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LYMANTRIIDAE HAMPSON, [1893] (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA):
 COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PRECEDENCE OVER ORGYIIDAE
 WALLENGREN, 1861, AND DASYCHIRIDAE PACKARD, 1864.
 Z.N.(S) 2216

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I support wholeheartedly the application by Fletcher, Nye and Ferguson for the Commission to exercise its plenary powers to give nomenclatural precedence to the family-group name LYMANTRIIDAE Hampson, [1893] over the family-group names ORGYIIDAE Wallengren, 1861 and DASYCHIRIDAE Packard, 1864. They have presented a compelling and well documented case for this proposal.

To their impressive list of references, in which the name LYMANTRIIDAE has been used, could be added the *Zoological Record* in which the name has been used consistently since 1924. Previously in this journal members of the family were included in the BOMBYCIDAE (1864–68), in the LIPARIDAE

(1869–91 and 1922–23), and in the Bombyces *s.l.* (1892–1921). In Australian entomological literature the name LIPARIDAE was widely used until 1924 (e.g. Turner, 1920), when Turner began using the name LYMANTRIADAE [*sic*], having been informed that the generic name *Liparis* Ochsenheimer, 1810 was a homonym of *Liparis* Scopoli, 1777 (Turner, 1924). Since then the name LYMANTRIIDAE has been used consistently in the Australian literature, including Tillyard (1926), McKeown (1942), Turner (1946) and Common (1970). Entomologists in Australia would therefore welcome action by the Commission in granting the proposed conservation of this family-group name.

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For over fifty years all authors dealing with African representatives of this family have used the family-group name LYMANTRIIDAE, therefore I wholly support the proposal that this name should have precedence over ORGYIIDAE Wallengren, 1861, and DASYCHIRIDAE Packard, 1864.

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In the interests of a desirable progress towards stability in nomenclature, the name LYMANTRIIDAE Hampson, [1893], almost universally used in twentieth century applied and special literature, should in future have precedence over the earlier but little used names ORGYIIDAE Wallengren, 1861, and DASYCHIRIDAE Packard, 1864.

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It is my great pleasure to support the proposal from the viewpoint of



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