

faunistical literature, in manuals for identification of Heteroptera and aquatic fauna, and is often quoted in textbooks on zoogeography as an example of an aquatic insect with a boreo-montane distribution. I could add numerous further references, but it does not seem to be necessary.

It should be noted that the institution holding the neotype of *Corisa propinqua* is the Department of Entomology, National Museum, Prague (there is no 'Prague Museum'). Details of the locality, as confirmed by Dr V. Švihla of the National Museum, should read 'Jezero Plöckensteinské. Dr Štolc'.

Comment on the proposed conservation of the specific name of *Cicada clavicornis* Fabricius, 1794 (currently *Asiraca clavicornis*; Insecta, Homoptera)
(Case 3040; see BZN 55: 93–95)

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We support the proposed conservation of the specific name of *Cicada clavicornis* Fabricius, 1794, the type species of *Asiraca* Latreille, [1796], by the suppression of two senior synonyms, *Cimex aequinoctialis* Scopoli, 1763 and *Cicada quadristriata* Gmelin, 1790. Both *Cicada clavicornis* and *Asiraca* were placed on Official Lists in Opinion 602 (August 1961), so the action proposed will accord with earlier Commission decisions.

Comment on the proposed conservation of the names *Labrus* Linnaeus, 1758, *Cichlasoma* Swainson, 1839 and *Polycentrus* Müller & Troschel, 1849 by the designation of neotypes for *Labrus bimaculatus* Linnaeus, 1758 and *L. punctatus* Linnaeus, 1758 (Osteichthyes, Perciformes)
(Cases 2880 and 2905; see BZN 50: 215–218 and 53: 106–111; 54: 106–116, 187–189)

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I fully support Dr Sven Kullander's comments and proposals (published in BZN 54: 109–115, June 1997), in contrast to those made by Drs R. Fricke & C.J. Ferraris (BZN 53: 106–111, June 1996). I see Dr Kullander's proposals as the most appropriate way to handle the problems outlined by Fricke & Ferraris and by Kullander (BZN 54: 109–110). Kullander's proposals take into account historical facts and are most suited to maintain stability and universality in the nomenclature. I therefore ask the Commission to accept them.

I am also in favour of retaining *Labrus punctatus* Linnaeus, 1758 in the *NANDIDAE*, as defined by Kullander's (1983) lectotype. I have read Dr H.-J. Paepke's comments (published in BZN 54: 187–189, September 1997) on *Labrus punctatus* and *Polycentrus schomburgkii* Müller & Troschel, 1849 and do not agree with his proposals (revised from those in Case 2880; BZN 50: 215–218) to give the name *schomburgkii* precedence over *punctatus*. I do not consider the exercise of counting



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