

**OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL THAT THE PLENARY
POWERS SHOULD BE USED TO VALIDATE THE NAMES
"CRANGON" FABRICIUS, 1798, AND "ALPHEUS" FABRI-
CIUS, 1798 (CLASS CRUSTACEA, ORDER DECAPODA)**

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Having read Dr. L. B. Holthuis' proposals relating to the generic names *Crangon* Weber, 1795, and *Crangon* Fabricius, 1798 (1951, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 2 : 69-72), I wish to present the following :

In connection with my work on the Caridea of the coast of Washington, I have had occasion over a period of several years to investigate rather thoroughly the *Crangon-Crago* matter. I greatly appreciate the clear statement of the case by Dr. Holthuis and deeply regret that something of this sort was not brought forth and an appeal for suspension of the rules presented years ago by someone among the older carcinologists who disregarded *Opinion* 17 of the Commission.

At this point nothing can be done to completely obliterate the existing confusion. I quite agree with Dr. Fenner A. Chace and Dr. Albert H. Banner that the change proposed by Dr. Holthuis is not now desirable. Such a change would needlessly magnify unfortunate systematic procedure of the past and due to the large volume and range of the literature involved, be very cumbersome to put into effect. Experienced workers in systematic zoology are capable of comprehending a brief statement of the facts concerned and other workers readily accept their findings. It seems to me expedient that the proposals of Dr. Holthuis be rejected.

**ANTRAG : "ALLE NAMEN, DIE AUF DIE OFFIZIELLE
LISTE GESETZT WORDEN SIND, SOLLEN ALS ENDGÜLTIG
GESCHÜTZT GELTEN, UNTER SUSPENSION DER
REGELN"**

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Begründung :

Als die Internationale Kommission 1922 durch *Opinion* 73 die Offizielle Liste begonnen hat, hat sie ihre damalige Absicht in folgendem Satz ausgedrückt : "The chief object is to give to the general zoologists a list of names which, so far as can humanly be determined, seem to be beyond dispute." Jeder Name, den die Kommission damals und in den nächsten Jahren auf die Liste gesetzt hat, soll nur "kraft seines eigenen Rechts" einen Platz auf der Liste haben. Die Aufnahme in die Liste sollte den betreffenden Namen nicht schützen, sondern nur die Wahrscheinlichkeit aussprechen, dass er voraussichtlich keines Schutzes bedürfe. Diese Namen sind nicht gegen ein älteres Homonym geschützt, sobald ein solches zum Vorschein kommt.

Infolge dieser Verzichts auf Schutz der Namen hat die Liste die Zoologen nicht befriedigt. Die Kommission hat daher allmählich ihre Politik geändert, indem sie

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