

## OPINION 862

GALERITA FABRICIUS, 1801 (INSECTA, COLEOPTERA): VALIDATION  
UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Galerita* Gouan, 1770, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Law of Priority and the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The generic name *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801 (gender: feminine), type-species, by designation by Latreille, 1810, *Carabus americanus* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1800.

(3) The specific name *americanus* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Carabus americanus* (type-species of *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2253.

(4) The family-group name GALERITINI Lacordaire, 1854 (type-genus *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Number 429.

(5) The generic name *Galerita* Gouan, 1770 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1923.

(6) The following family-group names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) GALERITININI Jeannel, 1949 (type-genus *Galeritina* Jeannel, 1949) (a junior objective synonym of GALERITINI Lacordaire, 1854) (Name No. 436);
- (b) GALERITULINI Jedlicka, 1963 (type-genus *Galeritula* Strand, 1936) (a junior objective synonym of GALERITINI Lacordaire, 1854) (Name No. 437).

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1739)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Hans Reichardt in January 1966, as a request for the rejection of *Galerita* Gouan, 1770, as a nomen nudum. Dr. Reichardt's application was sent to the printer on 7 February 1968 and was published on 29 April 1968 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 60–61.

The proposals were supported by Prof. T. C. Barr, Jr., Prof. P. J. Darlington, Jr., Dr. J. Nègre, Prof. C. H. Lindroth, Prof. G. E. Ball, Prof. R. T. Bell (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 75–76), Dr. D. R. Whitehead, Dr. B. P. Moore and Dr. J. Mateu. Dr. P. Basilewsky (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 74–75) opposed the proposals.

On discovering that *Galerita* Gouan, 1770, was not a nomen nudum Dr. China (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 77) revised the proposals to request suppression of that name under the plenary powers.



## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 27 February 1968 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (68)5 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 77. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 27 May 1968 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-three (23), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Melville, Mayr, Vokes, Boschma, Obruchev, Munroe, Brinck, Sabrosky, Lemche, Starobogatov, Uchida, Alvarado, Eisenmann, Tortonese, Binder, Evans, Simpson, Kraus, Bonnet, Mertens, Ride.

Negative votes—one (1): Jaczewski.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): do Amaral, Forest.

Mr. R. V. Melville made the following note in returning his Voting Paper: "Workers on Echinoidea should note this case; and workers in the Carabidae may care to note the existence of the family-group name Galeritidae Gray, 1825, type-genus *Galerites* Lamarck, 1801, in the Echinoidea. Although the generic names involved are not homonyms, and although there is no homonymy at family-group level at present, a problem might present itself in the future."

## ORIGINAL REFERENCES

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

*americanus*, *Carabus*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) **1** : 415

*Galerita* Fabricius, 1801, *Syst. Eleutheratorum* **1** : 214

*Galerita* Gouan, 1770, *Historia Piscium* : 123

GALERITINI Lacordaire, 1854, *Gén. Coléopt.* **1** : 79

GALERITININI Jeannel, 1949, *Faune de l'Empire Français* **11** : 1057

GALERITULINI Jedlicka, 1963, *Entom. Abhandl. Museum Dresden.* **28** : 474.

The following is the original reference for the designation of a type-species for a genus involved in the present Ruling:

For *Galerita* Fabricius, 1801 : Latreille, 1810, *Consid. gén. Anim. Crust. Arachn. Ins.* : 426.

## CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (68)5 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. 862.

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W. E. CHINA  
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London  
20 June 1968



International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. 1968. "Galerita Fabricius, 1801 (Insecta, Coleoptera): validation under the plenary powers." *The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature* 25, 98–99.

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