

## OPINION 1468

### *Orbicula* Cuvier, 1798 (Brachiopoda, Inarticulata): suppressed

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Orbicula* Cuvier, 1798 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Orbicula* Cuvier, 1798 is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology, as suppressed in (1) above.

#### History of Case 2545

An application for the suppression of the generic name *Orbicula* Cuvier, 1798 was received on 13 December 1985 from Dr C. H. C. Brunton (*British Museum (Natural History), London*) and Dr D. E. Lee (*University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand*) and was published in BZN 43: 210–212 (July 1986). Notice of the case was sent to ten general and four specialist journals.

The new nominal genus with *Patella anomala* Müller, 1776 as type species mentioned in BZN 43: 210 (para. 1) is *Neocrania* Lee & Brunton, 1986 (*Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History), (Geology)*, 40(4): 141–160).

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals in BZN 43: 211–212. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1987 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 15: Alvarado, Bayer, Bernardi, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Gruchy, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Melville, Schuster, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 7: Cogger, Hahn, Holthuis, Lehtinen, Mroczkowski, Savage, Thompson.

Ride was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Halvorsen and Starobogatov.

Cogger, Hahn, Holthuis, Savage and Thompson commented that as *Orbicula* had so long been disused its reintroduction as a valid generic name, with *Patella anomala* Müller, 1776 as type species, would cause no more confusion than the introduction of a new objective synonym, i.e. *Neocrania* Lee & Brunton, 1986. In reply Dr Brunton drew attention to paras. 4–9 of the application, which mentioned the fact that *Orbicula* had for long been associated with discinid rather than craniid brachiopods, so causing confusion.

#### Original reference

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Orbicula* Cuvier, 1798, *Tableau élémentaire de l'histoire naturelle des animaux*, p. 435.



International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. 1988. "Opinion 1468."  
*The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature* 45, 62–62.

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