

## OPINION 1394

*CENTRURUS LIMPIDUS* KARSCH, 1879 AND *CENTRUROIDES ORNATUS* POCKOCK, 1902 (ARACHNIDA, SCORPIONES):  
CONSERVED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *olivaceus* Thorell, 1877, as published in the binomen *Centrurus olivaceus*, is hereby suppressed for the purpose of the Principle of Priority but not for that of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *limpidus* Karsch, 1879, as published in the binomen *Centrurus limpidus*;
- (b) *ornatus* Pocock, 1902, as published in the binomen *Centruroides ornatus*.

(3) The name *olivaceus* Thorell, 1877, as published in the binomen *Centrurus olivaceus* and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2446

An application for the conservation of *Centrurus limpidus* Karsch, 1879 and *Centruroides ornatus* Pocock, 1902, was first received from Dr O. F. Francke (*Texas Technical University, U.S.A.*) on 27 June 1983. After a period of correspondence a revised manuscript was published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 41, pp. 97–100 (June 1984). Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to ten general and three specialist serials. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 17 January 1986 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1986)10 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 41, pp. 98–99. At the close of the voting period on 17 April 1986 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-one (21) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Cocks, Savage, Willink, Starobogatov, Alvarado, Schuster, Hahn, Kabata, Mroczkowski, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Lehtinen, Ride, Halvorsen, Heppell, Bayer, Dupuis, Bernardi, Cogger

Negative Votes — one (1) Thompson.

Bayer pointed out that, contrary to para. 3 of the application (*Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 41, p. 97) *Centrurus* Ehrenberg, 1828 is not a nomen nudum: 'even though a full description was not given it was twice characterized in the original publication [on folios 1 and 6] . . . It seems clear that



*Centrurus* is an available generic name from Ehrenberg (1828), without included species, with type species *C. galbineus* Koch, 1838 fixed by subsequent monotypy'.

### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion: *limpidus*, *Centrurus*, Karsch, 1879, *Mitt. Muench. Entomol. Ver.*, vol. 3, p. 120

*olivaceus*, *Centrurus*, Thorell, 1877, *Atti Soc. Italiana Sci. Nat.*, vol. 19, pp. 151-152

*ornatus*, *Centruroides*, Pocock, 1902, *Biologia Centrali-Americana*, p. 26.

### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1986)10 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1394.

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*London*

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