



Notes on Early Land Plants Today. 16. Validation of *Metahygrobiella* subgen. *Apohygrobiella* (Cephaloziaceae, Marchantiophyta)

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Schuster (2002) classified the genus *Metahygrobiella* Schuster (1961: 205) into two subgenera but failed to validate the subgenus *Apohygrobiella*.

Formal treatment

The format of this note follows what is outlined in Söderström *et al.* (2012).

Metahygrobiella subgen. *Apohygrobiella* R.M.Schust. ex Váňa, subgen. nov.

Based on:—*Metahygrobiella* subgen. *Apohygrobiella* R.M.Schust., *Beih. Nova Hedwigia* 119: 15, 2002 (Schuster 2002) *nom. inval.* (Art. 53.1; no Latin description).

Diagnosis (cf. Schuster 2002:15):—Differs from subgenus *Metahygrobiella* in having leaves strongly asymmetrically bilobed, dorsal half larger. Vegetative branches intercalary, the leafy branches often or all lateral-intercalary. Leaves ± crenulated-denticulate. No hyalodermis.

Type:—*Metahygrobiella macgregorii* (Stephani 1895: 45) Schuster (1961: 206)

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