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OPINION 144.

ON THE STATUS OF THE NAMES *CRABRO* GEOFFROY, 1762, *CRABRO* FABRICIUS, 1775, AND *CIMBEX* OLIVIER, 1790 (INSECTA, HYMENOPTERA).

SUMMARY.—Under suspension of the rules (i) the name *Crabro* Geoffroy, 1762, is suppressed ; (ii) all existing type designations for *Crabro* Fabricius, 1775, and *Cimbex* Olivier, 1790, are set aside ; (iii) *Vespa cribraria* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby designated as the type of *Crabro* Fabricius ; and (iv) *Tenthredo lutea* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby designated as the type of *Cimbex* Olivier. The names *Crabro* Fabricius and *Cimbex* Olivier, with the types indicated above, are hereby added to the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

I.—THE STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

Attention was first drawn by Professor James Chester Bradley in 1919 (*Trans. ent. Soc. Lond.* 1919 : 66–67) to the serious difficulties arising from the strict application of the rules in the case of the names *Crabro* Fabricius, 1775, and *Cimbex* Olivier, 1790. The difficulties involved in this case led Professor Chester Bradley to consult the leading systematic workers in all countries on the course of action to be pursued. As the result of these consultations, the following petition signed by Professor Chester Bradley and 59 other Hymenopterists was submitted to the International Commission :—

THE CASE OF *CRABRO* AND *CIMBEX*

“ In *Trans. ent. Soc. Lond.* 1919 : 66, Bradley has shown that the valid name under the code for the genus of the common willow sawfly is *Crabro* Geoffr. rather than *Cimbex* by which it has been universally known, and as it is the type of its family the CIMBICIDAE must be changed to CRABRONIDAE despite the fact that *Crabro*, CRABRONINI, CRABRONINAE and CRABRONIDAE have been familiar and universally employed terms applied to groups of sphecoid wasps.

“ There seems to be no question as to the validity of *Crabro* Geoffr. under the Code as interpreted by Opinion 20, but since some Commissioners and Opinions have recently shown a tendency not to strictly adhere to that Opinion,* we wish to ask for a specific decision concerning the validity of *Crabro* Geoffr., 1762 (*nec* Fabricius, 1775).

* The question here referred to is at present *sub judice*. See paragraph 14 of the Report submitted by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to, and approved by, the Twelfth International Congress of Zoology (*Compte Rendu XII^e Congrès international de Zoologie Lisbonne 1935* : 184–185).

" In case you sustain the validity of *Crabro* Geoffr. we hereby pray for relief from the intolerable situation resulting, and respectfully petition you to invoke the plenary power granted you by the Monaco Congress, and to take action as follows, to wit :

- (1) to suspend the Rules in the cases of

Crabro Geoffr., 1762

Crabro Fabr., 1775

- (2) to permanently reject

Crabro Geoffr., 1762

- (3) to validate

Cimbex Ol., 1790, type *Tenthredo lutea* L. (by designation of Latreille, 1810).

Crabro Fabr., 1775, type *Crabro cribrarius* i.e. *Vespa cribraria* L., for the genus of aculeate wasps commonly known by that name, and for the subgenus thereof referred to by Kohl (1915, *Die Crabronen der palaearktischen Region*) as *Thyreopus*.

2. The following is the list of signatures attached to the above petition at the time of its submission to the International Commission :—

C. T. Brues	R. Benoist *	H. Haupt
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L. Masi.	D. S. Wilkinson *	

* In accord with results sought by the petition without having studied the points involved in the particular case.

† Evidently intended to subscribe to this petition, but sheet bearing his signature was not included in his reply.

‡ Deceased.

3. This case was circulated to the members of the International Commission in January 1935, when it was arranged that it and the other Hymenoptera cases submitted at the same time should be dealt with at the meeting of the Commission due to be held at Lisbon in September of that year, by which time the recommenda-

tions of the International Committee on Entomological Nomenclature would be available.

II.—THE SUBSEQUENT HISTORY OF THE CASE.

4. This case was considered by the International Committee on Entomological Nomenclature at its meeting held at Madrid in the second week of September 1935 during the Sixth International Congress of Entomology. After careful consideration, the International Committee agreed to recommend that the International Commission should deal with this case under their plenary powers in the manner indicated in the petition.

5. This and other resolutions adopted by the International Committee at its meeting held at Madrid were subsequently confirmed by the Sixth International Congress of Entomology at the Concilium Plenum held at Madrid on 12th September 1935.

III.—THE CONCLUSION REACHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

6. When the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature met at Lisbon immediately after the close of the Sixth International Congress of Entomology in September 1935, they found themselves confronted with a large number of cases involving proposals for the suspension of the rules, in respect of some of which advertisements had not been published or, if published, had not been published for the prescribed period, owing to the illness of Dr. Stiles, Secretary to the Commission, or for other causes. In these circumstances the Commission decided at their meeting held on the morning of Monday, 16th September 1935 (Lisbon Session, 2nd Meeting, Conclusion 9) that immediate consideration should be given to all cases submitted to the Commission that, in their judgment, had reached the stage at which a decision could properly be taken and that, in so far as this involved taking decisions "under suspension of the rules" in cases where the prescribed advertisement procedure had not been complied with, the cases in question should be duly advertised as soon as might be practicable after the conclusion of the Lisbon Congress and that no Opinion should be rendered and published thereon until after the expiry of a period of one year from the date on which the said advertisement was despatched to the prescribed journals for publication. The case of *Crabro* Geoffroy, *Crabro* Fabricius, and *Cimbex* Olivier was one of the cases in question and was

accordingly dealt with by the Commission at Lisbon under the above procedure.

7. The present case was considered by the International Commission at their meeting held on the afternoon of Monday, 16th September 1935 (Lisbon Session, 3rd Meeting, Conclusion 2), when the Commission agreed * :—

- (b) under “ Suspension of the Rules ” permanently to reject the following generic names :—

(7) *Crabro* Geoffroy, 1762, *Hist. Ins. Paris* 2 : 261.

- (c) under “ Suspension of the Rules ” to set aside all type designations for the undermentioned genera and to declare their types to be the species indicated below :—

Name of genus	Type of genus
(19) <i>Cimbex</i> Olivier, 1790, <i>Ency. méth.</i> 5 (Ins.) : 762	<i>Tenthredo lutea</i> Linnaeus, 1758, <i>Syst. Nat.</i> (ed. 10) : 555
(20) <i>Crabro</i> Fabricius, 1775, <i>Syst. ent.</i> : 373	<i>Vespa cribraria</i> Linnaeus, 1758, <i>Syst. Nat.</i> (ed. 10) : 573

- (d) under “ Suspension of the Rules ” to place on the Official List of Generic Names the sixteen generic names enumerated in (c) above (names (19) to (34)), each with the type species there indicated ;
- (e) to render Opinions in the sense of (a) to (d) above.

8. The foregoing decisions were embodied in paragraph 27 of the Report which at their meeting held on the morning of Wednesday, 18th September 1935, the Commission (Lisbon Session, 5th Meeting, Conclusion 6) unanimously agreed to submit to the Twelfth International Congress of Zoology. This report was unanimously approved by the Section on Nomenclature at its joint meeting with the International Commission held on the afternoon of the same day. It was thereupon submitted to the Twelfth International Congress of Zoology by which it was approved at the Concilium Plenum of the Congress held on the afternoon of Saturday, 21st September 1935, the last day of the Congress.

* Only those portions of Conclusion 2 which relate to the present case are here quoted.

9. In accordance with the decision taken by the Commission at Lisbon in regard to their procedure at that Session, this case was duly advertised in 1936 in two or more of the journals named in the Resolution adopted by the Ninth International Congress of Zoology held at Monaco in March 1913, by which the said International Congress conferred upon the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature plenary power to suspend the Rules as applied to any given case where in the judgment of the Commission the strict application of the Rules would clearly result in greater confusion than uniformity. In the period that has elapsed since the advertisement in the said journals of the proposed Suspension of the Rules in the case of the names specified in paragraph 7 above, no communication of any kind has been received by the International Commission objecting to the issue of an Opinion in the terms proposed.

10. The Opinion as set out in paragraph 7 above was concurred in by the twelve (12) Commissioners and Alternates present at the Lisbon meeting of the International Commission, namely :—

Commissioners :—Calman; Hemming; Jordan; Pellegrin; Peters; and Stejneger.

Alternates :—do Amaral *vice* Cabrera; Ohshima *vice* Esaki; Bradley *vice* Stone; Beier *vice* Handlirsch; Arndt *vice* Richter; and Mortensen *vice* Apstein.

11. The present Opinion was dissented from by no Commissioner or Alternate present at the Lisbon meeting. Nor since that Meeting has any Commissioner who was neither present on that occasion nor represented thereat by an Alternate indicated disagreement with the conclusions then reached by the Commission in this matter. The following five (5) Commissioners who were not present at Lisbon nor represented thereat by Alternates did not vote on the above Opinion :—

Bolivar y Pieltain; Chapman; Fantham; Silvestri; and Stiles.

IV.—AUTHORITY FOR THE ISSUE OF THE PRESENT OPINION.

WHEREAS the Ninth International Congress of Zoology at its Meeting held at Monaco in March 1913, adopted a Resolution conferring upon the International Commission on Zoological

Nomenclature, acting for the International Congress of Zoology, Plenary Power to suspend the Rules as applied to any given case, where, in the judgment of the Commission, the strict application of the said Rules would clearly result in greater confusion than uniformity, provided that not less than one year's notice of the possible Suspension of the Rules as applied to the said case should be given in two or more of five journals named in the said Resolution, and provided that the vote in the Commission was unanimously in favour of the proposed Suspension of the Rules; and

WHEREAS the Suspension of the Rules is required to give valid force to the provisions of the present Opinion; and

WHEREAS not less than one year's notice of the possible Suspension of the Rules as applied to the present case has been given to two or more of the journals referred to in the Resolution adopted by the Ninth International Congress of Zoology at its meeting held at Monaco in March 1913; and

WHEREAS the vote in the Commission at their Lisbon Meeting was unanimously in favour of the issue of an Opinion in the terms of the present Opinion;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, FRANCIS HEMMING, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, acting in virtue of all and every the powers conferred upon me by reason of holding the said Office of Secretary to the International Commission, hereby announce the said Opinion on behalf of the International Commission, acting for the International Congress of Zoology, and direct that it be rendered and printed as Opinion One Hundred and Forty Four (Opinion 144) of the said Commission.

In faith whereof, I, FRANCIS HEMMING, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, have signed the present Opinion.

DONE in London, this ninth day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Forty Three, in a single copy, which shall remain deposited in the archives of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

*Secretary to the International Commission
on Zoological Nomenclature.*

FRANCIS HEMMING

NOTICES.

The undermentioned publications of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature are obtainable at the Publications Office of the Commission, 41, Queen's Gate, London, S.W. 7 :—

- OPINION 134. On the method to be adopted in interpreting the generic names assigned by Freyer to species described in his *Neuere Beiträge zur Schmetterlingskunde*, 1833–1858 price 8*d*.
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- OPINION 136. Opinion supplementary to Opinion 11 on the interpretation of Latreille's *Considérations générales sur l'ordre naturel des animaux composant les classes des Crustacés, des Arachnides et des Insectes avec un tableau méthodique de leurs genres disposés en familles*, Paris, 1810 price 1*s*. 0*d*.
- OPINION 137. On the relative precedence to be accorded to certain generic names published in 1807 by Fabricius and Hübner respectively for identical genera in the Lepidoptera Rhopalocera price 1*s*. 6*d*.
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OPINIONS 1–133. The bulk of these are out of print and it is accordingly proposed to reprint them, as soon as funds permit, as Volume 1 of *Opinions rendered by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*.

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