

OPINION 1426

Argyrodes Simon, 1864 and *Robertus* O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1879 (Arachnida, Araneae): conserved

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers:
 - (a) the name *Argyrodes* Guénée, 1845, and all uses of that name prior to the publication of *Argyrodes* Simon, 1864, are hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy;
 - (b) the name *Ctenium* Menge, 1871, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Argyrodes* Simon, 1864 (gender; masculine) type species, by tautonymy, *Linyphia argyrodes* Walckenaer, 1841;
 - (b) *Robertus* O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1879 (gender: masculine) type species, by monotypy, *Robertus astutus* O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1879;
 - (c) *Eucarphia* Hübner, [1825] type species, by subsequent designation by Ragonot, 1855, *Tinea vitella* Fabricius, 1787 (Lepidoptera).
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *argyrodes* Walckenaer, 1841, as published in the binomen *Linyphia argyrodes* (specific name of the type species of *Argyrodes* Simon, 1864);
 - (b) *neglectus* Pickard-Cambridge, 1871, as published in the binomen *Nerienne neglecta* (valid name at the time of this ruling for the type species of *Robertus* O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1879);
 - (c) *vinetella* Fabricius, 1787, as published in the binomen *Tinea vinetella* (specific name of the type species of *Eucarphia* Hübner, [1825]) (Lepidoptera).
- (4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and invalid Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Argyrodes* Guénée, 1845;
 - (b) *Ctenium* Menge, 1871.

History of case 1481

An application for the conservation of *Argyrodes* Simon, 1864 and *Robertus* O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1879 was received from Dr H. W. Levi (*Harvard University, Massachusetts, U.S.A.*) on 25 May 1961. The case included two lesser used generic names (*Dipoenura* and *Theonoe*) and was published in BZN 19: 43–47. Due to procedural errors at the time, the voting paper issued in 1963 was cancelled and, under Article 80, the two names *Argyrodes* and *Robertus* have been protected since 1962.

In September 1982, the Secretary wrote to Professor Levi to apologise for this mis-handling of the case and to suggest ways by which the case could be concluded. Professor Levi rewrote the case completely and this was received on 5 November 1984. It was published in BZN 42: 81–84 (April 1985). Notice of the possible use of the plenary power was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to twelve general and three specialist serials. A comment from Professor Dr O. Kraus (*Zoologisches Institute*

und Zoologisches Museum, Hamburg, BRD) was published in BZN 43: 7–8 with a note by the Executive Secretary on additional comments from Professor B. J. Kaston (San Diego State University, U.S.A.) and Professor K. Thaler (Universität Innsbruck, Austria). Supportive comments were received from Dr K. Mikhailov (Moscow State University) and Dr B. Y. Main (University of Western Australia).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1986 the members of the Commission were invited to vote for or against the proposals set out in BZN 42: 83–84 as modified in 43: 7. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1986 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes — 17: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride (in part), Schuster, Thompson, Trjapitzin (in part), Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Savage.

Holthuis was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Bernardi, Cogger, Dupuis, Gruchy, Heppell and Starobogatov. Ride and Trjapitzin voted against giving *Robertus* Pickard-Cambridge, 1879 precedence over *Ctenium* Menge, 1871.

Original references

The following are the original references to names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling in the present Opinion:

Argyrodes Guénée, 1845, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, ser. 2, 3: 322

Argyrodes Simon, 1864, *Histoire naturelle des Araignées*, ed. 1, p. 253

argyrodes, *Linyphia*, Walckenaer, 1841, *Roret's Suites à Buffon*, Aptères II, p. 282

Eucarpia Hübner, [1825] *Verzeichniss bekannter Schmetterlinge*, p. 364

neglectus, *Nerience*, Pickard-Cambridge, 1871, *Transactions of the Linnean Society of London*, 27: 443

Robertus O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1879, *The Spiders of Dorset*, p. 103

vinetella, *Tinea*, Fabricius, 1787, *Mantissa Insectorum* . . . p. 242.



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