

OPINION 904

MOTACILLA PLESCHANKA LEPECHIN, 1770 (AVES): VALIDATED
UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING—(1) The specific name *pleschanka* Lepechin, 1770, as published in the binomen *Motacilla pleschanka*, which was first published in a non-binominal work, is hereby validated under the plenary powers and is ruled to have precedence over the specific name *leucomela* Pallas, 1770, as published in the binomen *Motacilla leucomela*.

(2) The following specific names are hereby added to the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *caspia* Pallas, 1770, as published in the binomen *Sterna caspia* (Name No. 2363);
- (b) *pleschanka* Lepechin, 1770, as published in the binomen *Motacilla pleschanka* (validated under the plenary powers in (1) above) (Name No. 2364).

(3) The specific name *tschegrava* Lepechin, 1770, as published in the binomen *Sterna tschegrava* (a name published in a non-binominal work) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 922.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1784)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission in November 1966 by Profs. G. P. Dementiev, N. A. Gladkov, A. I. Ivanov and L. A. Portenko and Dr. C. Vaurie. The application was sent to the printer on 10 January 1967 and was published on 6 March 1967 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 60–62. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* and to the prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) as well as to ten ornithological serials. A counter proposal was received from the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature of the International Ornithological Congress, which was published in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 270–275. Comments opposing the application of Dementiev *et al.* were received from Dr. Dean Amadon (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 204–205) and Prof. J. M. Winterbottom; a comment supporting that application was received from Drs. R. Boehme, N. Anorova, G. Simkin, V. Riabov and N. Kartashev of the University of Moscow.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 3 April 1969 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (69)15, either for or against the proposals as set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 62. At the request of the applicants the Voting Paper was divided into two parts so that each name was voted upon separately, Part 1 dealing with the specific name *tschegrava* and Part 2 dealing with specific name *pleschanka*. A note accompanying the

Voting Paper explained that votes against the validation of these names would be taken as votes for the names *caspia* and *leucomela* respectively. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 3 July 1969 the state of the voting was as follows:

Part 1. Affirmative votes—five (5), received in the following order: Vokes, Melville, Bonnet, Starobogatov, Mertens.

Negative votes—sixteen (16): Holthuis, China, Evans, Lemche, Simpson, Obruchev, Mayr, Brinck, Jaczewski, do Amaral, Sabrosky, Forest, Eisenmann, Uchida, Binder, Ride.

Commissioners Alvarado and Kraus returned late negative votes.

Part 2. Affirmative votes—sixteen (16): China, Evans, Lemche, Vokes, Mayr, Melville, Brinck, Bonnet, Jaczewski, Forest, Eisenmann, Uchida, Starobogatov, Mertens, Binder, Ride.

Negative votes—five (5): Holthuis, Simpson, Obruchev, do Amaral, Sabrosky.

On leave of Absence—two (2): Tortonese, Munroe.

Commissioners Alvarado and Kraus returned late affirmative votes.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

caspia, *Sterna*, Pallas, 1770, *Novi Comment. Acad. Sci. imp. Petrop.* **14** (1) : 582
pleschanka, *Motacilla*, Lepechin, 1770, *Novi Comment. Acad. Sci. imp. Petrop.* **14** (1) : 503

tschegrava, *Sterna*, Lepechin, 1770, *Novi Comment. Acad. Sci. imp. Petrop.* **14** (1) : 500.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (69)15 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in Part 2 of that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, whereas the use of the plenary powers in Part 1 of that Voting Paper has been refused and the stated alternative proposal adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 904.

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London

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