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 a dance fly new to the Italian fauna**

[*Empis (Empis) gooti* CHVÁLA (Diptera: Empididae),  
 eine Tanzfliege neu für die italienische Fauna]

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In April 2013 I received a small series of 4 *Empis* specimens from Marcello CONSOLO from Padua, Italy. He collected 1 ♂ and 3 ♀♀ them on 15.iv.2013 in Roncagette's Park in Padua, Italy.

The male genitalia proved by the tubercle on the 8th tergum that the male belongs to the *Empis nigripes*-complex. After careful study of the male genitalia it was obviously an *Empis (Empis) gooti* CHVÁLA, 1994. As Milan CHVÁLA mentions in his description the aedeagus is quite similar to that in *Empis (Empis) bicuspidata* COLLIN, 1927, but the tubercle is indeed very characteristic. The 3 females also proved a perfect fit with the description. Marcello CONSOLO also sent some specimens to Paul BEUK (Maastricht, The Netherlands). He came to the same conclusion about the identity.

It is always good to find a new species to a certain fauna, but of course the fact that this species has been named after a well-known Dutch dipterist and friend, Volkert VAN DER GOOT (1928–2001) makes it even more special to me.

I mentioned this record to MILAN CHVÁLA. He said the occurrence in Italy is not surprising. It has been recorded from Sweden, the Netherlands, Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Based on the information by STOCH (2003) and YANG et al. (2007) the number of species in the subgenus *Empis* s. str. in Italy was 28. So, together with *E. gooti* CHVÁLA the number of *Empis* s. str. species in Italy is now 29 (see updated checklist).

**Updated checklist for the subgenus *Empis* LINNAEUS in Italy**

**SG *Empis* LINNAEUS, 1758 s. str.**

*aestiva* LOEW, 1867  
*alampra* LOEW, 1873  
*alpicola* STROBL, 1893  
*baldensis* STROBL, 1899  
*ciliatopennata* STROBL, 1893  
*corvina* LOEW, 1899  
*dasyroda* EGGER, 1860

*dasyprocta* LOEW, 1867  
*decora* MEIGEN, 1822  
*florisomna* LOEW, 1856  
*genualis* STROBL, 1893  
*gooti* CHVÁLA, 1994  
*hystrix* LOEW, 1867  
*lepidopus* MEIGEN, 1822  
*maerens* LOEW, 1867