

OPINION 1491

Micronecta griseola Horváth, 1899 (Insecta, Heteroptera): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:

- (a) *minuta* Fabricius, 1794, as published in the binomen *Sigara minuta*;
- (b) *lemanana* Fieber, 1860, as published in the binomen *Sigara lemana*.

(2) The name *griseola* Horváth, 1899, as published in the binomen *Micronecta griseola* and as interpreted by the lectotype designated by Jansson (1986), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The following names as suppressed in (1) above are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *minuta* Fabricius, 1794, as published in the binomen *Sigara minuta*;
- (b) *lemanana* Fieber, 1860, as published in the binomen *Sigara lemana*.

History of Case 2519

An application for the conservation of *Micronecta griseola* Horváth, 1899, was received from Dr A. Jansson (*Zoological Museum, University of Helsinki, Finland*) on 29 April 1985. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 178–180 (July 1986). Notice of the case was given to ten general and nine specialist serials. No comments were received. It should be noted that in the application the date of Fabricius was wrongly given in paras. 6(1)a and 6(3)a as 1744; in both cases it should have read 1794.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 179. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 19: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Kabata, Kraus, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 4: Cogger, Heppell, Holthuis and Lehtinen.

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Gruchy.

Holthuis considered that, as the species involved seemed to be of no importance in applied science or general biology, the normal rule of priority ought to apply. Cogger favoured precedence of *griseola* over *minuta* and *lemanana*, but not the suppression of the latter names.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

griseola, *Micronecta*, Horváth, 1899, *Revue d'Entomologie*, 18(12): 103.

lemanana, *Sigara*, Fieber, 1860, *Die europäischen Hemiptera*, p. 89.

minuta, Sigara, Fabricius, 1794, *Entomologia systematica, emendata et aucta, secundum classes, ordines, genera, species*, p. 60.

The reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Micronecta griseola* is: Jansson, 1986, *Acta Entomologica Fennica*, **47**: 14.



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The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature 45, 165–166.

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