

## OPINION 1910

***Roeslerstammia* Zeller, 1839 and *Acrolepiopsis* Gaedike, 1970 (Insecta, Lepidoptera): conserved by the designation of *Alucita erxlebella* Fabricius, 1787 as the type species of *Roeslerstammia*; and *A. erxlebella* and *Tinea imella* Hübner, [1813] (currently *Roeslerstammia erxlebella* and *Monopis imella*): specific names conserved by the designation of a neotype for *A. erxlebella***

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### Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers all previous type fixations are hereby set aside:
  - (a) for the nominal species *Alucita erxlebella* Fabricius, 1787 and the male specimen in the Zoological Museum, Copenhagen, labelled 'WÜRTTEMBERG Grossbottwar Wunnenstein 22.5.69 L. Süssner', with its genitalia on a slide labelled 'TIN 58 ♂ P. Huemer', is designated as the neotype;
  - (b) for the nominal genus *Roeslerstammia* Zeller, 1839 and *Alucita erxlebella* Fabricius, 1787 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *Roeslerstammia* Zeller, 1839 (gender: feminine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1)(b) above *Alucita erxlebella* Fabricius, 1787;
  - (b) *Acrolepiopsis* Gaedike, 1970 (gender: feminine), type species by original designation *Roeslerstammia assectella* Zeller, 1839.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *erxlebella* Fabricius, 1787, as published in the binomen *Alucita erxlebella* and as defined by the neotype designated in (1)(a) above (specific name of the type species of *Roeslerstammia* Zeller, 1839);
  - (b) *assectella* Zeller, 1839, as published in the binomen *Roeslerstammia assectella* (specific name of the type species of *Acrolepiopsis* Gaedike, 1970);
  - (c) *imella* Hübner, [1813], as published in the binomen *Tinea imella*.
- (3) The name *Chrysitella* Zeller, 1839 is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology (an unused objective synonym of *Roeslerstammia* Zeller, 1839).

### History of Case 2963

An application for the designation of *Alucita erxlebella* Fabricius, 1787 as the type species of *Roeslerstammia* Zeller, 1839, thereby conserving both *Roeslerstammia* and *Acrolepiopsis* Gaedike, 1970, and for the replacement of the syntype of *A. erxlebella* with a neotype, so conserving the specific names of *A. erxlebella* and *Monopis imella* (Hübner, [1813]), was received from Dr Peter Huemer (*Tiroler Landesmuseum*



*Ferdinandeum, Naturwissenschaften, Innsbruck, Austria*) on 25 January 1995. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 54: 22–25 (March 1997). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1998 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 54: 24. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1998 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bock, Bouchet (part), Brothers, Cocks, Cogger, Dupuis, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Schuster, Song, Štys

Negative votes — none.

No vote was received from Macpherson.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Bouchet voted against placing the specific name of *Tinea imella* Hübner, [1813] on the Official List. Lehtinen commented: 'I am voting for this case because action by the Commission is necessary. This is an example of the long usage of names being based on a history of misidentification and mistakes in applying the basic rules of nomenclature'.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Acrolepiopsis* Gaedike, 1970, *Entomologische Abhandlungen. Staatliche Museum für Tierkunde in Dresden*, 38(1): 32.

*assectella*, *Roeslerstammia*, Zeller, 1839, *Isis* (von Oken), 1839(3): col. 203.

*Chrysitella* Zeller, 1839, *Isis* (von Oken), 1839(3): col. 203.

*erxlebella*, *Alucita*, Fabricius, 1787, *Mantissa insectorum*, vol. 2, p. 256.

*imella*, *Tinea*, Hübner, [1813], *Sammlung europäischer Schmetterlinge*, Lepidoptera part 8, *Tinea* part 4, pl. 50, fig. 347.

*Roeslerstammia* Zeller, 1839, *Isis* (von Oken), 1839(3): col. 202.



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