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Current studies on European *Scolopendra* Linnaeus, 1758 revealed inconsistencies in the use of the date of publications containing original descriptions by C. L. Koch. These dates are reviewed in the present paper. As a result, the following commonly attributed dates of description have to be amended: *S. clavipes* C. L. Koch, 1847, *S. italica* C. L. Koch, 1837, *S. graeca* C. L. Koch, 1847, and *S. germanica* C. L. Koch, 1837. The work containing the original description of all these taxa was published in 1836 by C. L. Koch as Heft 9 of the rare series "Deutschlands Crustaceen, Myriapoden und Arachniden". Two of these taxa were introduced by a short, inconspicuous paragraph and without illustration. The remaining two were wrongly dated short time after their descriptions, which were never questioned and have still being used until today.

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