

OPINION 615

LICHAS ARANEUS LINDSTRÖM, 1885, AND *LICHAS ARANEA* HOLZAPFEL, 1895 (TRILOBITA); RULED TO BE NOT HOMONYMS

RULING.—(1) It is hereby Ruled that the generic names *Lichas* Dalman, 1827, and *Radiolichas* Reed, 1923, are masculine in gender, in accordance with general usage.

(2) The generic name *Radiolichas* Reed, 1923 (gender : masculine), type-species, by monotypy, *Lichas aranea* Holzapfel, 1895, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1449.

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified :

(a) *araneus* Lindström, 1885, as published in the binomen *Lichas araneus* (Name No. 1768);

(b) *aranea* Holzapfel, 1895, as published in the binomen *Lichas aranea* (type-species of *Radiolichas* Reed, 1923) (Name No. 1769).

(3) The specific name *araneiformis* Tripp, 1957, as published in the binomen *Radiolichas araneiformis* (a junior objective synonym of *Lichas aranea* Holzapfel, 1895) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name No. 674.

HISTORY OF THE CASE. (Z.N.(S.) 1155)

The present case was first brought to the attention of the Secretary to the International Commission in February 1956 by a letter of enquiry from Mr. R. P. Tripp. After correspondence between Mr. Tripp, the Secretary to the Commission and the Commission's classical adviser, Prof. L. W. Grensted, an application was prepared and was sent to the printer on 27 October 1959. It was published on 8 April 1960 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **17** : 233–234. Support for the proposals outlined by Mr. Tripp as Alternative B was expressed by Dr. J. T. Temple (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **18** : 120)

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 6 March 1961 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper(61)4 for either Alternative A or Alternative B as set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **17** : 234. At the close of the prescribed Voting Period on 6 June 1961 the state of the Voting was as follows :—

Votes for Alternative A—thirteen (13), received in the following order : Riley, Hering, Dymond, Key, Mayr, Alvarado, Bonnet, Obruchev, Tortonese, Brinck, Mertens, Lemche, Poll.

Votes for Alternative B—eleven (11) : Holthuis, Stoll, Boschma, Vokes, Hemming, Jaczewski, Miller, Evans, Kühnelt, Bradley, Uchida.

Voting Paper not returned—one (1) : Prantl.

Commissioner do Amaral returned a late vote in favour of Alternative B.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes : (a) *Mr. Francis Hemming* (28.iii.61).—So far as the Latin words are concerned, it is, I think, possible to make out a good case both for the interpretation given in Alternative A and for that given in Alternative B. From that point of view therefore there is very little to choose between these alternatives. From the point of view however of eliminating the risk of confusion arising through the co-existence of two such similar names—the justification for which would not be immediately apparent to zoologists not possessing a classical training—Alternative B seems to me to offer substantial advantages over Alternative A and I accordingly vote for it.

(b) *Dr. Per Brinck* (1.vi.61).—Since *Holzapfel* expressly wrote *Lichas granulatus* (masculine adjective), I think it is well justified to accept *arana* as a noun. So I vote for Alternative A—particularly so as this means retaining present stability.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

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

arana, *Lichas*, *Holzapfel*, 1895, *Abh. K. preuss. geol. Landes* **16** : 32

araneiformis, *Radiolichas*, *Tripp*, 1957, *Geol. Mag.* **94** : 118

araneus, *Lichas*, *Lindström*, 1885, *Öfvers. K. svensk. Vetensk.-Akad. Förh.* **6** : 58

Radiolichas *Reed*, 1923, *Geol. Mag.* **60** : 455

CERTIFICATE

WE certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (61)4 were cast as set out above, that the proposal set out in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 615.

N. D. RILEY
Secretary

W. E. CHINA
Assistant Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London
23 June 1961



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