

SCHIZONEURA PATCHIAE BÖRNER & BLUNCK, 1916, AND *S. PATCHI* MEUNIER, 1917, A CASE OF VIRTUAL HOMONYMY, AND A PROPOSED SOLUTION (INSECTA, HEMIPTERA, APHIDOIDEA).
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This application concerns two specific names which only because of misspellings do not enter into formal primary homonymy.

2. C. Börner & H. Blunck 1916 (*Mitt. Kais. Biol. Anst. H.* **16** : 36–37) described *Schizoneura patchiae*, named after Dr. Edith M. Patch, U.S.A.

3. This species is now commonly known as *Schizoneura patchae* Börner & Blunck, 1916, as Börner corrected the spelling to *patchae* in later papers (Börner & Schilder 1932: *Aphidoidea, Blattläuse*, in P. Sorauer: *Handbuch der Pflanzenkrankheiten* V, 4. Aufl.: 660 (as *Eriosoma patchae*); Börner 1952: *Europae centralis Aphides*, *Mitt. Thür. Bot. Ges. Beiheft* **3** : 185 (*Schizoneura patchae*)).

4. *Schizoneura ulmosedens* Marchal, 1919 (*C.R. hebdomad. Acad. Sci.* **169** : 211–216) according to Börner 1952 (loc. cit.) is a junior synonym of *S. patchiae*, but older than the emendation to *patchae*.

5. F. Meunier 1917 (*Verh. Kon. Akad. Wet. Amsterdam* **20** : 7) described a fossil as *Schizoneura patchi*, named after Dr. Patch, obviously unaware that she was a woman.

6. Neither *patchiae* nor *patchi* comes under the category of inadvertent errors in the meaning of Art. 32a (ii) of the Code, though the correct spelling of both species names is *patchae*. So, if the rules are strictly followed, the species would keep their original names, *Schizoneura patchiae* and *S. patchi* or, if the generally adopted name *patchae* of the former species were to be validated, *S. patchae* and *S. patchi*, both named after the same person. This situation, of course, is most disturbing and will have to be remedied by suppressing one of the names.

7. Several solutions may be proposed. Due weight should be given to the fact that *Schizoneura patchae* Börner & Blunck is in general use for a well known aphid, whereas *S. patchi* Meunier until now has been mentioned in the original description only, and is known solely from the type specimen which has now disappeared. It is hereby proposed to validate the name *patchae* for *patchiae* Börner & Blunck and to call the fossil species *Schizoneura meunieri* nom. nov. pro *Schizoneura patchi* Meunier, 1917.

8. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is hereby requested:

(1) Under the plenary powers

(a) to validate the emendation *patchae* of the specific name *patchiae* Börner & Blunck, 1916, as published in the combination *Schizoneura patchiae*;

(b) to suppress the name *patchi* Meunier, 1917, as published in the combination *Schizoneura patchi*;

- (2) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the name *patchae* Börner & Blunck, 1916, as published in the combination *Schizoneura patchiae* and emended under (1) above;
- (3) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology the names:
 - (a) *patchiae* Börner & Blunck, 1916, as published in the combination *Schizoneura patchiae* and rejected under (1) (a) above;
 - (b) *patchi* Meunier, 1917, as published in the combination *Schizoneura patchi* and suppressed under (1) (b) above.



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