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DECLARATION 1.

CODE OF ETHICS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE RENAMING OF HOMONYMS.

DECLARATION.—*Whereas* experience has shown that authors, not infrequently, inadvertently publish as new designations of genera or species, names that are preoccupied, and *whereas* experience has shown also that some other authors, discovering the homonymy, have published new names for the later homonyms in question, *be it therefore* :

Resolved—That when it is noticed by any zoologist that the generic or specific name published by any living author as new is in reality a homonym, and therefore unavailable under Articles 34 and 36 of the Rules on Nomenclature, the proper action, from a standpoint of professional etiquette, is for said person to notify said author of the facts of the case, and to give said author ample opportunity to propose a substitute name.¹

This *Declaration* was adopted by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature at their Session held at Monaco in March 1913. The subject was dealt with in paragraphs (51) and (52) of the Report which on that occasion the International Commission unanimously agreed to submit to the Ninth International Congress of Zoology.

2. Paragraph (51) of that report reads as follows :—

(51). *Code of Ethics.*—The Commission permits itself to invite attention to the fact that there exists in the zoological profession no recognized and generally adopted code of ethics that is comparable to the code of ethics existing in the medical profession of certain countries. Without presuming to be the arbiter of points of general ethics, the Commission is persuaded that there is one phase of this subject upon which it is competent to speak and in reference to this point it suggests to the Congress the adoption of the following resolution :

Here follows (in paragraph (52)) the resolution embodied in the present *Declaration*.

3. The Commission's report was submitted to the Section on Nomenclature, by whom the paragraph containing the present

¹ For a further statement of the views of the Commission on this subject, see *Declaration* 12.

Declaration was unanimously approved apart from one dissentient. The report was subsequently submitted to the Ninth International Congress of Zoology by whom it was considered at the Concilium Plenum held at Monaco on the afternoon of 30th March 1913. It had been previously decided that discussion of particular portions of the report should be confined to the meeting of the Section on Nomenclature. Accordingly when the report was brought before the Concilium Plenum, the Congress was asked to vote on it *en bloc*. The Congress thereupon adopted and approved the whole of the report against only four dissenting votes.

4. The present *Declaration* was concurred in by the nine (9) Commissioners² present at the Monaco Session of the International Commission, namely :—

Allen; Blanchard; Dautzenberg; Hartert; Hoyle; Jentink; Monticelli; Stejneger; and Stiles.

5. The following six (6) Commissioners were not present at the Monaco Session and did not therefore vote on the present *Declaration* :—

Apstein; Dollo; Jordan (D. S.); Ludwig; Mitchell; and Schulze.

CERTIFICATE :

I, FRANCIS HEMMING, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, hereby CERTIFY that the present *Declaration* has been compiled from the records of the Proceedings of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature at their Session held at Monaco in March 1913 during the meeting of the Ninth International Congress of Zoology.

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² There were two Alternates (Dr. K. Jordan and Hon. Walter (later Lord) Rothschild) at the Monaco Session of the International Commission, but on that occasion Alternates attended only in an advisory capacity and were not accorded full voting rights.

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Volume 1 will contain *Declarations* 1-9 (which have never previously been published) and *Opinions* 1-133 (the original issue of which is now out of print). Parts 1-5 (containing *Declarations* 1-5) have now been published.

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