundra, leg. Yu. Chernov, vii.1966.

Loc. 46. Taimyr, mouth of Ragozinka River, leg. A. Babenko, vii.-viii.1986.

Loc. 47. Taimyr, northern shore of Taimyr lake, leg. A. Babenko, vii.-viii.1993.

Loc. 48. Taimyr, mouth of Uboinaya River, leg. A. Babenko, vii.-viii.1988.

Loc. 49. Taimyr, Chelyuskin Point, Serebryanka River (77°36'N, 103°49'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.1994.

Loc. 50. Taimyr, Faddeya shore, Rybnaya River (76°38'N, 111°00'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.1994.

Loc. 51. Taimyr, Laptev shore, Middendorf Bay, Opalovaya River (75°56'N, 94°13'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.1994.

Loc. 52. Plateau Putorana, Dynkengda Mt., Yt-kyuel lake (69°08'N, 91°50'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.1996, vii.1997.

Loc. 53. Plateau Putorana, Ayan River, leg. V. Karpov, ix.1989.

Loc. 54. Delta of Olenek River, Vaganytta-Kyuel lake (73°30'N, 118°10'E), leg. A. Babenko, vii.1994.

Loc. 55. Central Yakutia, 17 km from Yakutsk to Tabaga, leg. M. Potapov, vii.1992.

North-eastern Siberia (NESIB)

Loc. 56. Delta of Yana River, Shirokoston Peninsula, Ledyano lake (72°25'N, 141°00'E), leg. A. Babenko, viii.1994.

Loc. 57. Mouth of Lena River, Kuba Island, leg. V. Bulavintsev, viii.1985.

Loc. 58. Yakutia, Verkhoyansky Range, Kele River (64°30'N, 132°E), leg. G. Lukovtsev, vii.1989.

Loc. 59. Delta of Indigirka River (71°26'N, 149°45'E), leg. A. Babenko, vii.1994.

Loc. 60. North-eastern Yakutia, middle current of Indigirka River, Ust-Nera, leg. M. Potapov, vii.1992.

Loc. 61. Delta of Kolyma River, left low bank (69°32'N, 160°44'E), leg. A. Babenko, vii.1994.

Loc. 62. Northern Chukotka, Chaun Bay, leg. S. MacLean, 1976.

Loc. 63. Upper current of Kolyma River, Aborigen station, leg. D. Berman, viii.-x.1987, ix.1995.

Far East (EAST)

Loc. 64. Vicinity of Magadan, Snezhnaya Valley, leg. D. Berman, ix.1974.

Loc. 65. Central Chukotka, El'gygytgyn Lake, leg. E. Bondarenko, viii.1974.

Loc. 66. Central Chukotka, Volchikha River, leg. E. Bondarenko, viii.1972.

Loc. 67. Chukotka, Beringovsky district, Ugol'naya Bay, leg. M. Chernyakhovsky, vii.-viii.1987.

Loc. 68. Eastern Chukotka, Bering Strait, Chegitun River, leg. I. Netushilin.

Loc. 69. Kamchatka, Kronotsky Nature Reserve, leg. O. Kapustyants, viii.1987.

Other northern localities (OTHNOR)

Loc. 70. Finland, Utsjoki, Kevo Nature Reserve, leg. S. Koponen, viii.1986.

Loc. 71. Alaska, Pt. Barrow, leg. S. MacLean, 1975.

Southern localities (SOUTH)

Loc. 72. Southern Siberia, Baikal, Bol'shoye Goloustnoe, leg. M. Kalinin, viii.1990.

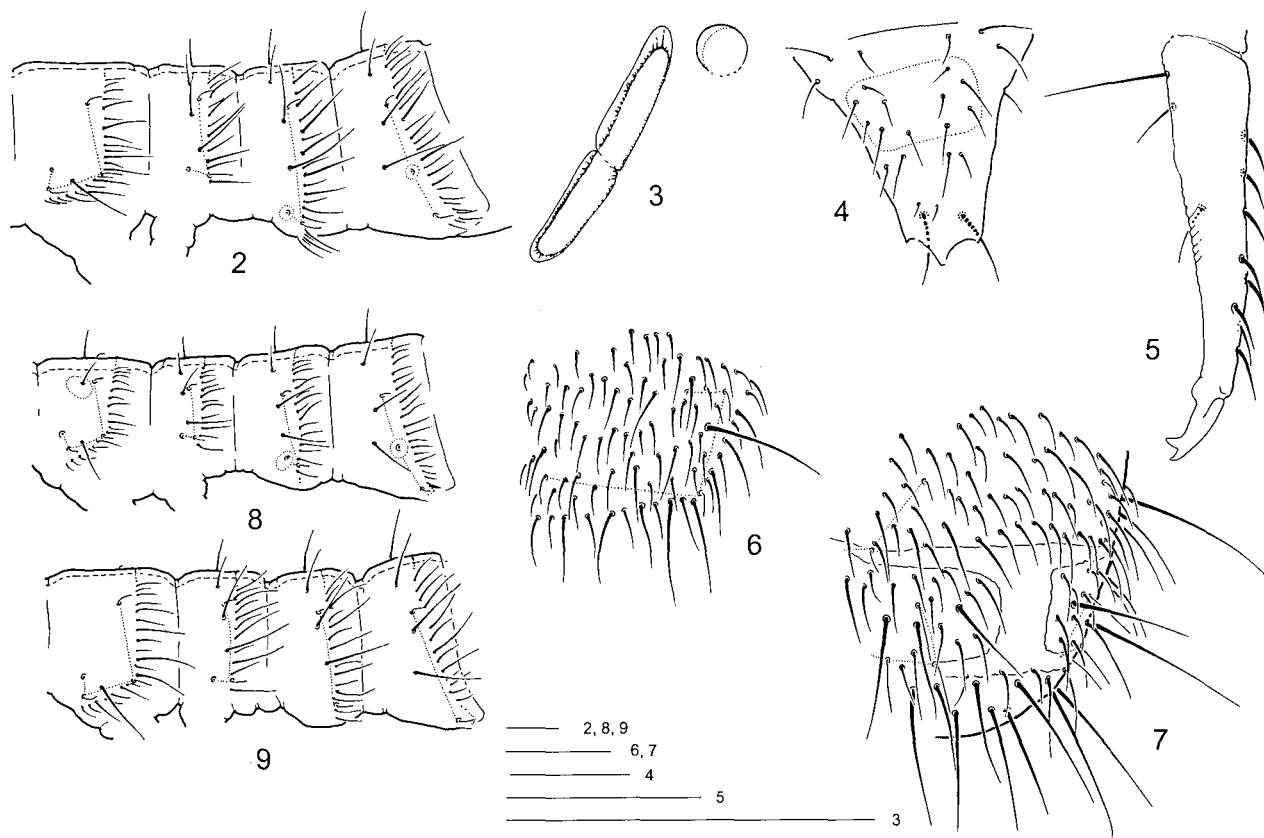
Loc. 73. Southern Siberia, Tuva, Sangilen, leg. S. Stebaeva, viii.1995.

Loc. 74. South-western Siberia, Khakassia, West Sajan Range, Bol'shoi On, leg. S. Iordansky, viii.1989.

Loc. 75. South-western Siberia, Khakassia, West Sajan Range, Novorossiyskoe, leg. S. Stebaeva, vi.1990.

Loc. 76. Western Ukraine, Carpathian Mts, leg. N. Kuznetsova, x.1982.

Loc. 77. Poland, Tatry, leg. M. Potapov, i.1995.



Figs 2–9. 2–7: *F. borealis* sp. n. 2 – arrangement of sensilla, microsensilla and macrochaetae on Th. III–Abd. III; 3 – PAO and ommatidium; 4 – chaetotaxy of manubrium; 5 – dens laterally; 6 – lateral part of Th. III; 7 – dorsal chaetotaxy of the end of abdomen (the part of the surface with more rugose granulation is traced). 8 – *F. taimyrica*, arrangement of sensilla, microsensilla and macrochaetae on Th. III–Abd. III; 9 – *F. amplissima*, dtto. Scale: 0.1 mm.

Abbreviation of collections: ZMAS – Zoological Institute, St. Petersburg, MSPU – Moscow State Pedagogical University, AB – A. Babenko.

TAXONOMY AND DISTRIBUTION

31 *Folsomia* species have been found in the Asian region of the northern Palaearctic, including 8 new to science. They can be split into several groups based on the sensilla position on the terga and some traditional characters.

Group A: with medial accp-sensilla far in front of p-row of dorsal chaetae.

With 1+1 anterior chaetae on manubrium:

F. taimyrica complex: *F. taimyrica*, *F. borealis*, *F. amplissima*.

F. quadrioculata complex: *F. quadrioculata*, *F. manolachei*, *F. palaeartica*, *F. sp. n. aff. palaeartica*.

With 2+2 or more anterior chaetae on manubrium:

F. regularis complex (with a normal arrangement of sensilla): *F. regularis*, *F. binoculata*, *F. atropolaris*, *F. sp. aff. ozeana*.

F. sexoculata complex (with a particular arrangement of sensilla): *F. sexoculata*, *F. diplophthalma*, *F. cf. diplophthalma*, *F. microchaeta*, *F. sp. aff. altamontana*.

Group B: with medial sensilla within or (on thorax) slightly in front of p-row:

F. fimetaria complex (with 1+1 macrochaetae on Th. II and III): *F. fimetaria*, *F. bisetosa*, *F. ciliata*, *F. cryptophila*, *F. nivalis*, *F. sparsosetosa*, *F. sp. aff. stella*.

F. macrochaetosa complex (with 2+2 macrochaetae on Th. II and III): *F. macrochaetosa*, *F. brevisensilla*.

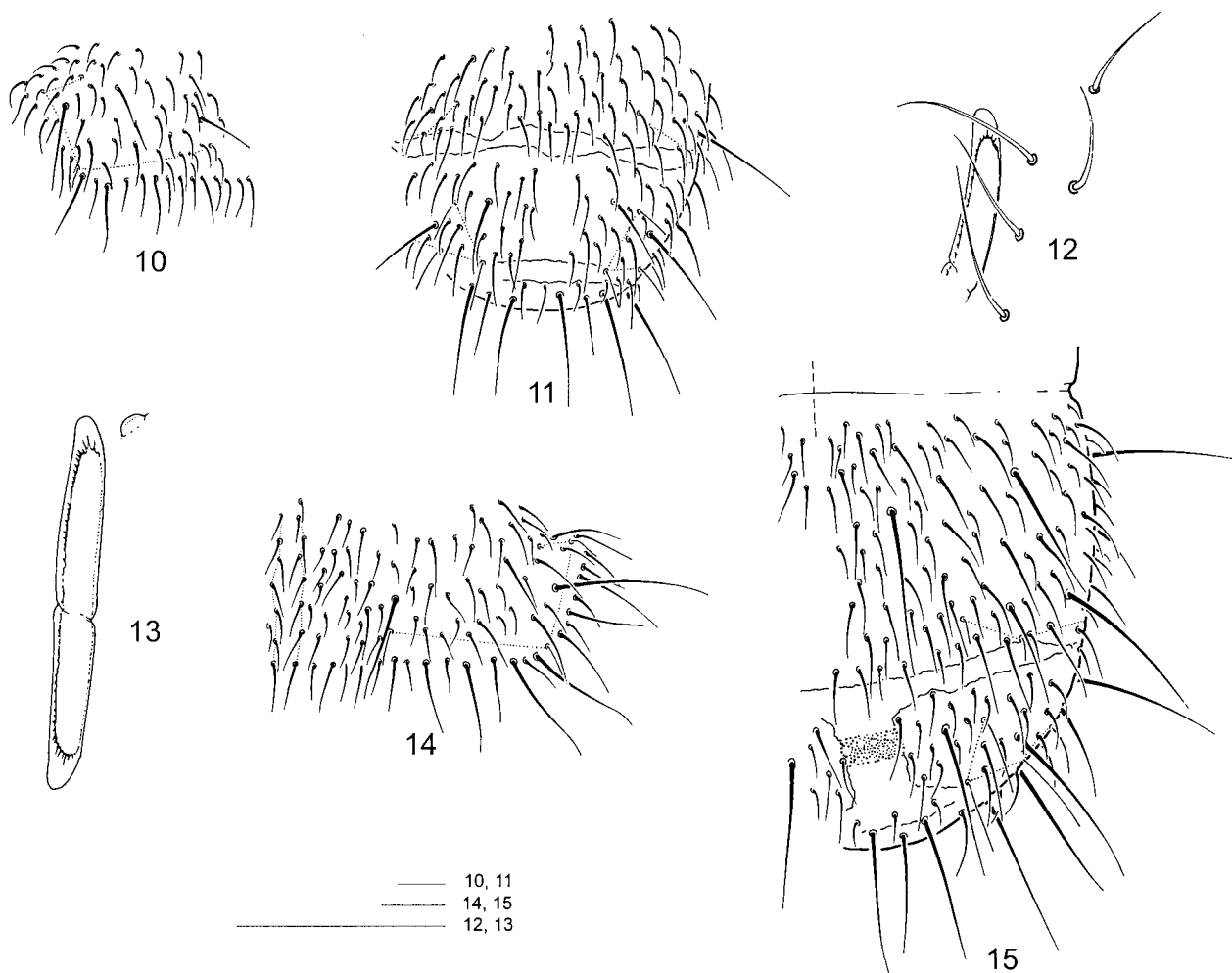
Group C: with 2+2 broad sensilla on Abd. V:

F. sensibilis complex: *F. sensibilis*, *F. alpha*, *F. ancestor*, *F. janstachi*, *F. longidens*, *F. magadani*.

The *F. taimyrica* complex

This is characterized by at most 2+2 ommatidia, 1+1 chaetae on the anterior side of the manubrium, and the same arrangement of sensilla as the *F. quadrioculata* complex, but differs from the latter by having more chaetae on the lateral flaps of the ventral tube (4+4 vs. 3+3) and in the central part of the posterior side of manubrium (4+4–6+6 vs. 2+2). The presence of 2 lateral sensilla on Ant. III is also characteristic of all the northern members of the complex.

Below we divide *F. taimyrica* auct. into three species based on the number of ommatidia and the presence/absence of microsensilla on Abd. II–III and medial macrochaetae on Th. III (Figs 2, 8–9). The relative length of the abdominal macrochaetae can also be used in their separation, particularly during preliminary sorting, but the variation of associated length ratios (macrochaeta : mucro and macrochaeta : dens) are overlapping (Fig. 24). The pro-



Figs 10–15: *F. taimyrica*. 10 – chaetotaxy of Th. III; 11 – chaetotaxy of the end of abdomen; 12 – upper part of PAO; 13 – PAO and remnant of ommatidium; 14 – chaetotaxy of Th. III; 15 – chaetotaxy of Abd. IV–VI. 10–12 – form 2, Severnaya Zemlya; 13 – form 1, Wrangel Island; 14, 15 – paratypes, Taimyr. Scale: 0.05 mm.

posed division is generally supported by the geographical distribution of the species (Fig. 105).

***Folsomia taimyrica* Martynova, 1973**

Redescription. White, sometimes with few small grains of dark pigment. Ommatidia usually absent (see also Affinities). PAO narrow, constricted, with inner “denticles” (Fig. 12), distinctly longer than width of Ant. I. Maxillary palp bifurcate, outer maxillary lobe with 4 sublobal hairs.

Labral formula 4/5,5,4. Ventral side of head with 4+4–5+5 chaetae along linea ventralis. Labium with 4+4 chaetae. Ant. I, II, III with 3, 3, 1 basal microsensilla and 2, 1, 6 sensilla respectively.

Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 4,3/2,2,2,3,5 (s), 1,1/1,1,1,0,0 (ms) (Fig. 8). On Th. II–Abd. III medial accp-sensilla are in the middle parts of the segments. Medial sensilla on Abd. IV are slightly in front of, or inside of, the p-row of chaetae. Th. II and III with 1+1 and 2+2 macrochaetae, respectively (Fig. 10, 14). Abd. I–III with 3+3 macrochaetae. The length of the macrochaetae varies from moderate to long (Fig. 24). Thorax without ventral chaetae.

Claw without teeth. Retinaculum with 4+4 teeth and a chaeta on corpus. Ventral tube with 4+4 latero-distal chaetae and 6–12 posterior ones. Manubrium anteriorly with a distal pair of chaetae (sometimes with 2+1), posteriorly with 3+3 latero-basal, 4+4 central, 2+2 distal, and 2 apical chaetae. Lateral sides of manubrium with 0+0, 0+1 or 1+1 chaetae. Dens crenulated, anteriorly with 8 (rarely 9), posteriorly with 3 chaetae (2 in the basal part and 1 in the middle). Mucro with two teeth.

Material. AR: SPITS Loc. 2, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; FJL Loc. 6 and 7, 64 ex., coll. MSPU; SEVZEM Loc. 10, 124 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 11, 32 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 12, 12 ex., coll. AB; NOVISL Loc. 13–15, 41 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 16, 16 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 19, 6 ex., coll. AB; WRANG Loc. 20, 7 ex., coll. AB; WSIB: Loc. 39, 2 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 45, 4 ex. (paratypes), coll. ZMAS; Loc. 47, 6 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 49, 3 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 50, 8 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 54, 1 ex., coll. AB.

Affinities. After the original description, *F. taimyrica* may have a small, unpigmented ommatidium (figured in the holotype) but this is often absent. In the four studied paratypes we could not find any cornea, but instead irregular primary granulation in the associated place. However, among many blind individuals from the Wrangel

Island some specimens with a hardly visible small ommatidium (Fig. 13), similar to that figured by Martynova, have been seen.

Fjellberg (1984) indicated an unusual variability of *F. taimyrica* in the number and size of ommatidia (0+0, 1+1 or 2+2) and supposed that several species could be involved. We accept here that only specimens characterized by the presence of 2+2 macrochaetae on Th. III and microsensilla on all terga of Th. II–Abd. III belong to the true *F. taimyrica*. Ommatidia are usually absent.

Even in the proposed restricted diagnosis, the species remains morphologically variable. Our material includes two main forms. As specimens with intermediate characters do also exist, both of them are treated as *F. taimyrica* here:

Form 1. The largest macrochaetae on abdominal end are 4–5 times longer than mucro. Unsetaceous band on Abd. V granulated (Fig. 15). Rarely it has a small unpigmented ommatidium. Includes the studied paratypes.

Form 2. The largest macrochaetae on abdomen shorter, 2.7–3.7 times longer than mucro. No irregular granulation on unsetaceous band on Abd. V (Fig. 11). No ommatidia.

Distribution. Possibly a circumpolar species (Fig. 105), but Nearctic records should be verified.

F. taimyrica f. 1 has a more southern distribution, restricted to the tundra zone, no records from the true polar desert. Recorded from Yamal Peninsula to the Wrangel Island in Russia, but seems to be absent in the eastern part of the mainland.

F. taimyrica f. 2 is one of the commonest forms on the High Arctic archipelagos (from Spitsbergen to Novosibirsk Islands). Also recorded from the northern belt of the tundra zone, for instance on the Taimyr Peninsula.

Folsomia borealis sp. n.

Description. Body length up to 1.4 mm, usually smaller. White with 1+1 unpigmented ommatidia. PAO narrow, clearly constricted at the middle, with inner “denticles” (Fig. 3), distinctly longer than the width of Ant. I. Maxillary palp bifurcate, outer maxillary lobe with 4 sublobal hairs.

Labral formula 4/5,5,4. Ventral side of head with 4+4–5+5 chaetae along linea ventralis. Labium with 4+4 chaetae. Ant. I, II, III with 3, 3, 1 basal microsensilla and 2, 1, 6 sensilla, respectively.

Body sensilla rather long, about 2/3 as long as common chaetae. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 4,3/2,2,2,3,5 (s), 1,1/1,1,1,0,0 (ms) (Fig. 2). Medial accp-sensilla on Th. II–Abd. III are in the middle parts of the segments, those on Abd. IV are slightly in front of p-row of chaetae. On Abd. V three medial sensilla are 2–3 times as long as those on Abd. IV, lateral sensillum shorter, not broad. Both Th. II and Th. III with 1+1 lateral macrochaetae (Fig. 6). Abd. I–III with 3+3 smooth macrochaetae on each tergum. The largest macrochaetae of the last abdominal segments 3.5–4.5 times longer than mucro (Fig. 7). Axial chaetom of Th. II–Abd. III: 9–10,8–9/4–5,4–5,4–5. Thorax without ventral chaetae.

Claw toothless. Fore tibiotarsus with many additional chaetae. Retinaculum with 4+4 teeth and a chaeta on cor-

pus. Ventral tube with 4+4 latero-distal chaetae and 6–9 posterior ones. Manubrium anteriorly with 1+1 chaetae; posteriorly with 3+3 latero-basal, 4+4–5+5 (5+6) central, 2+2 distal, and 2 apical chaetae (Fig. 4). Lateral sides of manubrium usually with 1+1 chaetae. Dens crenulated, with 7–8 anterior chaetae and 3 posterior chaetae (2 basal and 1 in the middle part) (Fig. 5). Mucro with two teeth.

The measurements of the holotype are given in Table 2.

Type material. Holotype: ♀ (slide), labelled “Russia, Central Taimyr, northern shore of Taimyr lake, flood-plain meadow with *Lloydia* sp., 02.viii.1993”, leg. A. Babenko, coll. MSPU. Paratypes: 2 specimens from the same sample; 2 specimens from the same region but “spotted tundra, 13.vii.1993”; and 3 specimens from “peat hummock with dwarf birch, 20.vii.1993”, leg. A. Babenko, coll. MSPU.

Additional material. EUR: Loc. 31, 11 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 35, 2 ex., coll. MSPU; URAL: Loc. 37, 2 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 38, 2 ex., coll. MSPU; WSIB: Loc. 39, 2 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 40, 3 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 41, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 42, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 43, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 44, 5 ex., coll. MSPU; CSIB: Loc. 48, 13 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 54, 2 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 56, 3 ex., coll. AB; NESIB: Loc. 58, 7 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 60, 82 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 63, 3 ex., coll. MSPU.

Name derivation. Named by reason of distribution area of the new species, the main part of which is within the boreal belt.

Affinities. The new species resembles *F. taimyrica* in having microsensilla on all terga from Th. II to Abd. III, but differs in having only 1+1 macrochaetae on Th. III (the medial ones are not differentiated) and the presence of a large ommatidium.

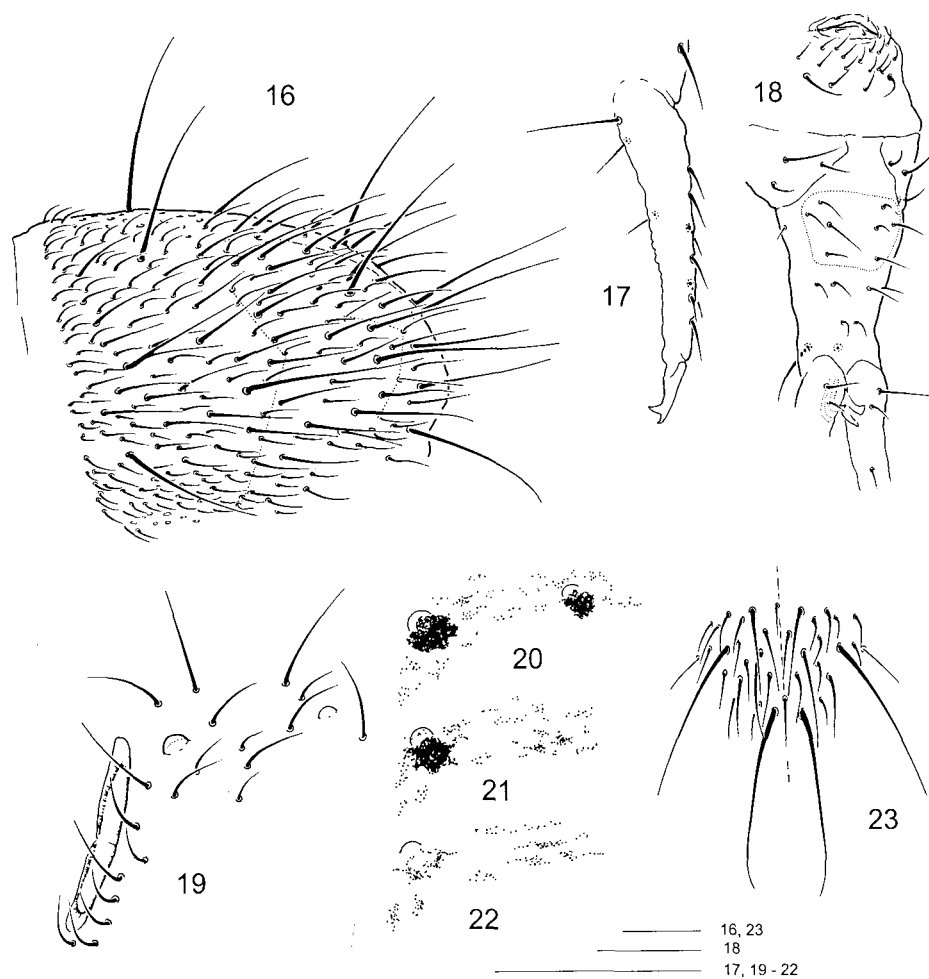
Distribution. The species has the most southern distribution area among the members of *F. taimyrica* complex (Fig. 105). Widely distributed, inhabiting various communities of the northern taiga and tundra of both Asian and European parts of Russia, but no records from the Kola Peninsula or Karelia.

Folsomia amplissima sp. n.

Description. Body length up to 1.8 mm. White, with some grains of black pigment scattered mostly on head and last abdominal segments. 2+2 small ommatidia, the posterior cornea smaller and hardly observable (Fig. 19–22) (see also Affinities). Region of ommatidia usually pigmented. PAO narrow, clearly constricted in the middle, with inner “denticles”, distinctly longer than width of Ant. I. Maxillary palp bifurcate, outer maxillary lobe with 4 sublobal hairs.

Labral formula 4/5,5,4. Ventral side of head with 4+4–5+5 chaetae along linea ventralis. Labium with 4+4 chaetae. Ant. I, II, III with 3, 3, 1 basal microsensilla and 2, 1, 6 sensilla, respectively.

Body sensilla rather long, 2/3 as long as common chaetae. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 4,3/2,2,2,3,5 (s), 1,1/1,0,0,0,0 (ms) (Fig. 9). Specimens without ms on Th. III on one side are also found. Medial accp-sensilla on Th. II–Abd. III are in the middle parts of the segments, those on Abd. IV slightly in front of p-row of chaetae. On Abd. V the three medial sensilla are 2–3 times as long as those on Abd. IV, lateral sensillum shorter, not broad. Both Th. II and Th. III with 1+1 macrochaetae. Abd.



Figs 16–23: *F. amplissima* sp. n. 16 – dorsal chaetotaxy of Abd. IV–VI; 17 – dens; 18 – furca and genital plate (posterior side); 19 – PAO and ommatidia; 20–21 – pigment arrangement and cornea of ommatidia (Olenek Bay); 22 – ditto (Yamal); 23 – dorsal chaetotaxy of medial part of Abd. V–VI. 16–20, 23 – paratypes. Scale: 0.1 mm.

II–III with 3+3 smooth macrochaetae on each tergum. The largest macrochaetae of abdominal tip 4.6–6.2 times longer than mucro (Fig. 16). Axial chaetom of Th. II–Abd. III: 10–12, 9/4–6, 4–6, 4–5. Thorax without ventral chaetae.

Claw toothless. Fore tibiotarsus with many additional chaetae. Retinaculum with 4+4 teeth and one chaeta on corpus. Ventral tube with 4+4 latero-distal chaetae and 7–10 posterior ones. Anterior furcal subcoxa with about 11 chaetae, posterior one with 6 chaetae. Manubrium anteriorly with 1+1 chaetae; posteriorly with 3+3 latero-basal, 4+4 (rarely 3 or 5 on one of the side) central, 2+2 distal, and 2 apical chaetae (Fig. 18). Lateral sides of manubrium usually with one chaeta. Dens crenulated, anteriorly with 7–8, posteriorly with 3 chaetae (2 basal and 1 in the middle part) (Fig. 17). Mucro with two teeth.

Type material. Holotype: ♂ (slide), labelled “Russia, Siberia, delta of Olenek River, Vaganytta-Kyuel lake (73°30'N, 118°10'E), spotted tundra, sedge rim, 06.–08.vii.1994”, leg. A. Babenko, coll. MSPU. Paratypes: 3 specimens from the holotype sample; 1 specimen from the same region but “spotted tundra, patch rim”; 5 specimens from “Russia, Siberia, delta of Yana River, Shirokoston Peninsula, Ledyanoe lake (72°25'N, 141°00'E), wet sedge slope with *Salix polaris*,

04.–06.viii.1994”; 2 specimens from “Russia, Siberia, Novosibirsk Islands, Bel'kovski Island, (75°00'N, 139°50'E), 09.vii.1994”, leg. A. Babenko, coll. MSPU.

Additional material. EUR: Loc. 34, 1 ex., coll. AB; URAL: Loc. 36, 9 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 38, 7 ex., coll. MSPU; WSIB: Loc. 39, 1 ex., coll. AB; AR: NOVISL Loc. 15, 6 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 16, 7 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 17, 32 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 19, 3 ex., coll. AB; NESIB: Loc. 56, 11 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 59, 3 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 61, 1 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 63, 7 ex., coll. MSPU; EAST: Loc. 65, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 66, 5 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 67, 10 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 68, 30 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 69, 14 ex., coll. MSPU.

Name derivation. It is the largest *Folsomia* species in the Russian Arctic, which is reflected in its specific name (*amplissima* – huge in Latin).

Affinities. The new species can be easily distinguished from *F. taimyrica* and *F. borealis* by the absence of microsensilla on Abd. II–III. Besides, *F. amplissima* has 2+2 ommatidia, no medial unsetaceous band on Abd. V (Fig. 23), and longer macrochaetae. Due to the 2+2 ommatidia and a single pair of anterior chaetae on manubrium *F. amplissima* can be confused with *F. quadrioculata*, which, however, belongs to another species group characterized by fewer chaetae on the lateral flaps of the ventral tube (3+3 chaetae vs. 4+4) and on the

central part of posterior side of manubrium (2+2 vs. 4+4–6+6). Habitually the former differs from pale specimens of *F. quadrioculata* by having less diffuse colour pattern and larger pigment grains.

In the material from the westernmost part of the distribution area of *F. amplissima* we found some populations without pigment in the ocular area and without distinct cornea, but with only irregular primary granulation in their places (open circles on Fig. 105). Their status calls for further study.

Distribution. Widespread in the Arctic and Subarctic from the western slope of Ural Mts range to Chukotka, but seems to be more numerous in the eastern part of the area (Fig. 105).

The *F. quadrioculata* complex

The members of this complex are very similar to the previous group but have fewer chaetae on the lateral flaps of ventral tube (3+3 chaetae vs. 4+4 in *F. taimyrica* complex) and in the central part of the posterior side of manubrium (2+2 vs. 4+4–6+6). Four species of this complex are permanent inhabitants of the northern regions of the Palaearctic, namely *F. quadrioculata*, *F. manolachei*, *F. palaeartica* sp. n., and *F. sp. n. aff. palaeartica*. The two latter species were previously recorded from the northern Palaearctic as *F. diplophthalma* which is now re-defined as a member of the *F. sexoculata* complex (Potapov & Dunger, in press).

Folsomia quadrioculata (Tullberg, 1871)

Affinities. We separate *F. quadrioculata* from *F. manolachei* using the characters proposed by Deharveng (1982). Unfortunately after his paper the problem of a broad diagnosis of *F. quadrioculata* has been replaced by the problem of a broad diagnosis of *F. manolachei*, which is usually listed as “*manolachei* complex” in recent publications.

It is often considered that *F. quadrioculata* has a preference for colder and wetter habitats than *F. manolachei*. According to our data, *F. quadrioculata* is indeed much more frequent and abundant in the northern areas of the Palaearctic, but as a whole, the distribution areas of both species in the Arctic are strongly overlapping.

Distribution. Holarctic. Almost all over the northern part of Russia, excluding some of the High Arctic archipelagos. More common in the southern tundra subzones. Spitsbergen, Novaya Zemlya, central parts of Taimyr and Wrangel Island are the northernmost areas of its distribution.

Folsomia manolachei Bagnall, 1939 sensu Deharveng, 1982

Affinities. The species often predominates in many southern areas of Russia and is also rather common in the Arctic. This fact supports the opinion that *F. manolachei* is a complex of several morphologically hardly distinguishable species.

Distribution. Scattered records all over the northern Palaearctic, much more frequent in the western part. Not found in the High Arctic and, unlike *F. quadrioculata*, it

is not recorded from Spitsbergen (Fjellberg, 1994), Novaya Zemlya and Wrangel Island.

Folsomia palaeartica sp. n.

Folsomia diplophthalma auct. nec Axelsson, 1902.

Description. Body length up to 0.7 mm. Colour varies, usually spotty grey due to large and scattered pigment grains, the end of abdomen clearly paler, unlike most *Folsomia*. Sometimes pale or without pigment on body, eye spots always coloured. 1+1 ommatidia. PAO elongated, 5–6 times as long as ommatidia, with indistinct constriction, clear “denticles” missing (Fig. 32). Maxillary palp bifurcated, outer maxillary lobe with 4 sublobal hairs.

Labral formula 4/5,5,4. Ventral side of head with 4+4 chaetae along linea ventralis. Labium with 4+4 chaetae. Ant. I, II, III with 3 (=2+1), 3, 0 basal microsensilla, and with 2, 1, 5 (2 inner, 2 outer and 1 latero-apical) sensilla respectively. Apical organite on Ant. IV roundish (Fig. 33).

Body sensilla slightly shorter than common chaetae, well differentiated. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 4,3/2,2,2,3,5 (s), 1,0/1,0,0,0,0 (ms). Hind corner of Th. II with lateral sensillum well in front of the p-row (Fig. 31). Medial accp-sensilla on Th. II–Abd. III are situated far in front of the p-row, those on Abd. IV clearly in front of the p-row. On Abd. V the three medial sensilla are 2.0–2.5 times as long as those on Abd. IV. Lateral sensillum thickened. Macrochaetae short (Fig. 35), the longest on abdominal tip are 2.7–3.5 times as long as mucro. Macrochaetal formula typical for the genus (1,1/3,3,3,4). As a whole there are rather few chaetae on the body: Th. III with 20–23 p-chaetae, Abd. I–III with only 3–4 axial chaetae on each side. Thorax without ventral chaetae.

Claw toothless. Fore tibiotarsus usually with 21 chaetae. Upper and lower subcoxa with 1 and 6–8 (leg II), 2–4 and 6–7 (leg III) chaetae respectively. Retinaculum with 4+4 teeth and one chaeta on corpus. Ventral tube with 3+3 latero-distal chaetae and 6–7 posterior ones (Fig. 30). Anterior furcal subcoxa as a rule with 3 (rarely 2 or 4) chaetae, the posterior one usually with 3 chaetae. Furca short. Anterior side of manubrium with 1+1 apical chaetae, posterior one with 3+3 latero-basal, 2+2 central, 2+2 distal, and 1+1 apical chaetae (Fig. 36). Lateral sides of manubrium with one chaeta. Dens partly crenulated, usually with 7 (1,1,2,3) anterior and 3 posterior chaetae (2 basal and 1 in the middle part) (Fig. 34). Mucro with 2 teeth. Manubrium : dens : mucro as 3–5 : 3–4 : 1.

Type material. Holotype: ♀ (slide), labelled “Russia, Novaya Zemlya Archipelago, northern part of Southern Island, Zemlya Pan’kova (73°04’N, 53°10’E), willow, mosses, *Dryas*, 1995”, leg. S. Goryachkin, coll. MSPU. Paratypes: 33 specimens from the same sample.

Additional material. OTHNOR: Loc. 70, 3 ex., coll. MSPU; EUR: Loc. 25, 5 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 32, 4 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 33, 9 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 46, 32 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 47, 5 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 48, 2 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 52, 18 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 53, 123 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 54, 2 ex., coll. AB; AR: NOVISL Loc. 13, 3 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 16, 5 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 19, 4 ex., coll. AB; NWT Loc. 22, 24 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 55, 6 ex., coll. MSPU; NESIB: Loc. 56, 7 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 58, 2 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 60, 62 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 61, 10 ex.,

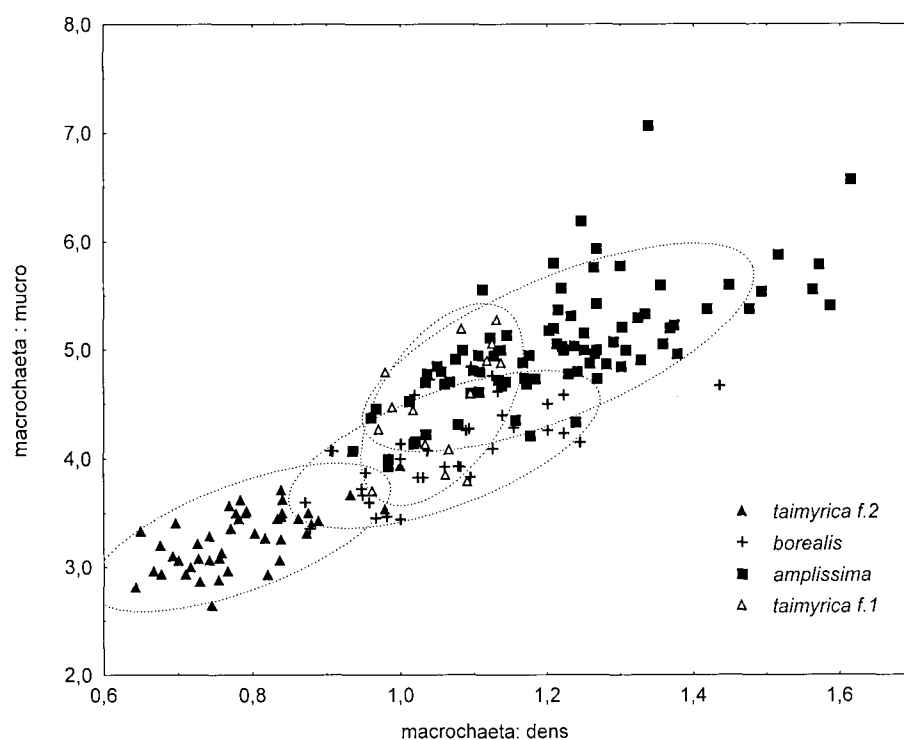


Fig. 24. The relative length of the macrochaetae on the end of abdomen in species of *F. taimyrica* complex.

coll. AB; Loc. 63, 2 ex., coll. MSPU; SOUTH: Loc. 72, 2 ex., coll. MSPU, Loc. 73, 10 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 74, 3 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 75, 10 ex., coll. MSPU.

Name derivation. It is a common species throughout the North Palaearctic, reflected by its specific name.

Affinities. A characteristic species due to the small size and specific pigmentation. It is very similar to *F. sp. n. aff. palaeartica*, having the same number of ommatidia and a similar chaetotaxy of furca (cf. Figs 31–36, 25–29). They can be distinguished by the following characters:

Species	ms on Th. III	Upper coxa of leg II	Anterior furcal subcoxa	PAO/ Ant. I width	Anterior chaetae on dens
<i>F. sp. n. aff. palaeartica</i>	+	3(2–4)	5(4–6)	1.6–1.9	8
<i>F. palaeartica</i>	–	1	3	1.0–1.2	7

Habitually it can be confused with pale specimens of *F. manolachei*, from which *F. palaeartica* differs by having only 1+1 ommatidia, no basal ms on Ant. III, and a “corner” sensillum on Th. II always in front of the p-row.

Distribution. Finland, northern regions of European part of Russia and almost all Siberia. In Siberia it is one of the commonest species in both Arctic and boreal communities. Found also in Arctic Canada (Devon Isl.), but seems to be absent in Spitsbergen and in the easternmost parts of the Russian North (Wrangel Isl., Chukotka).

Folsomia sp. n. aff. palaeartica

Material. EUR: Loc. 24, 2 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 33, 14 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 52, 13 ex., coll. AB; SOUTH: Loc. 74, 3 ex., coll. MSPU.

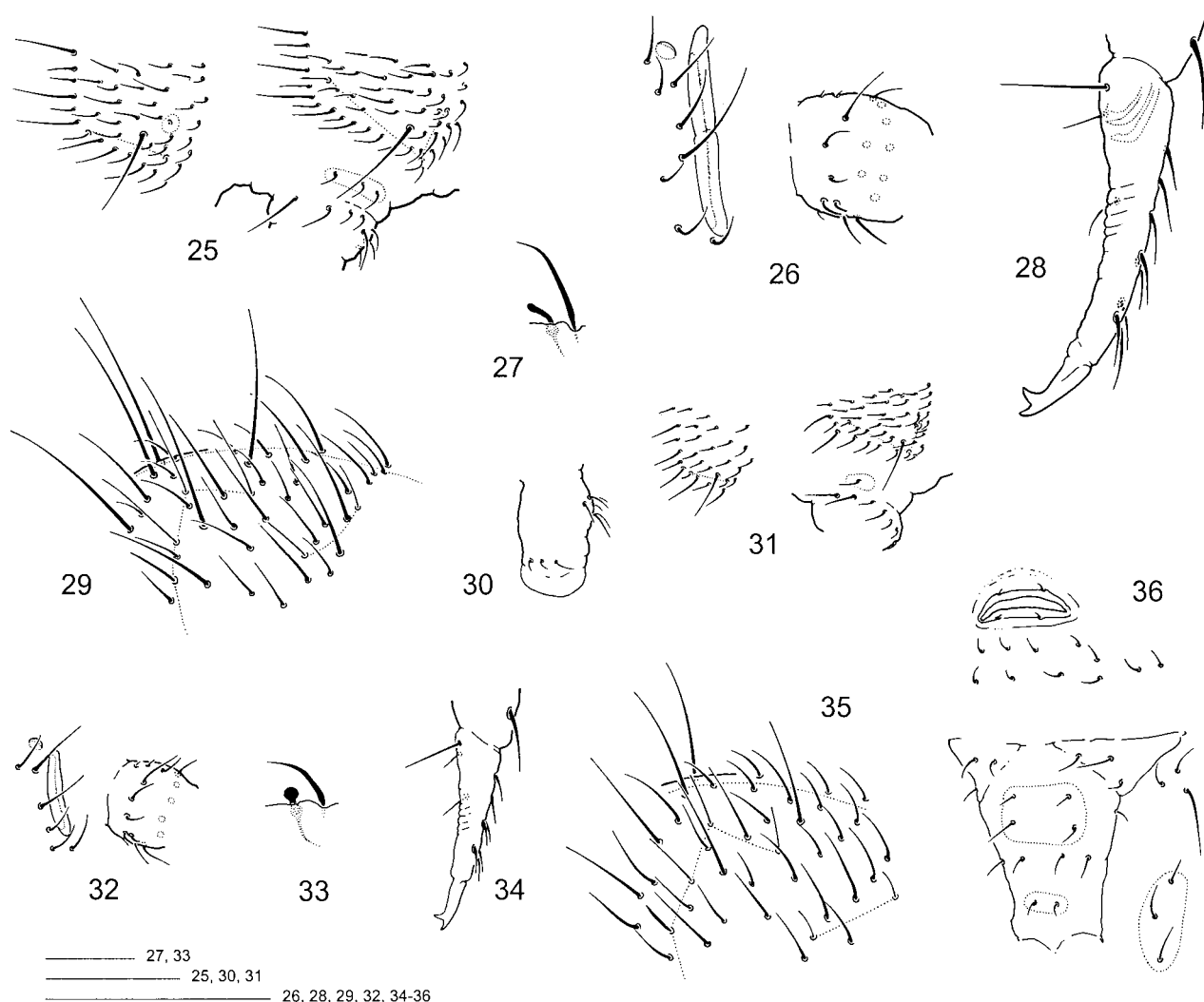
Affinities. The species is described in separate paper (Potapov & Dunger, in press). It can be defined by: 1+1 ommatidia, 1+1 anterior chaetae on manubrium, very long postantennal organ (Fig. 26), ms on lateral part of Th. III present (Fig. 25), basal ms on Ant. III missing. The last character separates it from all the relatives (*F. quadrioculata*, *F. taimyrica*, etc.) except *F. palaeartica*. It can be distinguished from the *F. taimyrica* complex by the 2+2 chaetae on the central part of posterior side of manubrium and 3+3 lateral chaetae on ventral tube, and from *F. quadrioculata* and *F. manolachei* by the 1+1 apical chaetae on posterior side of manubrium and only one ommatidium. Habitually *F. sp. n. aff. palaeartica* is rather similar to *F. borealis*, the smallest species of the *F. taimyrica* complex.

Distribution. Northern parts of the Russian Plain and some scattered records from the central (Putorana Plateau) and southern Siberia. It is known also from Mongolia.

The *F. regularis* complex

The morphology of the members of this complex is within the limits of the traditional understanding of *F. regularis* (1+1 ommatidia, from 2+2 to 7+7 (usually 3–5) chaetae on the anterior side of manubrium). They are also characterized by a *quadrioculata*-like arrangement of sensilla, by the chaetotaxy of the posterior side of manubrium resembling that of the *F. taimyrica* complex (Fig. 39), and by the presence of a single lateral sensillum on Ant. III (*F. regularis* from Devon Isl. exceptionally show a variation in the latter character).

Below we fix the positions of *F. regularis* and *F. ozeana*, recover *F. binoculata* and describe a new species



Figs 25–36. 25–29: *F. sp. n. aff. palaeartica*. 25 – lateral parts of Th. II–III; 26 – PAO, ommatidium and Ant. I; 27 – apical organite and microsensilla of Ant. IV; 28 – dens laterally; 29 – chaetotaxy of the end of abdomen. 30–36: *F. palaeartica* sp. n. 30 – ventral tube; 31 – lateral parts of Th. II–III; 32 – PAO, ommatidium and Ant. I; 33 – apical organite and microsensilla of Ant. IV; 34 – dens laterally; 35 – chaetotaxy of the end of abdomen; 36 – genital plate and furcal area. Scales: 27, 33 – 0.01 mm, 25–26, 28–32, 34–36 – 0.05 mm.

of the complex. All these species have previously been listed as *F. regularis* from different parts of the Holarctic.

***Folsomia regularis* Hammer, 1953**

Material. AR: WRANG Loc. 20, 4 ex., coll. AB; NWT Loc. 22, 22 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 23, 14 ex., coll. AB.

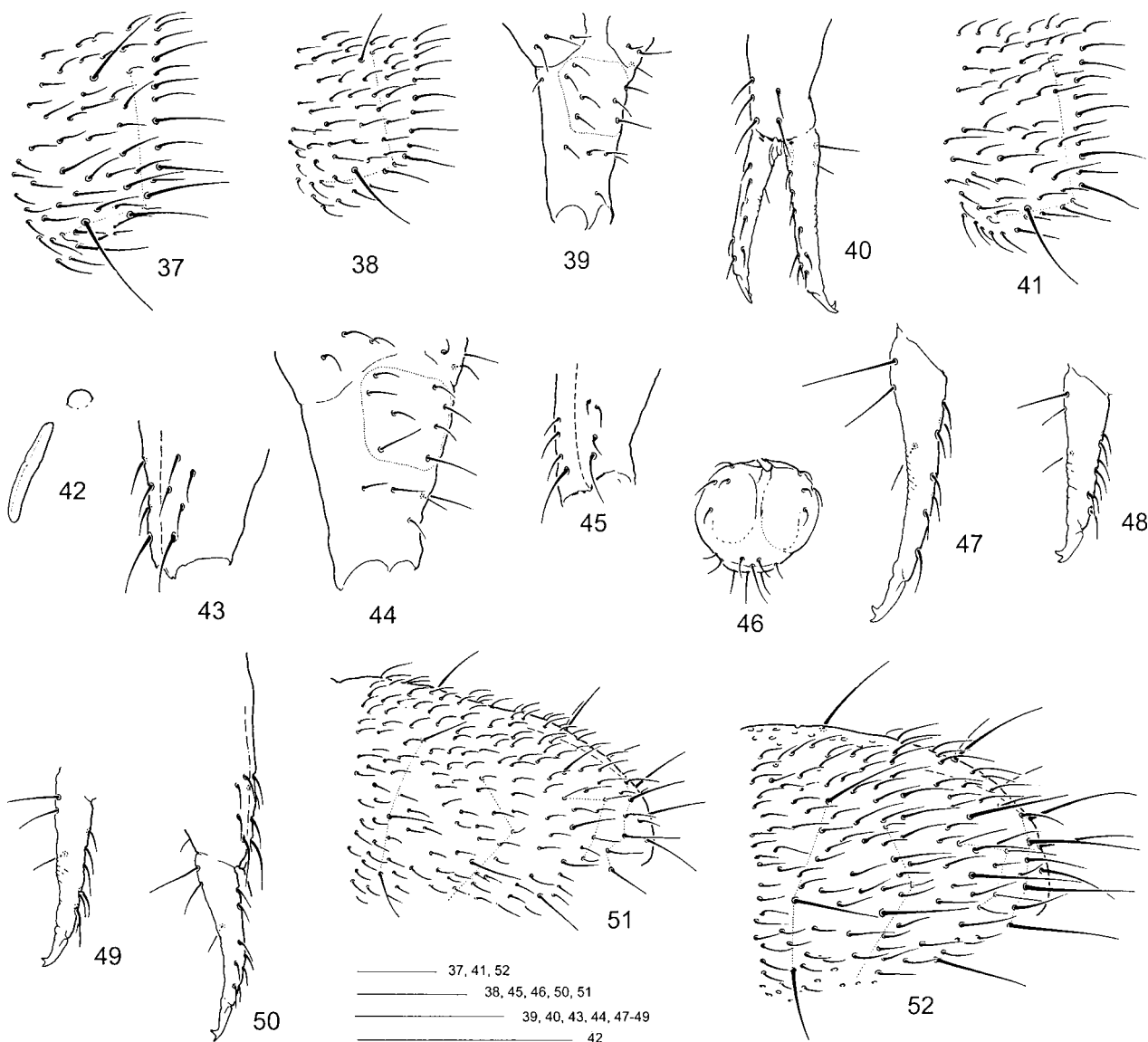
Affinities. The species was described from Ellesmere Island (Arctic Canada) and subsequently recorded all over the Arctic and in more southerly regions (in East Asia as a senior synonym of *F. ozeana*). Our material from Ellesmere Island and Devon Island indicates the presence of 2+2 macrochaetae on Th. III in Canadian specimens, whereas Palaearctic *F. regularis* always has only 1+1 macrochaetae on Th. III (medial macrochaetae are not differentiated). Our new definition of the species considerably restricts its area of distribution. *F. regularis* s. str. can be characterised by two macrochaetae on each side of Th. III (Fig. 37 and 38) and 4+4 latero-distal chaetae

on ventral tube, white colour, and by the presence of a basal microsensillum on Ant. III.

Specimens of *F. regularis* from the Wrangel Isl. have slightly longer macrochaetae than Nearctic ones.

F. regularis is very similar to the northern European species – *F. agrelli* Gisin, 1944. The latter differs only in the lower number (2+2) of anterior chaetae on the manubrium. Hammer (1954), however, indicated considerable variation of this character in *F. regularis* (from 2+2 to 4+4), which is in agreement with our material (Fig. 40). We have studied several specimens of *F. agrelli* from Norway (Oppland) and found a few specimens with an abnormal number (3+2 or 3+4) of anterior chaetae on the manubrium. Possibly, *F. agrelli* and *F. regularis* belong to the same variable species.

Distribution. *F. regularis* is mainly a Nearctic species with a single verified record for the East Palaearctic. All other records should be probably referred to *F. binoculata*, *F. ozeana* or *F. atropolaris*.



Figs 37–52. 37–40: *F. regularis*. 37 – lateral part of Th. III (Wrangel Isl.); 38 – dtdo (Devon Isl., NWT of Canada); 39 – manubrium posteriorly; 40 – furca anteriorly. 41–52: *F. binoculata*. 41 – lateral part of Th. III, form 2 (Severnaya Zemlya); 42 – PAO and ommatidium, form 2; 43 – anterior side of manubrium, form 2; 44 – posterior side of manubrium, form 2; 45 – common variant of chaetotaxy of anterior side of manubrium, form 1 (Severnaya Zemlya); 46 – ventral tube, form 1; 47 – dens, form 1; 48 – dtdo, form 2 (Severnaya Zemlya); 49 – dtdo, form 2 (Olenek Bay); 50 – furca laterally, form 1; 51 – dorsal chaetotaxy of Abd. IV–VI, form 2; 52 – dtdo, form 1. Scale: 0.1 mm.

Folsomia binoculata (Wahlgren, 1899)

Isotoma binoculata Wahlgren, 1899.

Folsomia regularis auct. nec Hammer, 1953.

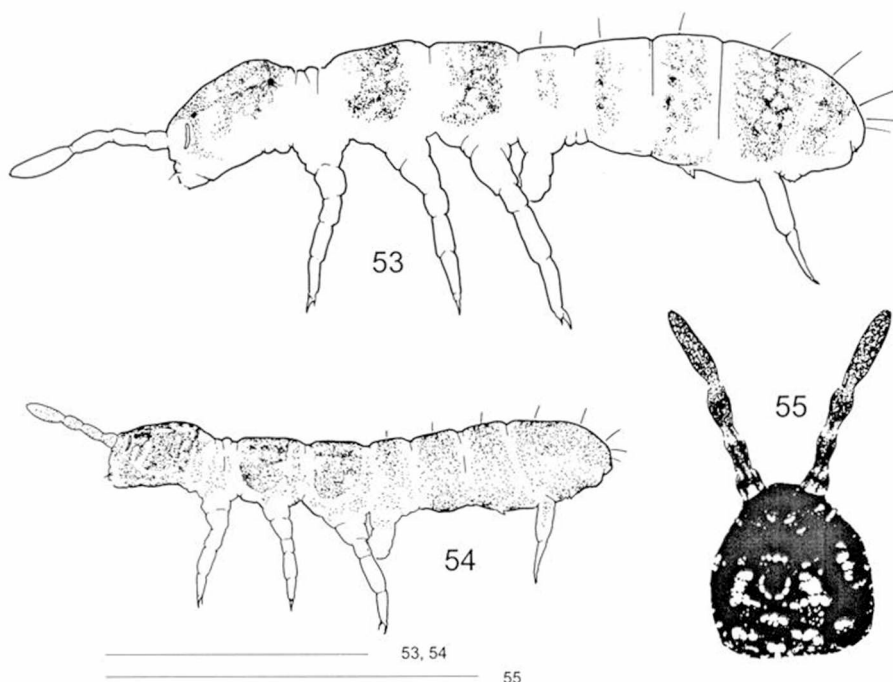
Redescription. Body length up to 1.7 mm. From almost white to pale spotty grey. Large pigment grains, if present, form a special color pattern (Fig. 53). Eye region always pigmented. 1+1 ommatidia, the corneas roundish and well distinguished. PAO narrow, clearly constricted in the middle, without inner “denticles”, with 6–7 chaetae along posterior edge (Fig. 42), distinctly longer than width of Ant. I. Maxillary palp bifurcate, outer maxillary lobe with 4 sublobal hairs.

Labral formula 4/5,5,4. Ventral side of head with 4+4–5+5 chaetae along linea ventralis. Labium with 4+4 chaetae. Ant. I, II, III with 3, 3, 1 microsensilla and 2, 1,

5 (2 inner, 2 outer and 1 latero-apical) sensilla, respectively.

Dorsal sensilla rather long, 2/3 as long as common chaetae. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 4,3/2,2,2,3,5 (s), 1,0/1,0,0,0,0 (ms). Medial accp-sensilla on Th. II–Abd. III are in the middle parts of a segment, those on Abd. IV slightly in front of p-row of chaetae. Three medial sensilla on Abd. V are 2–3 times as long as those on Abd. IV. Lateral sensillum shorter, not broad. Th. II–Abd. III with 1,1/3,3,3 smooth macrochaetae. The largest macrochaetae of abdominal end 3.8–5.1 times longer than mucro. Thorax without ventral chaetae.

Claw toothless. Fore tibiotarsus with many additional chaetae. Upper and lower subcoxa of leg II with 3–4 and 6–9 chaetae, respectively. Retinaculum with 4+4 teeth



Figs 53–55. 53, 54: *F. binoculata*. 53 – habitus of dark-coloured specimen, form 1 (Olenek Bay); 54 – habitus of form 2 (Severnaya Zemlya). 55 – *F. atropolaris* sp. n., head in dark-coloured specimen. Scale: 0.5 mm.

and one chaeta on corpus. Ventral tube with 4+4 latero-distal chaetae and usually 7–9 (6–11) posterior ones (Fig. 46). Anterior furcal subcoxa with 6–8 chaetae, posterior one with 3–5 chaetae. Manubrium anteriorly with two longitudinal rows of mostly 3+4 or 4+4 chaetae, the total number varying between 5 and 10 (Figs 43, 45). Posterior side of manubrium with 3+3 latero-basal, 4+4 (3+3–5+5) central, 2+2 distal, and 1–2 apical chaetae (Fig. 44). Number of chaetae on lateral sides of manubrium varies from 0+0 to 1+2, often 1+0. Dens crenulated, anteriorly with 7–8, posteriorly with 3 chaetae (2 basal and 1 in the middle part) (Figs 47–50). Mucro with two teeth.

Material. AR: SPITS Loc. 1, 28 ex., coll. MSPU; FJL Loc. 3–7, 139 ex., coll. MSPU; SEVZEM Loc. 10–12, 90 ex., coll. AB; NOVISL Loc. 13–15, 98 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 16–19, 31 ex., coll. AB; URAL: Loc. 38, 2 ex., coll. MSPU. WSIB: Loc. 39, 6 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 40, 2 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 47, 3 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 48, 5 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 49, 4 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 50, 5 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 51, 1 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 54, 4 ex., coll. AB; NESIB: Loc. 56, 1 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 58, 4 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 61, 2 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 63, 5 ex., coll. MSPU; EAST: Loc. 65, 4 ex., coll. MSPU.

Affinities. *F. binoculata* was considered as a “species dubia” for a long time because of a very short PAO figured by Wahlgren (only two times longer than an ommatidium). As the drawings of this author were rather schematic it can be supposed that a figure for *F. binoculata* was not fully correct. *F. binoculata* was originally described from Spitsbergen and Fjellberg (1994) already mentioned that it is a probable synonym of *F. regularis* – the only *Folsomia* species with 1+1 coloured ommatidia found there. We prefer to treat both of them as separate species as our material from Hornsund (southern Spitsbergen) indicates some differences between Canadian and

Spitsbergen specimens which can be easily distinguished by the presence (*F. regularis*) or the absence (*F. binoculata*) of medial macrochaetae on Th. III (cf. Figs 37 and 41).

Variability. The above redescription is based mainly on the largest form of this species (form 1). It frequently occurs together with another form, which is even more numerous and common for the Russian North. These specimens (form 2) are distinctly smaller (0.8–1.0 mm), with darker and diffuse pigmentation (Fig. 54), and their macrochaetae are shorter, 2.7–3.9 times as long as mucro (cf. Figs 51 and 52). As a rule, manubrium bears more anterior chaetae, usually 4+4–5+5, the posterior side of the ventral tube usually has a smaller number of chaetae (5–7). However, the variability of the characters overlaps.

The two forms can easily be distinguished in mixed populations by coloration and body size. Their status and relationships call for further investigation. Both of them are referred as *F. binoculata* here.

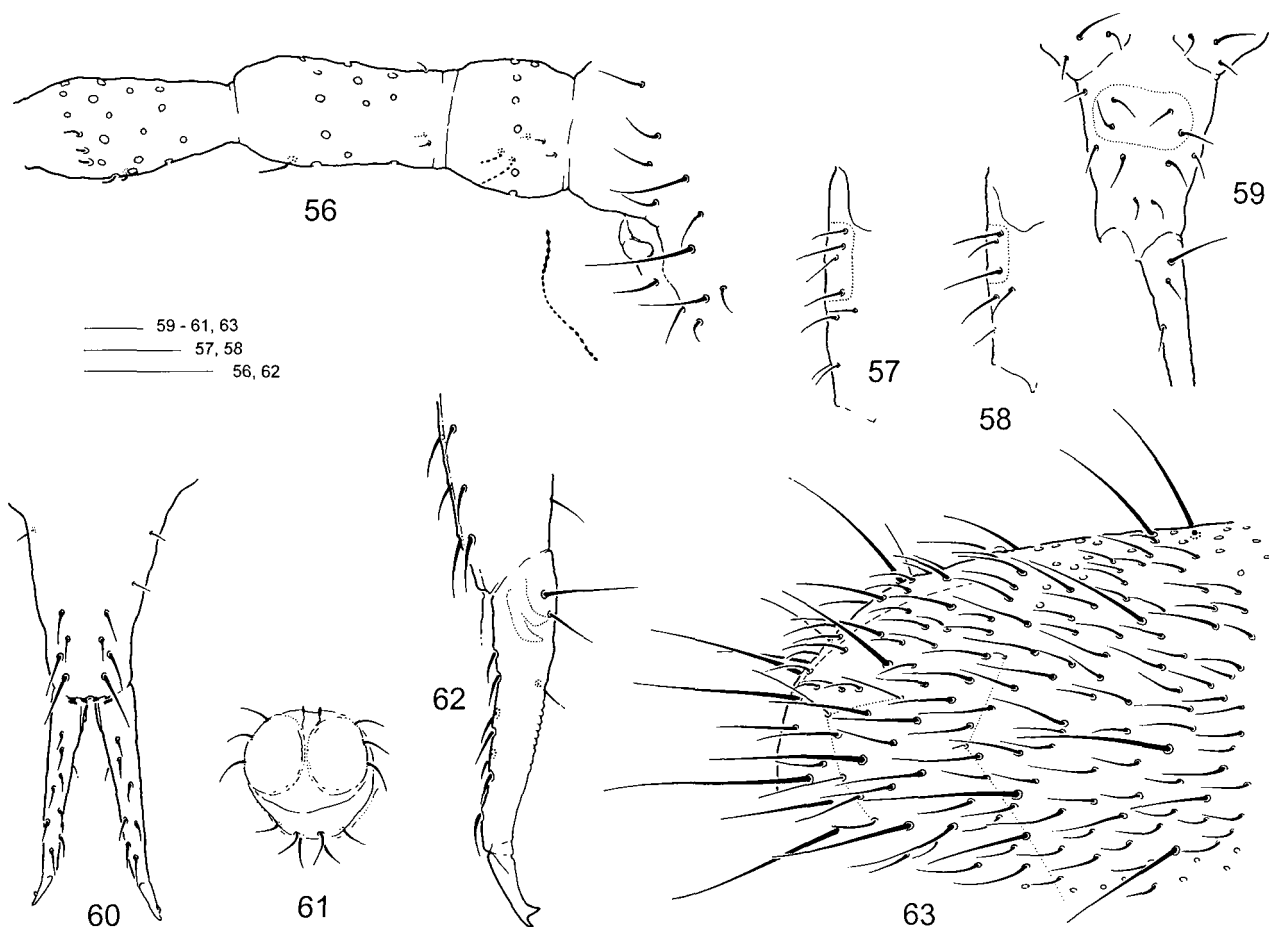
Distribution. Widely distributed all over the Arctic.

F. binoculata f. 1 has been recorded in various polar desert and Arctic tundra communities on the High Arctic archipelagos, found also in the northern Taimyr.

F. binoculata f. 2 is more common and widespread in the Russian Arctic (from Franz Josef Land to Chukotka). Inhabits all the tundra subzones penetrating into the polar deserts as well. The most inland record: alpine zone of Verkhoyansky Mt. Range. No records from Spitsbergen and Wrangel Island.

***Folsomia atropolaris* sp. n.**

Description. Body length 1.0–1.4 mm. From mottled grey to black (Fig. 55), pigment grains form irregular spots on the body. Habitually similar to dark-coloured



Figs 56–63: *Folsomia atropolaris* sp. n. 56 – Ant. I–III (only sensilla and microsensilla shown) and ommatidium region; 57, 58 – posterior side of manubrium from lateral position (variation, Taimyr Lake); 59 – furca from posterior view (Wrangel Isl.); 60 – anterior side of furca; 61 – ventral tube; 62 – distal part of manubrium and dens (laterally, another specimen); 63 – dorsal chaetotaxy of Abd. IV–VI. Scale: 0.05 mm.

specimens of *F. quadrioculata*. The 1+1 ommatidia are indicated by pigment concentration. The corneas, however, are hardly distinguished and look like swellings of the integument surface. PAO narrow, clearly constricted at the middle, usually with inner “denticles”, with 6–7 chaetae along posterior edge, distinctly longer than width of Ant. I. Maxillary palp bifurcate, outer maxillary lobe with 4 sublobal hairs.

Labral formula 4/5,5,4. Ventral side of head with 4+4(5+5) chaetae along linea ventralis. Labium with 4+4 chaetae. Ant. I, II, III with 3, 3, 0 microsensilla and 2, 1, 5 (2 inner, 2 outer and 1 latero-apical) sensilla respectively (Fig. 56).

Body sensilla short. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 4,3/2,2,2,3,5 (s), 1,0/1,0,0,0,0 (ms). Medial accp-sensilla on Th. II–Abd. III are situated in the middle part of segments, those on Abd. IV slightly in front of p-row of chaetae. On Abd. V the three medial sensilla about 4 times longer than those on Abd. IV (Fig. 63). Lateral sensillum shorter, rather thin. Macrochaetotaxy is typical for the genus: 1,1/3,3,3. The largest macrochaetae of the abdominal tip are 3.3–4.4 times longer than mucro. Axial

chaetom of Th. II–Abd. III: 9–11,7–8/4–5,4–5,4–5. Thorax without ventral chaetae.

Claw toothless. Tibiotarsus of leg I with 26–29 chaetae. Upper and lower subcoxa with 2–4 and 7–10 (leg II), 5–7 and 8–10 (leg III) chaetae respectively. Retinaculum with 4+4 teeth and one chaeta on corpus. Ventral tube with 3+3 latero-distal chaetae and 6–8 posterior ones (Fig. 61). Anterior furcal subcoxa with 6–9 chaetae, posterior one usually with 3 chaetae. Manubrium anteriorly with two longitudinal rows of chaetae, mostly 4+4 or 3+4 (Figs 60, 62), variants with 3+3 and 6+5 chaetae were also found. Posterior side of manubrium with 3+3 latero-basal, 2+2–4+4 (see variability below) central, 2+2 distal, and 2 (rarely 3) apical chaetae (Fig. 59). In addition, there are 1+1 (rarely 0+0 or 2+1) chaetae on lateral sides of manubrium. Dens crenulated, anteriorly with 7–8, posteriorly with 3 chaetae (2 basal and 1 in the middle part). Mucro with two teeth.

Type material. Holotype: ♀ (slide), labelled “Russia, Wrangel Isl., Mamontovaya River (70°59′N, 179°35′E), *Dryas* association on stony outcrop, 23.–24.vii.1994”, leg. A. Babenko, coll. MSPU. Paratypes: 3 specimens from the holotype sample; 5 specimens from the same region and date but

"under *Saxifraga firma* cushion on the summit of Matyushkin Mt., alt. 662 m", leg. A. Babenko, coll. MSPU.

Additional material. WSIB: Loc. 39, 3 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 47, 16 ex., coll. AB; NESIB: Loc. 56, 10 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 58, 3 ex., coll. MSPU.

Name derivation. The name reflects the colour and the distribution of the species.

Affinities. As a member of *F. regularis* complex, *F. atropolaris* is characterized by 1+1 ommatidia and the usual number of anterior chaetae on manubrium and dens, but can easily be distinguished by its dark colour, shorter dorsal sensilla on the terga and by the absence of a basal microsensillum on Ant. III. Weak differentiation of cornea is also characteristic. It also differs from *F. regularis* and *F. binoculata* by having only 3+3 latero-distal chaetae on the ventral tube.

Variability. The number of chaetae in the central part of posterior side of manubrium varies from 2+2 (Wrangel, Verkhoyansky Range, Yamal) to 3+3–4+4 (Yana, Taimyr) (Figs 57–59).

Distribution. Scattered records from the northern regions of Siberia, where the Yamal Peninsula is the westernmost point of its distribution.

Folsomia sp. aff. *ozeana* Yosii, 1954

Material. CSIB: Loc. 47, 25 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 54, 2 ex., coll. AB; AR: NOVSL Loc. 13, 11 ex., coll. AB; WRANG Loc. 20, 36 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 21, 4 ex., coll. MSPU; NESIB: Loc. 56, 7 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 60, 69 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 61, 7 ex., coll. AB.

Affinities. *F. ozeana* was recorded from the Far East of Russia, Japan, Korea, East China, USA. Later Yosii (1969) synonymized it with *F. regularis*. However our material from almost the same region (Sakhalin and Kurile Islands) clearly differs from both *F. regularis* and *F. binoculata* by having 3+3 latero-distal chaetae on the ventral tube. Besides, *F. ozeana*, contrary to *F. regularis*, is characterized by having only one macrochaeta on Th. III.

Specimens from the northern areas differ from the main form by smaller size and shorter macrochaetae. The ratio of the largest abdominal macrochaetae : mucro is 3.8–4.9 in the main form of *F. ozeana* (Kurile Islands), whereas it is only 2.1–3.4 in the northern form (Wrangel Island). As no other differences are observed, the status of this northern form remains unclear pending further investigation. As a whole, it is very similar to *F. binoculata* f. 2 but has only 3+3 latero-distal chaetae on the ventral tube. In a mixed population they can be separated by body colour: grey in *F. binoculata* f. 2, and yellowish-white in *Folsomia* sp. aff. *ozeana*.

Distribution. Widespread in the eastern part of the Russian Arctic (from Taimyr to Wrangel Isl.). Most records are from the tundra zone, but found also in taiga.

The *F. sexoculata* complex

Five species which can be considered as representatives of this group have been found in our northern material. Very short dorsal chaetae and a particular arrangement of sensilla [Ant. I always with 3 sensilla (Fig. 65), medial

sensillum on Abd. II–III is between Mac2 and Mac3, that on Abd. IV situated in anterior part of the tergum] is characteristic of all of them.

Folsomia sexoculata (Tullberg, 1871)

Material. EUR: Loc. 26, 4 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 27, 125 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 28, 10 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 29, 2 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 34, 5 ex., coll. AB; WSIB: Loc. 40, 1 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 46, 1 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 48, 68 ex., coll. AB.

Affinities. The species differs from the other northern members of the group in 3+3 ommatidia and more chaetae on posterior side of furca, namely basal part of dens with 4 chaetae, central part of manubrium at least with 10+10 (usually more) chaetae. In adult specimens of *F. sexoculata* the anterior side of manubrium usually bears 2+2 distal chaetae and 1+1 additional chaetae at a distance.

Distribution. For the time the west of Taimyr Peninsula is the easternmost record of this species. It lives along the sea coast or banks of lakes and streams met with river deltas.

Folsomia diplophthalma (Axelson, 1902)

Material. EUR: Loc. 27, 67 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 28, 2 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 31, 3 ex., coll. MSPU; CSIB: Loc. 44, 6 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 46, 51 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 48, 9 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 52, 12 ex., coll. AB; NESIB: Loc. 56, 6 ex., coll. AB.

Affinities. We accept here a new understanding of this species based on holotype examination (Potapov & Dunger, in press). Accordingly *F. diplophthalma* can be characterized by 1+1 ommatidia (Fig. 75), normally 4+4 chaetae on anterior side of manubrium, 14–17 anterior chaetae on dens and *sexoculata*-like arrangement of sensilla.

Distribution. Probably widespread in the northern regions of the European part of Russia and Siberia: recorded from Karelia to Yana Delta. In the Arctic it prefers sites enriched with organic material (debris in the supralittoral, mammal nests), southwards it was also recorded in litter from damp woods. All previous records of *F. diplophthalma* should be verified.

Folsomia cf. *diplophthalma* (Axelson, 1902)

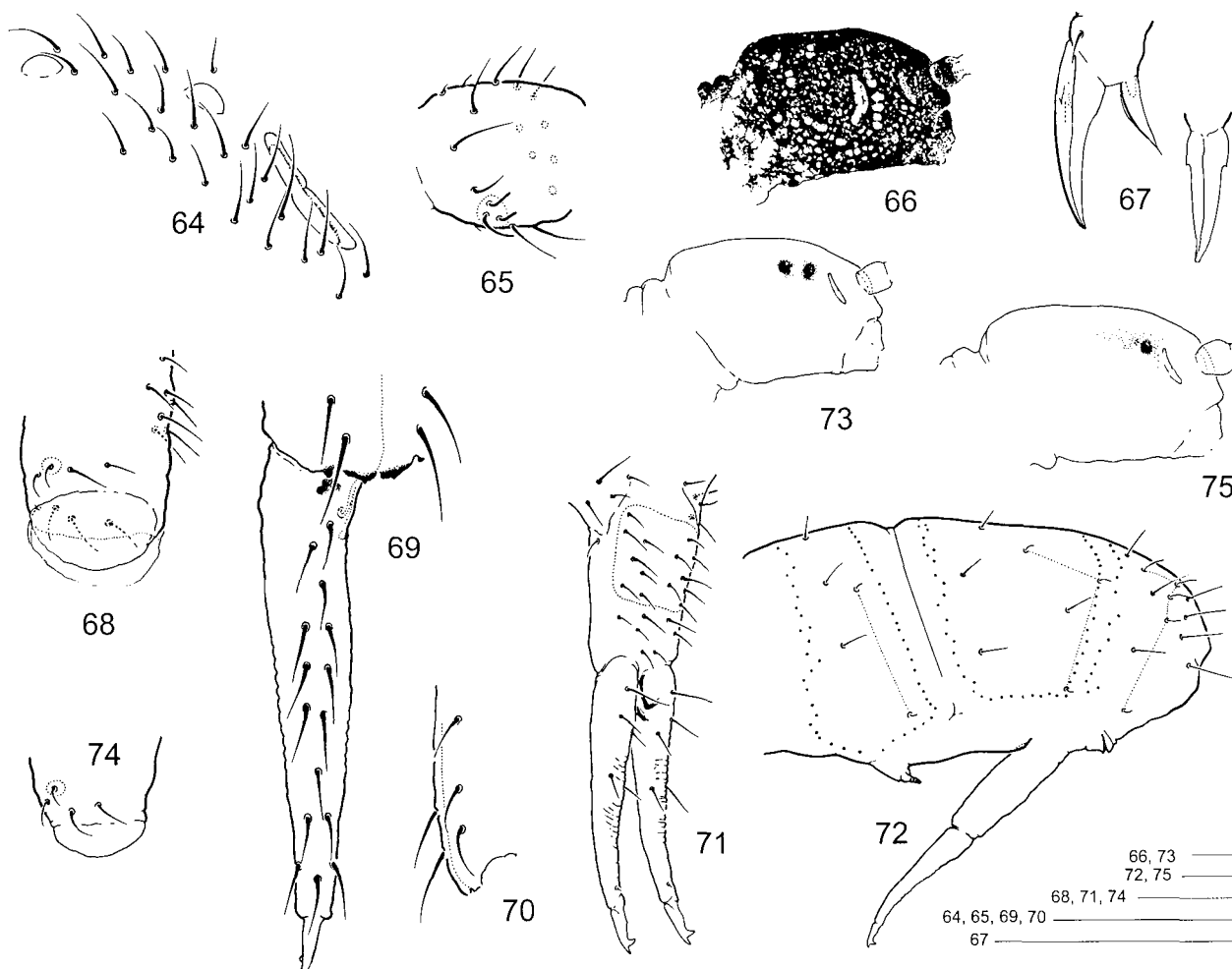
Affinities. This form is very similar to the previous species but differs in having more anterior chaetae on the manubrium (from 7+7 to 9+9) and less chaetae (9–12) on the anterior furcal subcoxa. Its species status is doubtful.

Distribution. A single record from a south slope meadow in western Taimyr.

Folsomia microchaeta Agrell, 1939

Material. EUR: Loc. 33, 1 ex., coll. AB; AR: NOVZEM Loc. 9, 65 ex., coll. AB; WSIB: Loc. 40, 3 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 51, 2 ex., coll. AB; NESIB: Loc. 58, 6 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 60, 2 ex., coll. MSPU.

Affinities. Well distinguished species because of the two contrasting large black eye spots on each side of head (Fig. 73), but specimens with reduced or absent eye pigment are rather common in some populations. The anterior chaetotaxy of the manubrium (adults) varies from 2+2 to 3+3. The variant with 2+2 chaetae is not very common, but specimens with 3+2 chaetae occur with the



Figs 64–75. 64–72: *F. sp. aff. altamontana*. 64 – PAO, ommatidium; 65 – Ant. I; 66 – color pattern on head; 67 – claw III (lateral side) and claw II (inner side); 68 – ventral tube; 69 – anterior side of furca; 70 – anterior side of manubrium (another specimen); 71 – posterior side of furca; 72 – chaetotaxy of Abd. III–VI (sensilla connected). 73–74: *F. microchaeta*. 73 – color pattern; 74 – ventral tube. 75 – *F. diplophthalma*, color pattern. Scale: 0.05 mm.

same frequency as 3+3. *F. microchaeta* can easily be distinguished from *F. diplophthalma* and associated species by the 2+2 equally large ommatidia and few chaetae on the manubrium. They can also be separated by the length of the sensilla on Th. II: contrary to *F. diplophthalma* and *F. similis*, the sensillum near the hind corner of the segment is always slightly shorter than the common chaetae in *F. microchaeta* (cf. Figs 77 and 78).

Distribution. Probably widespread in the Arctic and mountainous regions of Russia, recorded from Kolguev Isl. to Yakutia. Rather rare species, indicated only from nival slopes and tundra sites.

Folsomia sp. aff. altamontana Yosii, 1971

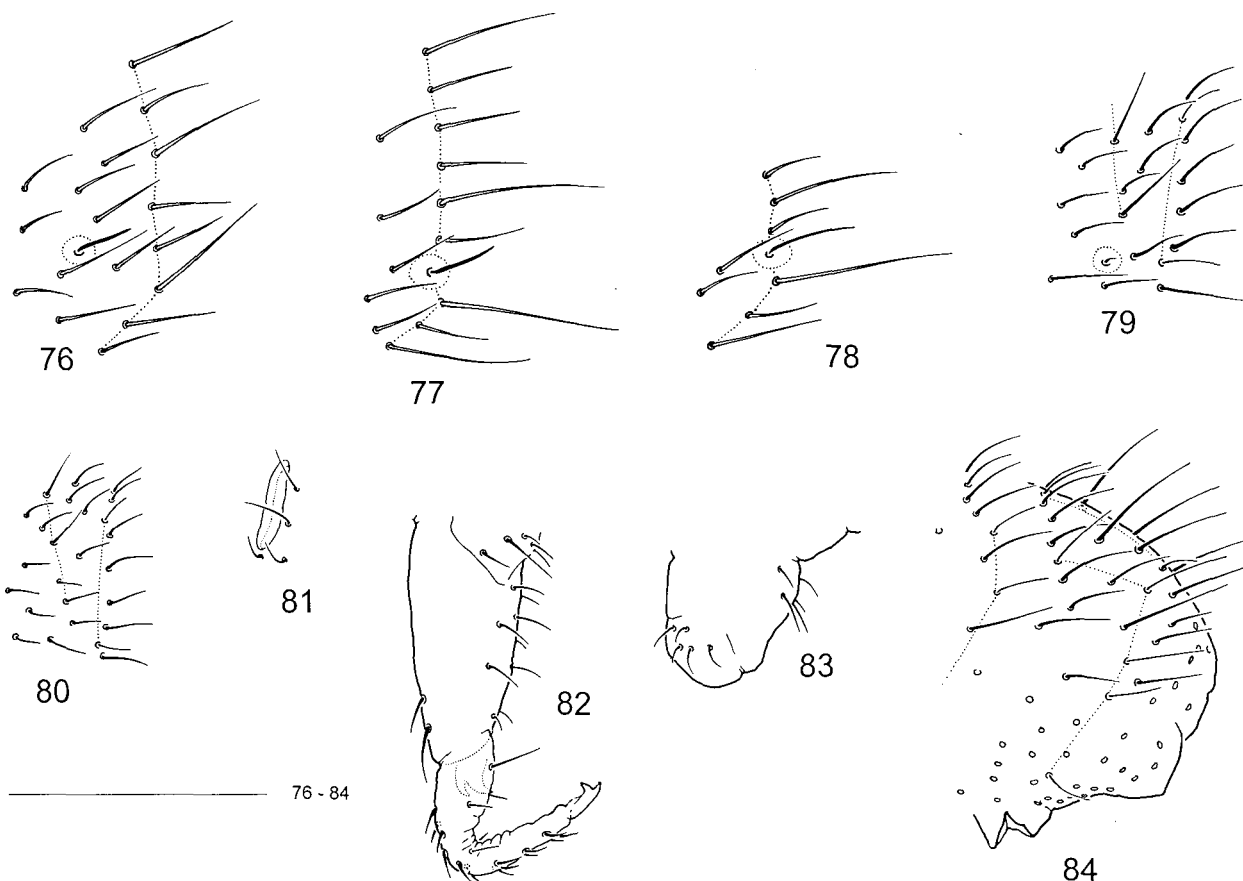
Description. With the characters of the *sexoculata*-group. Body length from 1.0 to 1.6 mm. Dark grey to black (colour pattern on head in one of the darkest specimens as in Fig. 66). 2+2 large ommatidia (Fig. 64). Ant. I with 3 sensilla (Fig. 65). Body sensilla slightly shorter than common chaetae (Fig. 72). Macrochaetae short, the largest ones of the last abdominal segments 1.8–2.4 times longer than mucro. Claw with small lateral teeth (Fig. 67).

Ventral tube with 4+4 latero-distal chaetae. Manubrium usually with 2+2 or 2+3 anterior chaetae, sometimes more (up to 3+3 and 2+4) (Figs 69, 70). Posterior side of manubrium with 4+4–4+5 latero-basal, 7–9+7–9 central, 3+3 distal, and 2 apical chaetae (Fig. 71). Dens with 14–16 anterior chaetae, its posterior side with 3 basal chaetae, 2 chaetae in the middle part, and a tiny apical chaeta.

Material. AR: SEVZEM Loc. 10, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 11, 26 ex., coll. MSPU; NOVSL Loc. 18, 9 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 52, 750–900 m alt., 39 ex., coll. AB.

Affinities. This form is in good agreement with the original description of *F. altamontana*, found in alpine and nival communities (over 4,300 m alt.) of the Himalaya (Nepal). There are also some minor dissimilarities, viz. Yosii's specimens are smaller (1.0 mm) and always have 2+2 anterior chaetae on manubrium and no minute apical chaeta on posterior side of dens (the latter can be easily overlooked). The status of our form can be cleared up only after modern redescription of *F. altamontana*.

On the other hand, the only distinct difference between *F. sp. aff. altamontana* and *F. microchaeta* is their coloration. Other subtle differences are as follows: sensillum



Figs 76–84. 76 – *F. sp. aff. altamontana*, chaetotaxy of posterior corner of Th. II. 77 – *F. microchaeta*, dtdo. 78 – *F. diplophthalma*, dtdo. 79 – *F. bisetosa*, lateral part of Abd. I. 80–84: *F. cryptophila* sp. n. 80 – lateral part of Abd. I; 81 – PAO; 82 – furca laterally; 83 – ventral tube; 84 – chaetotaxy of the abdominal end. Scale: 0.05 mm.

near hind corner of Th. II is within (*F. microchaeta*) or in front of (*F. aff. altamontana*) the p-row of chaetae (Figs 77, 76), the second lateral chaeta on the ventral tube is out of (*F. microchaeta*) (Fig. 74) or in a line with the other chaetae (*F. aff. altamontana*) (Fig. 68).

Distribution. Arctic and nival communities of central Siberia.

The *F. fimetaria* complex

This group includes species without broad sensilla on abdomen, the sensilla on the abdominal terga are within the p-row, and ventral chaetae on Th. III are usually missing. Five species of the complex have been recorded in the northern regions of Russia.

Folsomia fimetaria (L., 1758)

A single record from northern Ural (Loc. 37, 1 ex., coll. MSPU).

Folsomia ciliata Babenko & Bulavintsev, 1993

Material. EUR: Loc. 34, 3 ex., coll. AB; AR: NOVZEM Loc. 8, 2 ex., coll. MSPU; WSIB: Loc. 39, 1 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 42, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; CSIB: Loc. 47, 2 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 48, 67 ex., coll. AB.

Affinities. Inside the northern areas the species is well distinguished from the other *Folsomia* by having long, ciliate macrochaetae and a *fimetaria*-like arrangement of sensilla on the body. *F. nivalis* is very similar to this spe-

cies but has more chaetae on anterior side of manubrium and is distributed only in the eastern part of the Palaearctic.

Distribution. Common in the tundra zone from Pechora Bay to Taimyr Peninsula.

Folsomia nivalis (Packard, 1873)

Material. EAST: Loc. 63, 3 ex., coll. MSPU.

Affinities. The specimens from our material are in agreement with the morphological description of Christiansen & Bellinger (1980).

Distribution. Widespread in the Nearctic (Christiansen & Bellinger, 1980). Common also in the eastern Palaearctic (Kamchatka, Kurile Islands), the northernmost record is from the upper stretches of Kolyma River (northern taiga).

Folsomia sparsosetosa Stebaeva & Potapov, 1997

Material. WSIB: Loc. 44, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; NESIB: Loc. 60, 56 ex., coll. MSPU.

Affinities. It can be easily separated from the closely related species (*F. ciliata*, *F. nivalis*) by many anterior chaetae on manubrium (11–15), 4 basal chaetae on posterior side of dens, and sensilla situated in front of the p-row of chaetae on Th. II–III.

Distribution. Described from floodlands of the southern Siberia. The most northern records are from the northern taiga.

Folsomia bisetosa Gisin, 1953

Material. AR: SPITS Loc. 1, 93 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 2, 2 ex., coll. MSPU; NOVZEM Loc. 8, 13 ex., coll. MSPU; WRANG Loc. 20, 17 ex., coll. AB; NWT Loc. 22, 15 ex., coll. AB; EUR: Loc. 30, 3 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 33, 2 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 34, 1 ex., coll. AB; URAL: Loc. 38, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; WSIB: Loc. 39, 13 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 46, 56 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 47, 34 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 52, 11 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 54, 1 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 55, 4 ex., coll. MSPU; NESIB: Loc. 56, 4 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 60, 11 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 61, 11 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 63, 2 ex., coll. MSPU.

Affinities. A well defined species due to the few chaetae (2+2) on anterior side of the manubrium which is rare in the *F. fimetaria* complex. The number of anterior chaetae on the dens is rather variable, ranging from 12 to 19, usually 13–15. Specimens with asymmetric arrangement, e.g. 12+15, 13+18, are also common.

Distribution. The species was described from Jan Mayen and has been recorded from all over the Arctic (circumpolar). In real tundra it usually prefers the warmest and richest biotopes, southwards it can be found only in bogs and other damp sites.

Folsomia cryptophila sp. n.

Description. Body length 0.5–0.6 mm. Habitually it resembles small specimens of *F. bisetosa*. No ommatidia and pigment. PAO slightly longer than width of Ant. I, twice as long as claw, constriction and “denticles” absent (Fig. 81). Maxillary palp bifurcated, outer maxillary lobe with 4 sublobal hairs.

Labral formula 2/5,5,4. Ventral side of head with 4+4 chaetae along linea ventralis, labium with 4+4 chaetae. Ant. I, II, III with 2, 3, 0 microsensilla and 2, 1, 5 sensilla, respectively.

Body sensilla almost as long as normal chaetae. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 4,3/2,2,2,3,5 (s), 1,0/0,0,0,0,0 (ms). Medial accp-sensilla on Th. II–Abd. V are situated in the p-row. Sensorial set of Abd. V is common for the group (Fig. 84). Macrochaetae short and hardly differentiated, 1,1/3,3,3 in number on Th. II–Abd. III. Th. III with about 17 chaetae in the p-row. The longest macrochaetae of the abdominal tip are 2.1–2.8 times longer than mucro. Thorax without ventral chaetae.

Claw toothless. Upper subcoxa of leg II–III with 1 and 3–4 chaetae, respectively. Retinaculum with 4+4 teeth and one chaeta on corpus. Ventral tube with 4+4 (rarely 5+5) latero-distal chaetae and 4–5 posterior ones (Fig. 83). Manubrium anteriorly with 2+2 chaetae arranged in longitudinal lines (Fig. 82). Dens crenulated, with 12–14 anterior chaetae, posteriorly with 3 basal chaetae and 2 chaetae in the middle part. Mucro bidentate. Ratio manubrium : dens : mucro as 4.9–5.2 : 4.7–5.3 : 1.

Type material. Holotype: ♀ (slide), labelled “West Taimyr, Ragosinka River, polar fox burrow, 19.vii.1983”. A. Babenko leg., coll. MSPU. Paratypes: 20 specimens from the same locality.

Name derivation. Named after type habitat (crypta – covered passage in Latin).

Affinities. The new species differs from *F. bisetosa* by the presence of only 2 prelabral chaetae and the absence of the microsensillum on Abd. I (cf. Figs 79 and 80). The former character was never found in *Folsomia* species before. Specimens of *F. bisetosa*, including those from the type locality (Jan Mayen) always have 4 prelabral chaetae and the microsensillum on Abd. I present (A. Fjellberg, pers. comm.).

Distribution. Known only from the type locality.

Folsomia sp. aff. *stella* Grow & Christiansen, 1976

Material. NESIB: Loc. 57, 3 ex., coll. MSPU.

Affinities. This species, with 3+3 anterior chaetae on the manubrium and the presence of ventral chaetae on Th. III, resembles species of the *F. macrochaetosa* complex, differing from both *F. macrochaetosa* and *F. brevisensilla* by the absence of medial macrochaetae on Th. II–III. As a whole it fits the description of *F. stella*, but has only 2 sensilla on Ant. I (vs. 3 sensilla in the original description). This form has been already recorded from northern regions (Norway, Spitsbergen, Alaska) (Christiansen & Bellinger, 1980; Fjellberg, 1988). Nevertheless, its status remains unclear to us as it is hardly possible from the ecological point of view to find this southern cave species (the types originate from Iowa) in the Arctic.

Distribution. Only one record from the East Palaearctic.

The *F. macrochaetosa* complex

The species of this group differ from the *F. fimetaria* complex by having 2+2 macrochaetae on both Th. II and Th. III, and a *quadrioculata*-like PAO. In addition, the ventral chaetae on Th. III is present, which is uncommon for the *F. fimetaria* complex. The group includes two northern species: *F. macrochaetosa* and *F. brevisensilla* sp. n. *F. inoculata* Stach, 1947 also belongs to this group. It is widespread in Russia (the Caucasus, Siberia, and Far East), but not in the Arctic regions (middle stretch of Yenisei River is its northernmost record).

Folsomia macrochaetosa Martynova, 1977

Material. EAST: Loc. 64, 3 ex. (paratypes), coll. ZMAS.

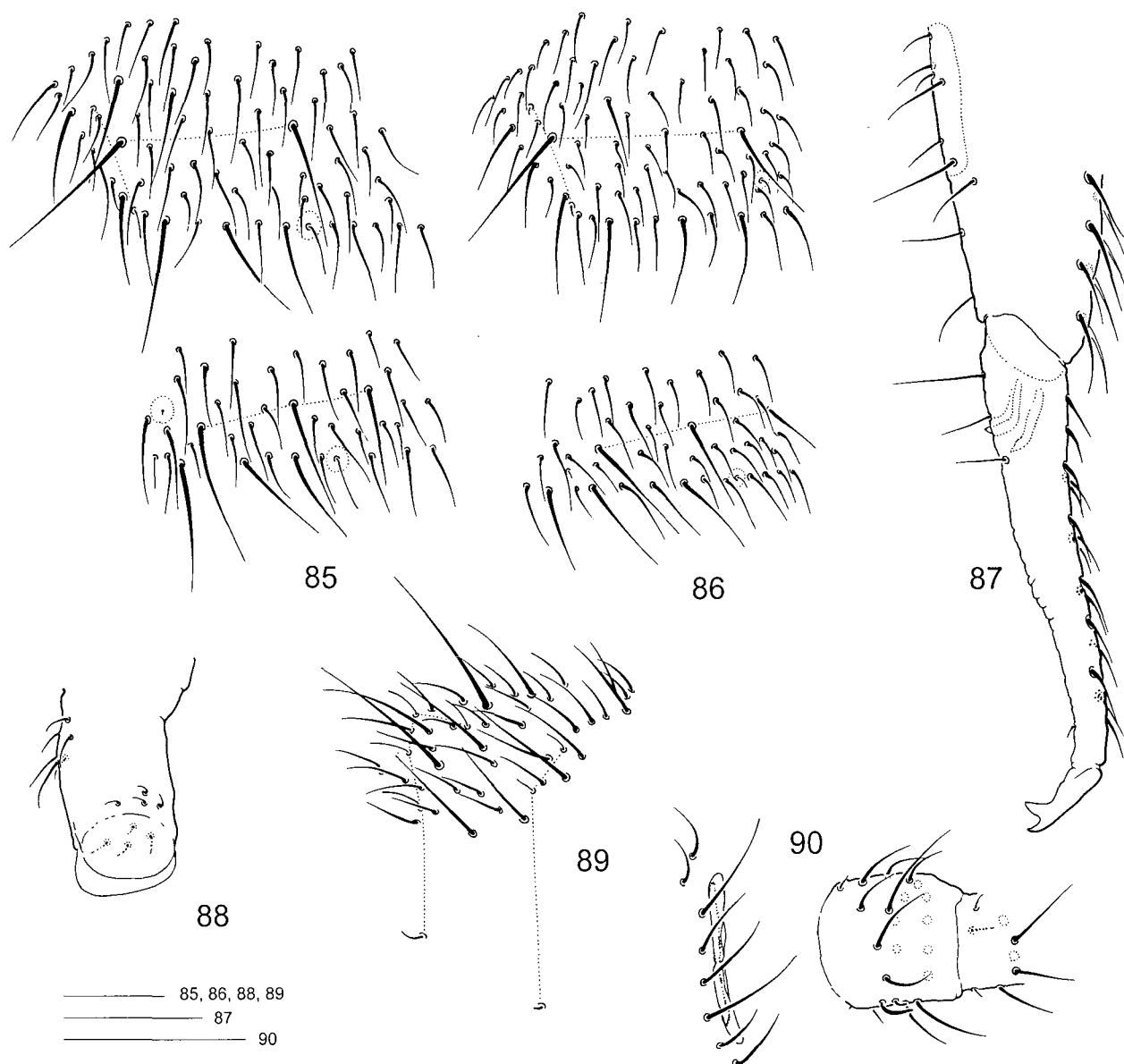
Distribution. East Palaearctic. Rather common in Subarctic forests (Kamchatka, unpubl.) but has not been found in the tundra zone yet.

Folsomia brevisensilla sp. n.

Description. In subadult females body length up to 1.5 mm. No ommatidia or traces of pigment. PAO long, slightly wrinkled, with distinct constriction, “denticles” present (Fig. 90). Maxillary palp bifurcated, outer maxillary lobe with 4 sublobal hairs.

4 prelabral chaetae. Ventral side of head with 4+4 chaetae along linea ventralis. Labium with 4+4 chaetae. Ant. I, II, III with 2, 3, 1 basal microsensilla and 2, 1, 4–5 (see variability) sensilla, respectively.

Body sensilla short, well differentiated. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 4,3/2,2,2,3,5 (s), 1,0/0,0,0,0,0



Figs 85–90. 85 – *F. macrochaetosa*, lateral parts of Th. III and Abd. I (paratype). 86–90: *F. brevisensilla* sp. n. 86 – lateral parts of Th. III and Abd. I; 87 – furca laterally (laterobasal chaetae on posterior side of manubrium not shown); 88 – ventral tube; 89 – dorsal chaetotaxy of the end of abdomen; 90 – PAO, Ant. I and II (basal part). Paratypes. Scale: 0.05 mm.

(ms). Medial sensilla on Th. II–III slightly in front of p-row of chaetae, those on Abd. I–IV within it (Figs 86, 89). Macrochaetae long and smooth, the longest ones on the last abdominal segments 4 times longer than mucro, their number on Th. II–Abd. IV: 2,2/3,3,3,4. Th. III with 27–30 p-chaetae. Thorax with 2–3+2–3 ventral chaetae.

Claw without teeth. Tibiotarsi with many additional chaetae. Upper and lower subcoxa with 4–6 and 8 (leg II), 6–8 and 8–10 (leg III) chaetae respectively. Retinaculum with 4+4 teeth and a chaeta on corpus. Ventral tube with 4+4 latero-distal chaetae and 6–7 posterior ones (Fig. 88). Anterior furcal subcoxa with 14–18 chaetae, the posterior one with 4–5 chaetae. Manubrium with 4+4 anterior chaetae in two lines (Fig. 87), posteriorly with 6–7+6–7 central, 2+2 distal, and 1 or 2 apical chaetae. Usually with one chaeta on lateral sides of manubrium. Dens crenulated, with 14–17 anterior and 4 posterior

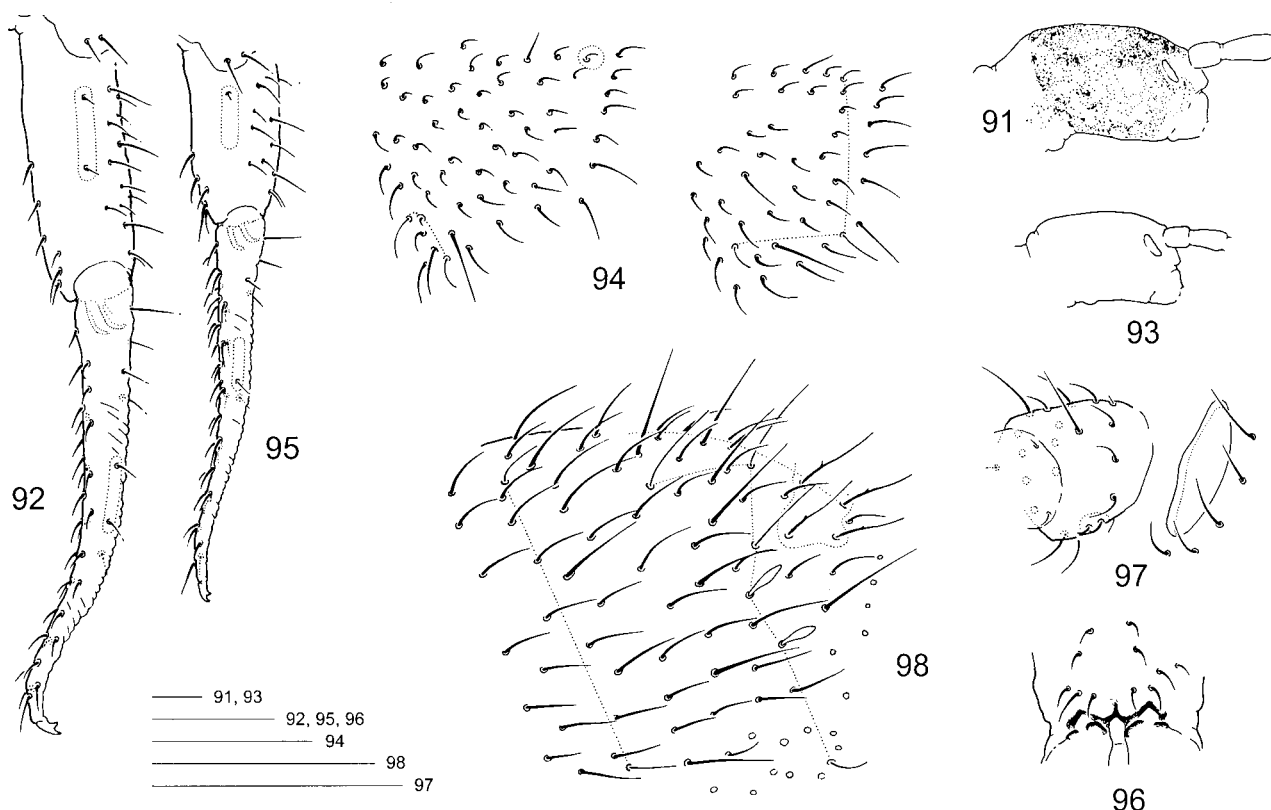
chaetae (3 normal basal chaetae and a tiny one in apical part). The middle part of posterior side of dens without of chaetae. Mucro with 2 teeth. Manubrium : dens : mucro as 4.4–5.0 : 4.2–5.0 : 1.

Type material. Holotype: ♀ (slide), labelled “Russia, Siberia, Kolyma River (delta), left bank, Pohodskaya Edoma, 69°32’N, 160°44’E, tussock tundra on hill top, trough with mosses, 18.–19.vii.1997, leg. A. Babenko”, coll. MSPU. Paratypes: 1 specimen from the same region and date but “in damp *Eriophorum vaginatum* community” and 4 specimens from “hillock of *Eriophorum vaginatum* with lichen/moss cover”.

Additional material. NESIB: Loc. 63, 2 ex., coll. MSPU.

Name derivation. Name reflects the shape of body sensilla (brevis – short in Latin).

Affinities. The new species differs from *F. macrochaetosa* by the short sensilla, the absence of the microsensillum on Abd. I (cf. Figs 85 and 86), and fewer (14–17)



Figs 91–98. 91, 92: *F. alpha*. 91 – color pattern of head; 92 – furca laterally (basal part of manubrium not shown). 93–98: *F. longidens* sp. n. 93 – color pattern of head; 94 – lateral parts of Th. II and III; 95 – furca laterally; 96 – anterior side of manubrium; 97 – PAO and Ant. I–II (basal part); 98 – dorsal chaetotaxy of the abdominal end (sensilla connected, modified chaetae encircled). Scale: 0.05 mm.

anterior chaetae on dens. The most characteristic feature of the new species is the absence of chaetae in the middle part of posterior side of dens. Such condition was known only in some *Folsomia* species with shortened furca, e.g. *F. brevicauda* Agrell, 1931 or *F. dovrensis* Fjellberg, 1976. This feature makes it possible to separate the new species from *F. stella*, which, according to Fig. 6, *F.* of “paratype 1” in Christiansen & Tucker (1977) bears two chaetae at the middle part of posterior side of dens.

Distribution. Only two records: Lower (southern tundra) and upper (mountainous forest) Kolyma River.

The *F. sensibilis* complex

Several species having 2+2 strongly broadened sensilla at the end of abdomen have been described from different parts of the Holarctic, viz.: *F. sensibilis* Kseneman, 1934 (Carpathians), *F. tesari* Dunger, 1970 (the Sudeten), *F. gracilis* (Stach, 1962) (Spitsbergen), *F. alpha* Christiansen & Tucker, 1977 (Alaska), and *F. magadani* Martynova in Martynova, Berman & Chelnokov, 1977 (Russia: Magadan Region). *Isotoma coeruleogrisea* Hammer, 1938 (Canada: NWT) probably also belongs here. All of them have a long furca, many chaetae on anterior side of manubrium (excluding *F. sensibilis*), and no ommatidia. We have found that each side of Abd. V bears 6 sensilla, three slender medial, two leaf- or stick-like in more lateral positions, and one chaeta-like ventrolateral (Fig. 98). The dorsal side of Abd. VI also has some sensillum-like chae-

tae. These species form a natural group which should probably be removed from the genus *Folsomia* in future. Our material from the northern regions includes 4 forms of the complex, two of them are described below as new to science.

The main differences of the species of this complex are summarized in Table 1. Only three of them (*F. ancestor*, *F. sensibilis*, *F. longidens*) are well distinguished from the relatives. The other members of this group having two outer chaetae in the middle part of dens and an incomplete sensorial set, combine poorly separable taxa which require further study.

Folsomia sensibilis Kseneman, 1934

Material. EUR: Loc. 25, 3 ex., coll. MSPU; SOUTH: Loc. 76, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 78, 1 ex., coll. MSPU.

Affinities. *F. sensibilis* differs from all the other species of the group by having few chaetae on anterior side of dens (2+2, rarely 3+3). Chaetotaxy of lateral parts of the furca (only one lateral chaeta on each side of manubrium and dens) is also specific and shared only with *F. longidens* sp. n. (see Affinities of the latter).

Distribution. Northern records of this species are restricted to the western Palearctic: Kola Peninsula, Finland (Vilkamaa, 1989), Norway (Fjellberg, 1988). Not yet found in the true tundra.

Folsomia alpha Grow & Christiansen, 1976

Redescription. Diffusely greenish grey, small pigment grains always present, regularly scattered all over the body (Fig. 91). Ant. I, II, III with 2, 1, 6 sensilla and 2, 3, 1 microsensilla. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 3,3/2,2,2,2,6 (s), 1,0/1,0,0,0,0 (ms). On Abd. V three medial sensilla are long, two lateral ones are leaf-like. Macrochaetae short. Ventral chaetae on Th. III present or absent, the following variants were found among adult specimens: 0+0, 1+0, 1+1, 2+0, 2+1, 2+2, 2+3. Ventral tube with 4+4 latero-distal chaetae and 4–5 posterior ones. Manubrium anteriorly with 9–13 chaetae (from 3+2, 1+1, 1+1 to 3+4, 1+1, 1+1, 1+1). Manubrium bears two chaetae on each of the lateral sides. Posterior side of dens with 7 chaetae: 4 basal and 3 in middle part (one inner and two outer) (Fig. 92). The position of medial sensilla on the body terga is unstable, often asymmetric: On Th. II–III more usually in front of the p-row, on Abd. I–III as a rule within the p-row.

Material. CSIB: Loc. 54, 1 ex., coll. AB; NESIB: Loc. 56, 5 ex., coll. AB.; Loc. 57, 3 ex., coll. MSPU; AR: NOVISL Loc. 13, 15, 17, 34 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 19, 4 ex., coll. AB; EAST: Loc. 66, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; OTHNOR: Loc. 71, 1 ex., coll. MSPU.

Affinities. Two main features distinguish this species from the relatives: Body pigmentation and the posterior position of sensilla on the terga. Unfortunately the latter feature is unstable both in our material and in the type population (Grow & Christiansen, 1976). *F. tesari* is also pigmented but differs by having only one chaeta on each of the lateral sides of the manubrium and considerably larger pigment grains on the body. See also Affinities of *F. janstachi* and *F. magadani*.

Distribution. Distributed only east of Taimyr in the Palearctic (from Olenek Bay to Chukotka) (Fig. 105). Possibly, this species was recorded as *Isotomina coerulescens* from Wrangel Island (Martynova et al., 1973).

Folsomia janstachi nom. n.

Isotomina gracilis Stach, 1962.

Folsomia gracilis (Stach, 1962) nec Latzel, 1922: Fjellberg, 1984.

Folsomia alpha Grow & Christiansen, 1976 sensu Fjellberg (1986, 1994).

Redescription. White, no traces of pigment on the body. Ant. I, II, III with 2, 1, 6 sensilla and 2, 3, 1 microsensilla. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 3,3/2,2,2,2,6 (s), 1,0/1,0,0,0,0 (ms). On Abd. V three medial sensilla are long, two lateral ones leaf-like. Macrochaetae rather short, on the last abdominal segments 3.7–4.5 times longer than mucro, and 0.22–0.25 times as long as dens. Ventral chaetae on Th. III present, 2+2–3+3 (rarely 1+1) in number. Manubrium anteriorly with 11–12 chaetae (up to 15). Each lateral side of manubrium bears two chaetae. Dens with 30–36 anterior chaetae. Posterior side of dens with 7 chaetae: 4 basal and 3 in middle part (one inner and two outer). Medial sensilla on Th. II–Abd. III always in front of the p-row.

Material. AR: SPITS Loc. 1, 56 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 2, 29 ex., coll. MSPU; SEVZEM Loc. 12, 3 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 54, 3 ex., coll. AB; NESIB: Loc. 61, 4 ex., coll. AB; Loc. 62, 1 ex., coll. MSPU.

Affinities. Large collection of this species from Hornsund, southern Spitsbergen (the type locality of *Isotomina gracilis*) allowed us to ascertain the precise taxonomic position of this species. Fjellberg (1984) sharply defined this form under the name *Folsomia gracilis* (Stach, 1962) and considered *F. alpha* as its junior synonym. Later Fjellberg (1986) began to use the name *alpha* instead of *gracilis* which was preoccupied. We prefer to keep both forms as separate species and thus we propose the new replacement name *janstachi*, in memory of Jan Stach who originally described it. *F. janstachi* and *F. alpha* can be distinguished by different body pigmentation (absent vs. present) and the position of sensilla on Abd. I–III (anterior to p-row vs. inside p-row), although the latter character is not stable in *F. alpha*.

We studied a paratype of *Folsomia magadani* from “Magadan Region, Snezhnaya Valley” (coll. ZMAS). The specimen differs from *F. janstachi* in having no ventral chaetae on Th. III and more slender sensilla on Abd. V. Obviously the position of *F. magadani* calls for further study but so far it is known only from the type locality and is absent in our materials.

Distribution. Common in Spitsbergen, sporadically all over the Russian Arctic (Fig. 105).

TABLE 1. Diagnostic features of the species of *F. sensibilis* complex.

Species	Pigment on body	No. of ventral chaetae on Th. III	No. of anterior chaetae on manubrium	No. of chaetae on lateral sides of manubrium	No. of outer chaetae in central part of dens	No. of common sensilla	Position of medial sensilla on Th. II–III
<i>E. ancestor</i>	absent	0+0	12–13	2+2	2	43/2223	in front of p-row
<i>E. sensibilis</i>	absent	1+1	4–6	1+1	1	33/2222	in front of p-row
<i>E. longidens</i>	absent	0+0	10–12	1+1	1	33/2222	in front of p-row
<i>E. janstachi</i>	absent	2+2–3+3	11–12(15)	2+2	2	33/2222	in front of p-row
<i>E. magadani</i> *	absent	0+0	12	2+2	2	33/2222	in front of p-row
<i>E. alpha</i>	diffusely grey	0+0–2+3	9–13	2+2	2	33/2222	commonly at the level with p-row
<i>E. tesari</i> *	spotty grey	0+0–2+2	12	1+1	2	33/2222	in front of p-row

* The morphological peculiarities of *F. tesari* and *F. magadani* were confirmed by our examination of ten syntypes of the former species from the Sudeten Mts (Heuluder, Braunberg, Maly Staw) and a paratype of the latter from Magadan Region (settlement of Magadan, Snezhnaya Valley).

***Folsomia longidens* sp. n.**

Description. Body length up to 0.8 mm. White, no traces of pigment (Fig. 93). Ommatidia absent. PAO about as long as width of Ant. I, 1.8–2.2 times as long as claw. Clear constriction and “denticles” absent (Fig. 97). Maxillary palp bifurcated, outer maxillary lobe with 4 sublobal hairs.

Labral formula 4/5,5,4. Ventral side of head with 4+4 chaetae along linea ventralis. Labium with 4+4 chaetae. Ant. I–II with 2 and 1 sensilla. Ant. III with 6 sensilla, arranged as 2 inner, 2 outer and 2 latero-apical. Ant. I with two microsensilla: dorsal and ventral. The second dorsal microsensillum is replaced by a slightly modified “chaeta” of normal size (possibly an enlarged microsensillum). Ant. II and III with 3 and 1 microsensilla, respectively.

Dorsal sensilla rather long; in lateral parts of thorax as long as common chaetae, in medial part slightly shorter. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V: 3,3/2,2,2,6 (s), 1,0/1,0,0,0 (ms). Unlike most *Folsomia*, the following two sensilla are absent: accp-s at the hind corner of Th. II (Fig. 94), and the second medial one on Abd. IV (Fig. 98). Medial accp-sensilla on Th. II–Abd. III situated in front of the p-row but not far from it, on Abd. I–III they are between Mac1 and Mac2. Medial sensilla on Abd. IV nearly within the p-row. On Abd. V the three medial sensilla are almost as long as the macrochaetae, the two lateral sensilla are leaf-like, ventrolateral sensillum hardly differentiated, chaeta-like (Fig. 98). Abd. VI with a group of 7 sensilla-like chaetae, as 3+3 paired and one unpaired. Macrochaetae short, their number on Th. II–Abd. IV as 2,2/3,3,3,4. Medial ones hardly differentiated, but recognised as erect chaetae. The longest macrochaetae of the last abdominal segments 2.6–3.6 times longer than mucro, and 0.2 as long as dens. Th. III with about 20 chaetae in the p-row. Thorax without ventral chaetae.

Claw toothless. All tibiotarsi with additional chaetae. Upper and lower subcoxa usually with 4 and 7 (leg II), 5 and 6 (leg III) chaetae respectively. Retinaculum with 4+4 teeth and one chaeta on corpus. Ventral tube with 4+4 latero-distal chaetae and 5 posterior ones. Anterior furcal subcoxa with 17–22 chaetae, posterior one with 6–8 (9) chaetae. Manubrium with 10–12 anterior chaetae (Fig. 96), usually arranged as 3+3, 1+1, 1+1 (sometimes 3+3, 1+1, 1+1, 1+0; 3+3, 1+1, 1+1, 1+1; 3+4,...). Posterior side of manubrium with 4+4 latero-basal, 6–7+6–7 central, 3+3 distal, and 1+1 apical chaetae. There is also an additional chaeta on each lateral side of manubrium. Dens with 29–34 anterior chaetae. Posterior side of dens densely crenulated, with 6 chaetae: 4 basal and 2 in the middle part (inner and outer) (Fig. 95). Mucro short, with 2 teeth. Manubrium : dens : mucro as 7–9 : 14–18 : 1.

Type material. Holotype: ♀ (slide), labelled “European part of Russia, Kolguev Island, Gol’tsovaya River (69°12’N, 49°30’E), wet bottom of deep ravine, *Salix* litter, 27.–28.viii.1994”, leg. A. Babenko, coll. MSPU. Paratypes: 7 specimens from the same locality; 1 specimen from the same region, but “shrub tundra”, leg. A. Babenko; 8 specimens from “Russia, Novaya Zemlya Archipelago, northern part of South Is-

land, Pan’kova Zemlya (73°04’N, 53°10’E)”, 1995, three sites of spotted tundra, leg. S. Goryachkin, coll. MSPU.

Additional material. EUR: Loc. 34, 1 ex., coll. AB; URAL: Loc. 37, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; Loc. 38, 1 ex., coll. MSPU; WSIB: Loc. 39, 13 ex., coll. AB; CSIB: Loc. 48, 9 ex., coll. AB; NE-SIB: Loc. 61, 1 ex., coll. AB; AR: WRANG Loc. 20, 4 ex., coll. AB; EAST: Loc. 67, 1 ex., coll. MSPU.

Name derivation. Named because of relatively long dens of the new species.

Affinities. The most characteristic feature of *F. longidens* distinguishing it from the other members of the complex, except *F. sensibilis*, is the presence of only one chaeta on each lateral side of the dens and the manubrium (Fig. 95). *F. alpha*, *F. janstachi*, *F. tesari* and *F. magadani* all have two lateral chaetae on dens.

Chaetotaxy of the lateral side of the manubrium and dens of the new species mostly resembles that of *F. sensibilis* which differs from *F. longidens* by having ventral chaetae on Th. III present, and a lower number of anterior chaetae on the manubrium (4–6 vs. 10–12 in *F. longidens*).

Distribution. Unclear: It was recorded in two separate regions – western (from Kolguev Island to Taimyr Peninsula) and eastern (Chukotka) but seems to be absent in Novosibirsk Islands (Fig. 105), where *F. alpha* is common.

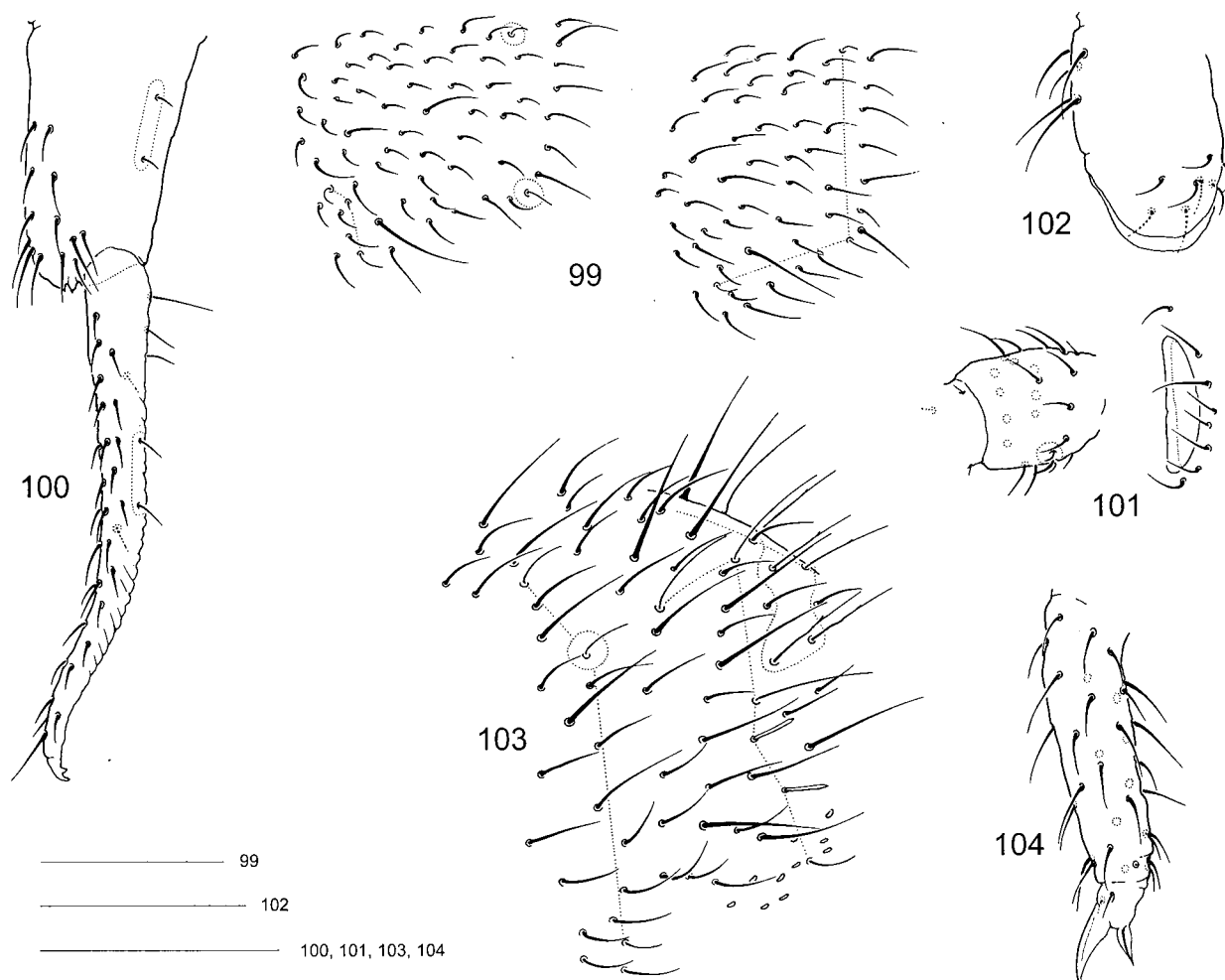
***Folsomia ancestor* sp. n.**

Description. Body length up to 0.7 mm. Pigment and ommatidia absent. PAO slightly longer than the width of Ant. I (Fig. 101), 2.3–2.8 as long as claw, with weak constriction, “denticles” absent. Maxillary palp bifurcated, outer maxillary lobe with 4 sublobal hairs.

Labral formula 4/5,5,4. Ventral side of head with 4+4 chaetae along linea ventralis, labium with 4+4 chaetae. Ant. I with 3 sensilla and 2 microsensilla: dorsal and ventral. The second dorsal microsensillum replaced by a slightly modified “chaeta” of normal size (as in *F. longidens*). Ant. II and III with 1 and 5 sensilla (2 inner, 2 outer and 1 latero-apical) and 3 and 1 microsensilla, respectively.

Body sensilla rather long. Sensillar formula for Th. II–Abd. V as 4,3/2,2,2,3,6 (s), 1,0/1,0,0,0 (ms). Medial accp-sensilla on Th. II–Abd. III situated in front of the p-row, on Abd. IV within it. Sensilla on Abd. V as in *F. longidens* but the two lateral sensilla are stick-like (Fig. 103). Macrochaetae short. Their number on Th. II–Abd. IV as 1,1/3,3,3,4. The longest macrochaetae of the abdominal tip 3.0–3.6 times longer than mucro, and 0.2 as long as dens. Th. III with 20–22 chaetae in p-row. Thorax without ventral chaetae.

Claw toothless. All tibiotarsi with additional chaetae (Fig. 104). Upper and lower subcoxa usually with 3–4 and 7 (leg II), 6 and 6–7 (leg III) chaetae respectively. Retinaculum with 4+4 teeth and one chaeta on corpus. Ventral tube with 4+4 (4+5) latero-distal chaetae and usually 5 posterior ones (Fig. 102). Anterior furcal subcoxa with 18–19 chaetae, posterior one with 7–9 chaetae. Manubrium anteriorly with 3+3 (4+3), 1+1, 1+1, 1+1 chaetae, posteriorly with 8–10+8–10 central, 3+3 distal,



Figs 99–104: *F. ancestor* sp. n. 99 – lateral parts of Th. II and III; 100 – furca (basal part of manubrium not shown); 101 – PAO and Ant. I–II (basal part); 102 – ventral tube; 103 – dorsal chaetotaxy of the abdominal end; 104 – tibiotarsus and claw III. Paratypes. Scale: 0.05 mm.

and 1+1 apical chaetae. Besides, there are two chaetae on each of the lateral sides (Fig. 100). Dens densely crenulated, with 32–34 anterior chaetae, posteriorly with 7 chaetae (4 basal and 3 in the middle part). Mucro short, bidentate. Manubrium : dens : mucro as 6–8 : 13–15 : 1.

Type material. Holotype: ♀ (slide), labelled “Magadanskaya region, upper Kolyma, ca 60 km W from Sinegorie vil., Ken-

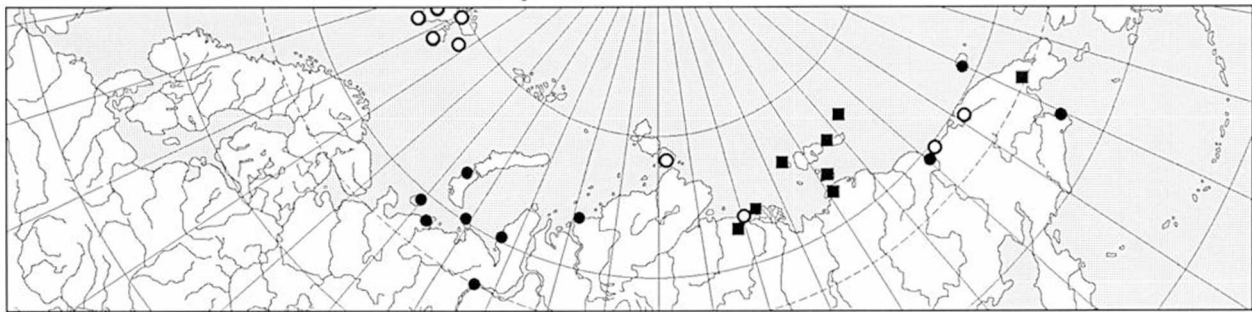
nyubelyakh stream, 1000 m alt., *Dryas* community, 10.x.1987”, D. Berman leg., coll. MSPU. Paratypes: 4 specimens from the same locality; 2 specimens from the same region, but “Olen stream, birch wood with *Calamagrostis*, 02.x.1987”, D. Berman leg.; 5 specimens from “Sibit-Tyelyakh stream, w slope, 550 m alt., young birch-wood after fire, 02.x.1987”, D. Berman leg.; all coll. MSPU.

TABLE 2. The lengths of extremities, chaetae and sensilla in the holotypes of the new species.

Species	Antenna					Leg III					Furca			Abd. I			Abd. IV		Abd. V		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
<i>F. borealis</i>	1.26	35	67	63	125	49	88	88	30	15	120	98	24	49	29	20	15	88	47	29	
<i>F. amplissima</i>	1.53	43	84	88	153	65	118	120	35	20	133	124	29	61	43	29	27	151	69	39	
<i>F. palaeartica</i>	0.56	17	34			24	33	35	13	7	43	24	9	13	13	6	8	21	14	7	
<i>F. atropolaris</i>	1.16	35	57		112	47	78	84	27	14	114	88	24	45	33	9	13	86	53	19	
<i>F. cryptophila</i>	0.45	12	24	26	46	20	31		9	6				11		10	11	19	17	7	
<i>F. brevisensilla</i>	1.34	37	63	59	108	45	94	96	26	16	124	114	29	45	37	4	13	92	25	22	
<i>F. longidens</i>	0.69	26	39	43	74	31	58	57	13	9	65	134	9	18	16	12	13	25	22	11	
<i>F. ancestor</i>	0.68	24	43	42	75	30	61		15	10	65	129	9	18	17	10	11	30	28	10	

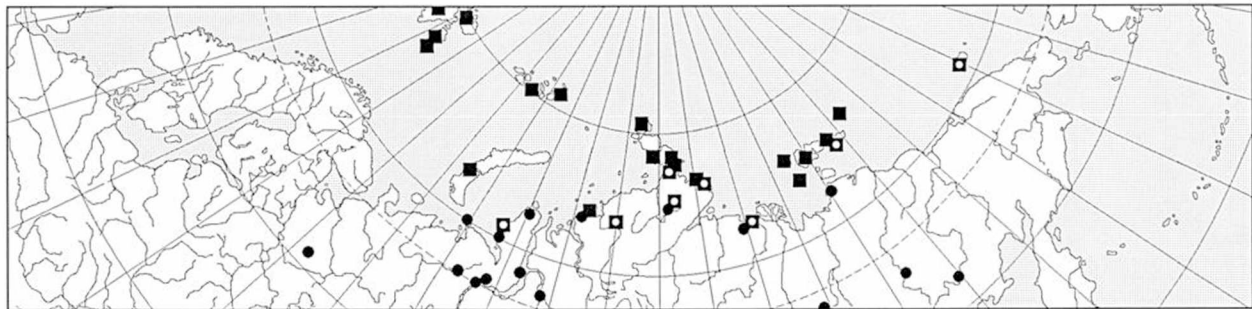
1 – body length; 2–5 – length of Ant. 1–4; 6 – PAO; 7 – tibiotarsus; 8 – femur; 9 – claw; 10 – unguiculus; 11 – manubrium; 12 – dens; 13 – mucro; 14 – MacI; 15 – p1-chaeta; 16 – lateral sensillum; 17 – second medial sensillum; 18 – medial macrochaeta; 19 – s₂; 20 – s₄. Body length is given in mm, others in µm. All measurements were made in laterally positioned specimens, body length was measured without antennae.

F. sensibilis complex

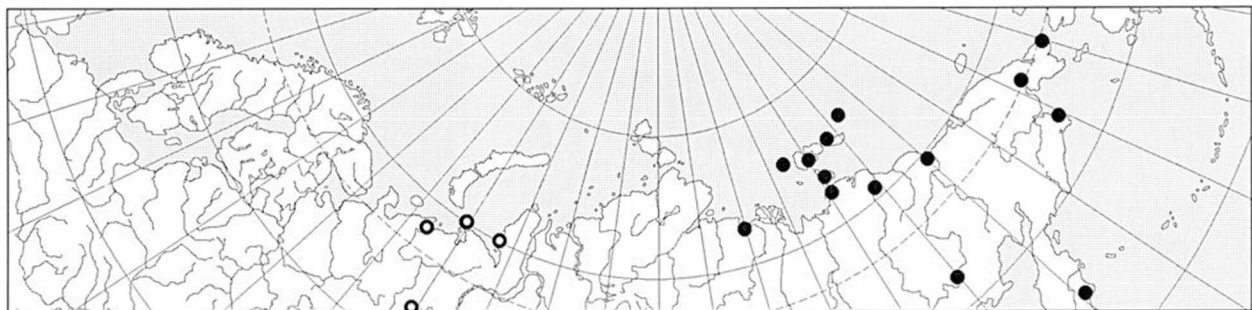


● *longidens* ○ *janstachi* ■ *alpha*

F. taimyrica complex



● *borealis* □ *taimyrica* f. 1 ■ *taimyrica* f. 2



● *amplissima* ○ *cf. amplissima*

Fig. 105. Distribution of species of *F. sensibilis* and *F. taimyrica* complexes (data for Spitsbergen mainly based on Fjellberg, 1994).

Name derivation. The name reflects the plesiomorphic condition of sensillar chaetotaxy of the new species.

Affinities. The new species is characterized by having the most complete set of sensilla among the members of the *F. sensibilis* complex (Figs 99, 103). All the others have a reduced number of sensilla on Th. II and Abd. IV. Three sensilla on Ant. I and stick-like (instead of leaf-like) sensilla on Abd. V are also unique characters.

Distribution. Known only from the vicinity of the type locality.

The measurements of the holotypes of the new species are given in Table 2.

IDENTIFICATION KEY TO THE NORTHERN ASIATIC *FOLSOMIA*

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| 1 | Manubrium with 1+1 anterior chaetae | 2 |
| – | Manubrium with more anterior chaetae | 8 |

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|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 2 | Ventral tube with 3+3 lateral chaetae. Posterior side of manubrium with 2+2 central chaetae | 3 |
| – | Ventral tube with 4+4 lateral chaetae. Posterior side of manubrium with 3+3 or more central chaetae | 6 |
| 3 | 2+2 ommatidia. Basal microsensillum on Ant. III present. Pigment on body present, sometimes very dark | 4 |
| – | 1+1 ommatidia. Basal microsensillum on Ant. III absent. Pigment on body present or absent, usually pale | 5 |
| 4 | “Corner sensillum” on Th. II in front of p-row. Macrochaetae always long. Granulation regularly rugose all over the body. Dens with 8 anterior chaetae | <i>quadrioculata</i> |
| – | “Corner sensillum” on Th. II within p-row. Macrochaetae from moderately long to rather short. Granulation finer, coarse granulated belts only at the end of abdomen. Dens with 7 or 8 anterior chaetae | <i>manolachei</i> |
| 5 | PAO more than 1.5 as long as width of Ant. I. Upper sub-coxa of mid leg with 2–4 chaetae. Macrochaetae moderately long. Dens with 8 anterior chaetae . | <i>sp. n. aff. palaeartica</i> |

- PAO equal to or a little longer than width of Ant. I. Upper subcoxa of mid leg with 1 chaeta. Macrochaetae short. Dens with 7 anterior chaetae *palaeartica*
- 6 Microsensilla on Abd. II–III absent. Macrochaetae very long. Usually with 2+2 ommatidia *amplissima*
- Microsensilla on Abd. II–III present. Macrochaetae moderate or long. No more than 1+1 ommatidia 7
- 7 Dorsomedial macrochaetae on Th. III present. Ommatidia absent *tainyrica*
- Dorsomedial macrochaetae on Th. III absent. 1+1 ommatidia *borealis*
- 8 Abd. IV–VI with 2+2 broadened lateral sensilla 9
- Abd. IV–VI without 2+2 broadened sensilla 13
- 9 Dens with one lateral chaeta in the middle 10
- Dens with two lateral chaetae in the middle 11
- 10 Manubrium with at most 3+3 anterior chaetae. Th. III with 1+1 ventral chaetae *sensibilis*
- Manubrium with at least 5+5 chaetae. Th. III without ventral chaetae *longidens*
- 11 “Corner sensillum” on Th. II present. Abd. IV with 2+2 dorsomedial sensilla *ancestor*
- “Corner sensillum” on Th. II absent. Abd. IV with 1+1 dorsomedial sensilla 12
- 12 Gray. Sensilla on abdomen usually within p-row ... *alpha*
- White. Sensilla on abdomen in front of p-row ... *janstachi*
- 13 No ommatidia and pigment. Sensilla on Abd. I–III within p-row 14
- From 1+1 to 3+3 ommatidia. Sensilla on Abd. I–III well in front of p-row 22
- 14 Dorsomedial macrochaetae on Th. II–III present. PAO slender. Th. III with ventral chaetae 15
- Dorsomedial macrochaetae on Th. II–III absent. PAO elliptical. Ventral chaetae on Th. III present or absent 16
- 15 Dens without chaetae at the middle of posterior side and with 14–17 anterior chaetae. Medial sensilla on Abd. I–III short *brevisensilla*
- Dens with two chaetae at the middle of posterior side and at least 20 anterior chaetae. Medial sensilla on Abd. I–III long *macrochaetosa*
- 16 Th. III with ventral chaetae sp. aff. *stella*
- Th. III without ventral chaetae 17
- 17 2+2 anterior chaetae on manubrium. Macrochaetae short ... 18
- Usually 3+3 or more anterior chaetae on manubrium. Macrochaetae long 19
- 18 Microsensillum on Abd. I present. 4 prelabral chaetae *bisetosa*
- Microsensillum on Abd. I absent. 2 prelabral chaetae *cryptophila*
- 19 Manubrium with 8–15 anterior chaetae. Dens with 4 basal chaetae on posterior side. Sensilla on Th. II–III in front of p-row *sparsosetosa*
- Manubrium with at most 10 anterior chaetae. Dens with 3 basal chaetae on posterior side. Sensilla on Th. II–III within p-row 20
- 20 Macrochaetae smooth *fimetaria*
- Macrochaetae clearly ciliated 21
- 21 Manubrium with 5+5 anterior chaetae including 3+3 in distal transversal row *nivalis*
- Manubrium with fewer anterior chaetae *ciliata*
- 22 Medial sensilla on Abd. II–III between macrochaetae Mac1 and Mac2. Ant. I with 2 sensilla 23
- Medial sensilla on Abd. II–III between macrochaetae Mac2 and Mac3. Chaetae short. Ant. I with 3 sensilla 27
- 23 3+3 lateral chaetae on ventral tube 24
- 4+4 lateral chaetae on ventral tube 26
- 24 Basal microsensillum on Ant. III absent. Black or dark grey. Sensilla on body short. Cornea of ommatidia hardly developed *atropolaris*
- Basal microsensillum on Ant. III present. Colour paler. Sensilla on body rather long. Cornea of ommatidia well developed 25
- 25 Macrochaetae 3.8–4.9 as long as mucro *ozeana*
- Macrochaetae shorter, 2.1–3.4 as long as mucro sp. aff. *ozeana*
- 26 Dorsomedial macrochaetae on Th. III absent ... *binoculata*
- Dorsomedial macrochaetae on Th. III present ... *regularis*
- 27 3+3 ommatidia. Posterior side of dens with 4 basal chaetae *sexoculata*
- At most 2+2 ommatidia. Posterior side of dens with 3 basal chaetae 28
- 28 1+1 ommatidia 29
- 2+2 ommatidia 30
- 29 Manubrium with 3+3–5+5 anterior chaetae *diplophthalma*
- Manubrium with 7+7–9+9 anterior chaetae sp. aff. *diplophthalma*
- 30 White, except ommatidia. “Corner sensillum” on Th. II within p-row *microchaeta*
- Entirely black or dark grey. “Corner sensillum” on Th. II in front of p-row sp. aff. *altamontana*

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