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 Roncajette’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
- dasyprocta Loew, 1867
- decora Meigen, 1822
- florisomna Loew, 1856
- genualis Strobl, 1893
- gooti Chvála, 1994
- hystrix Loew, 1867
- lepidopus Meigen, 1822
- maerens Loew, 1867
- gooti Chvála, 1994
- hystrix Loew, 1867
- lepidopus Meigen, 1822
- maerens Loew, 1867