

OPINION 992

GAMMARUS AEQUICAUDA (MARTYNOV, 1931) (CRUSTACEA, AMPHIPODA): VALIDATED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy:

(a) *plumicornis* Costa, 1853, as published in the binomen *Gammarus plumicornis*;

(b) *tunetanus* Simon, 1885, as published in the binomen *Gammarus tunetanus*.

(2) The specific name *aequicauda* Martynov, 1931, as published in the binomen *Carcinogammarus aequicauda*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2492.

(3) The following specific names, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *plumicornis* Costa, 1853, as published in the binomen *Gammarus plumicornis* (Name No. 985);

(b) *tunetanus* Simon, 1885, as published in the binomen *Gammarus tunetanus* (Name No. 986).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1900)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. J. H. Stock in August 1969. Dr. Stock's application was sent to the printer on 18 December 1969 and was published on 5 June 1970 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **27** : 49–50. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184). No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 10 February 1972 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (72)3 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **27** : 49–50. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 10 May 1972 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twelve (12), received in the following order: Holthuis, Eisenmann, Vokes, Jaczewski, Mayr, Bonnet, Melville, Tortonese, Brinck, Forest, Binder, Ride

Negative votes—three (3): Simpson, Lemche, Sabrosky.

On Leave of Absence—one (1) : Munroe.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Alvarado.

Commissioners Kraus and Starobogatov returned late affirmative votes. Commissioner Simpson commented as follows: "*G. aequicauda* and *G. plumicornis* have been used for supposedly distinct species and their synonymy (not

established in any case by data submitted) is a zoological, not a nomenclatural problem. It would therefore be incorrect for the Commission to suppress either one on nomenclatural grounds. The status of *G. tunetanus* is a separate question and should be so submitted."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

aequicauda, *Carcinogammarus*, Martynov, 1931, *Zool. Jahrb. (Syst.)* **60** (3/4) : 593
plumicornis, *Gammarus*, Costa, 1853, *Rendiconto Soc. R. Borbonica, Acad. Sci*
 (n.s.) **1853** : 176

tunetanus, *Gammarus*, Simon, 1885, *Explor. sci. Tunisie* : 6

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (72)3 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 992.

R. V. MELVILLE
 Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

24 August 1972



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