

SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL THAT THE NAME "DORILAS" MEIGEN, 1800, SHOULD BE RETAINED AND THAT THE NAME "PIPUNCULUS" LATREILLE, [1802-1803] (CLASS INSECTA, ORDER DIPTERA) SHOULD BE TREATED AS A SYNONYM

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Thank you for your letter dated 25th October, 1950. I am pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the generic names *Dorilas* and *Pipunculus*, as I feel it most unfortunate that an application has been submitted to the Commission to suppress *Dorilas* in favor of *Pipunculus*, and not to suppress *Pipunculus* in favor of *Dorilas*, which appears to be reasonable.

I know and support the proposals to be submitted by Dr. Stone and Professor Hardy. As Professor Hardy has pointed out, we have been working under the illusion that this matter had been definitely settled and that we can use *Dorilas* over *Pipunculus*, following the International Rules of Zoological Nomenclature, the *Opinions* concerning the Meigen (1800) names and the principle of priority.

I feel it superfluous to repeat the arguments of Dr. Stone and Professor Hardy with which I wholly agree; I want but to point out that the change back to *Pipunculus* would certainly cause much more confusion than the placing of the name *Dorilas* on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology*, since in the past ten years the using of this name, in preference of *Pipunculus*, was predominate. During this period among the authors, who were continuing the use of the name *Pipunculus*, only Mr. Collin of Newmarket calls for mention, having been in the years 1929-39 one of the leading workers in the family, with C. H. Curran, Th. Becker and P. Sack. As I know, he has written in the last ten years only some twelve pages on DORILAIIDAE, while during this period Professor Hardy and I have been publishing revisions, catalogues and major contributions on this family. In order to make Professor Hardy's letter more complete, my papers in which I have used the names DORILAIIDAE and *Dorilas* are as follows:—

1938, Die Verbreitung der Dorylaiden im hist. Ungarn., *Fragmenta faunistica Hungarica*, Budapest 1 : 35-36.

1939, Das System der Familie Dorylaidae, *Zool. Anz.* 125 : 15-23.

1939, Die Untergattung Dorylomorpha m. von Tömösvaryella m., *Zool. Anz.* 125 : 49-69

1939, Beckerias pannonicus, eine neue Gattung und Art der Dorylaiden, *Zool. Anz.* 126 191-195.

- 1940, Vorarbeiten zu einer Monographie der Dorylaiden, *Zool. Anz.* **132** : 149-169.
- 1943, Sammelreferat der bionomisch-ökologischen Literatur über Dorylaiden, ferner über die Morphologie der jüngeren Entwicklungsstadien (Ei, Larva, Puparium), *Deutsch. ent. Z.* **1943** : 1-27.
- 1944, Die Gattung Tömösvaryella Acz., *Ann. hist. nat. Mus nat. Hungar.* (Pars zool.) **37** : 75-130.
- 1948, Grundlagen einer Monographie der Dorylaiden, *Acta zool. Lilloana*, Tucumán, **6** : 5-168. t/

It should be noted that in 1948 I dropped the Kertész 1910 (nec Becker) emendation of the generic name to *Dorylas*, which I had previously used, following the majority of the Central European dipterists : Becker, Séguy, Sack, Enderlein, etc.

In the past ten years I have used consequently the name *Dorilas* in all my identifications on these flies.

It should be also noted that, in addition to the monographic work of P. Sack (1935), C. Kertész also used these names in the following papers :—

- 1910, *Catalogus Dipteriorum*, Budapest **7** : Syrphidae, Dorylaidae, etc.
- 1912, "H. Sauter's Formosa Ausbeute : Dorylaidae," *Ann. Hist. nat. Mus. nat. Hungar.* (Pars zool.) **10** : 285-299 (emendation).
- 1915, "Contributions to the knowledge of the Dorylaidae," *loc. cit.* **13** : 386-392.

Th. Becker in 1915 dropped also *Pipunculus* in favor of *Dorilas*.

In this way the name of *Dorilas* is now well established in the museums and in the literature throughout all the zoo-geographical regions.



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