

OPINION 997

ANOPLIUS DUFOUR, 1844 (INSECTA, HYMENOPTERA):
DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE
PLENARY POWERS TOGETHER WITH THE
DESIGNATION OF NEOTYPES FOR TWO NOMINAL
SPECIES

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the nominal genus *Anoplius* Dufour, 1834, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Sphex nigerrimus* Scopoli, 1763, is hereby designated to be the type of that genus.

(2) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-specimens for the nominal species *Sphex nigerrimus* Scopoli, 1763, and *Sphex niger* Fabricius, 1775, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside and it is directed that these species be interpreted according to the neotypes described by van der Vecht and Menke, 1968.

(3) The generic name *Anoplius* Dufour, 1834 (gender: masculine), type-species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Sphex nigerrimus* Scopoli, 1763, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1976.

(4) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *nigerrimus* Scopoli, 1763, as published in the binomen *Sphex nigerrimus* (type-species of *Anoplius* Dufour, 1834) (Name No. 2497);
- (b) *niger* Fabricius, 1775, as published in the binomen *Sphex niger* (Name No. 2498).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1845)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. J. van der Vecht and Dr. A. S. Menke in May 1968. The application was sent to the printer on 13 May 1968 and was published on 27 September 1968 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 120–124. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case 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) and to seven entomological serials.

Dr. H. Lemche asked that, if the proposals were approved by the Commission, the Opinion should make it clear that the neotype specimens were chosen by the applicants and not by the Commission. The wording of the present Ruling met with his approval.

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)9 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 122–123. At the close of the

prescribed voting period on 10 May 1972 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—fifteen (15), received in the following order: Holthuis, Simpson, Lemche, Eisenmann, Vokes, Mayr, Bonnet, Sabrosky, Jaczewski, Melville, Tortonese, Brinck Forest, Binder, Ride.

Negative votes—none (0).

On leave of absence—one (1): Munroe.

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

Commissioners Kraus and Starobogatov returned late affirmative votes.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

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

Anoplius Dufour, 1834, *Annls Soc. ent. Fr.* **2** : 484

niger, *Sphex*, Fabricius, 1775, *Syst. Ent.* : 350

nigerrimus, *Sphex*, Scopoli, 1763, *Ent. Carn.* : 295

The following are the original references for the selection of neotypes for species concerned in the present Ruling:

For *Sphex niger* Fabricius, 1775 : van der Vecht & Menke, 1968, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 122–123

For *Sphex nigerrimus* Scopoli, 1763 : van der Vecht & Menke, 1968, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 123

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (72)9 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. 997.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

14 September 1972



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