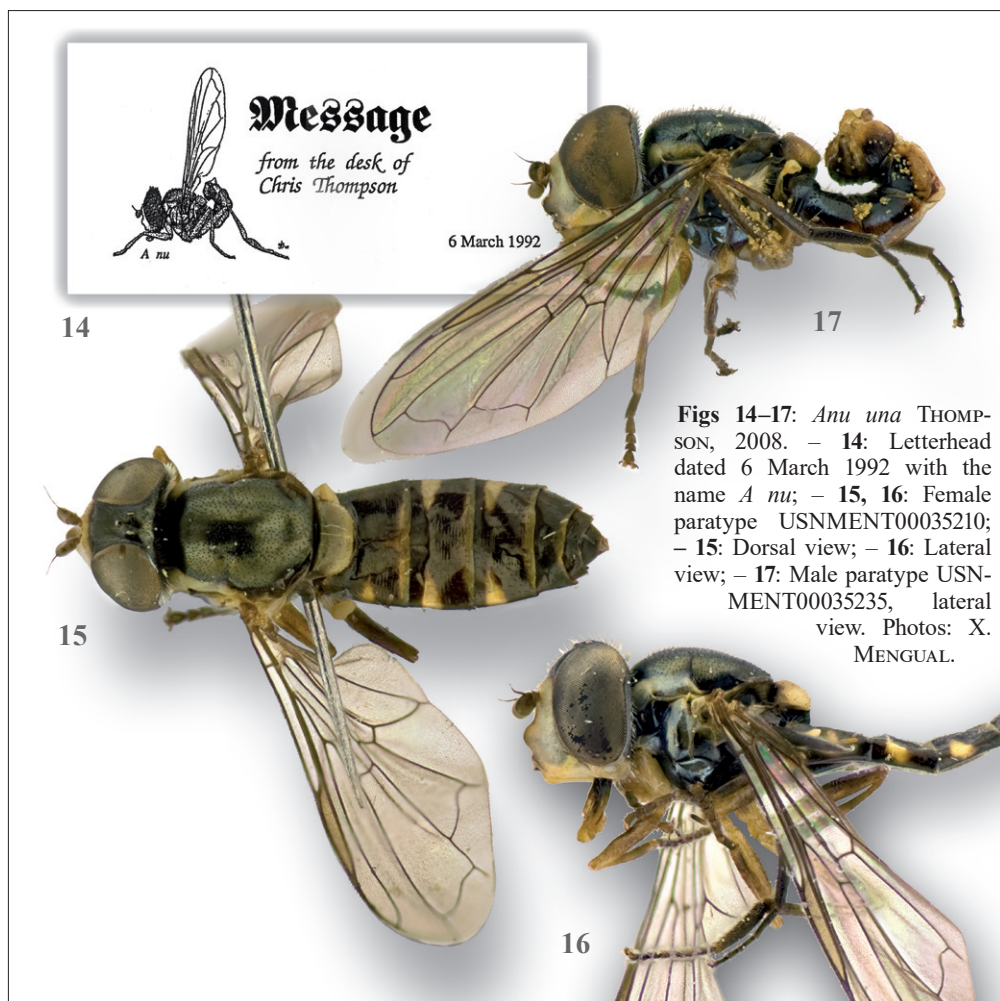


### Selected species described by F. Christian THOMPSON. V. Ximo MENGUAL

In 1977 Arnold MENKE, hymenopterist at the Smithsonian Institution, described *Aha ha* MENKE, 1977 (a palindrome, as well as sounding funny) and he even had it on his car license plate (he probably still does). Chris also wanted to use a palindrome for his new New Zealand fly but Arnold beat him to it.

Neal EVENHUIS was known (and still is) for his funny names and told Chris in 1991 that he was going to propose the new replacement name "I" for a genus of fossil chaoborids whose original name, *Trichia* HONG, 1981, was preoccupied. This was going to be in the fossil fly catalogue, but ended up with a different name, *Iyaiyai* EVENHUIS, 1994. Chris scoffed and said that a genus name had to be two letters and make a word. Then Neal explained to him that all Greek vowels are nouns and are words (a rarity to ever catch Chris not knowing something). You could see the light go off in Chris's head. And he came up with *A nu*.

Gustavo HORMIGA had already drawn the fly back in 1987. Chris procrastinated in describing it, but made a letterhead for it with the name underneath (Fig. 14). His procrastination caught up with him as the new ICZN Code came out and all names after 1999 required genus-group names to be two letters or more. Chris changed his letterhead shortly thereafter (see the letter on page 306 from him dated 2001 and note that the name "*A nu*" is no longer under the drawing). Chris finally described the genus and species in his 2008 New Zealand paper as *Anu una*. He got his palindrome, but was still upset that he was unable to use *A nu*.



**Figs 14–17:** *Anu una* THOMPSON, 2008. – 14: Letterhead dated 6 March 1992 with the name *A nu*; – 15, 16: Female paratype USNMMENT00035210; – 15: Dorsal view; – 16: Lateral view; – 17: Male paratype USNMMENT00035235, lateral view. Photos: X. MENGUAL.