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ACROBASIS FOROIULIENSIS SP. N., A NEW SPECIES FROM NORTHERN ITALY
(LEPIDOPTERA, PYRALIDAE)

ACROBASIS FOROIULIENSIS SP. N., UNA NUOVA SPECIE DELL'ITALIA
SETTENTRIONALE (LEPIDOPTERA, PYRALIDAE)

Abstract - *Acrobasis foroiuliensis* sp. n. from Friuli Venezia Giulia and Veneto (Italy) is described. The new species is closely related to *Acrobasis consociella* (HÜBNER, 1813) and *A. xanthogramma* (STAUDINGER, 1870). Diagnostic characters are found in the pattern elements of the forewings as well as characters of the antennae, male and as far as known female genitalia to distinguish these taxa.

Key words: Lepidoptera, Pyralidae, Phycitinae, *Acrobasis foroiuliensis* sp. n., New species, Taxonomy, Italy.

Riassunto breve - *Acrobasis foroiuliensis* sp. n. viene descritta per la prima volta per il Friuli Venezia Giulia e il Veneto (Italia). La nuova specie è strettamente collegata ad *Acrobasis consociella* (HÜBNER, 1813) e *A. xanthogramma* (STAUDINGER, 1870). I caratteri diagnostici si ritrovano nel disegno delle ali anteriori e nelle caratteristiche delle antenne; i genitali maschili e, per quanto si sa, quelli femminili distinguono questi taxa.

Parole chiave: Lepidoptera, Pyralidae, Phycitinae, *Acrobasis foroiuliensis* sp. n., Nuova specie, Tassonomia, Italia.

Introduction

Phycitinae are in many parts of Europe one of the notoriously difficult groups of Lepidoptera, despite of some moderately recent monographic work by ROESLER (1973; 1993) which however, does not cover all genera. The absence of a modern revisional book or at least an identification guide including all described species of this subfamily is a major hindrance for faunistic work, particularly in southern Europe. However, the record of an unknown species of *Acrobasis* ZELLER, 1839 from north-eastern Italy came as a surprise since the European fauna of this genus is quite well known and the species are normally easy to identify externally. Several requests in the European lepidopterological community gave no results and after checking all taxa known from Europe and adjacent regions in major collections and relevant literature we came to the conclusion that this species is yet undescribed.

