OPINION 1610

Valanginites Sayn in Kilian, 1910 (Mollusca, Ammonoidea): authorship of the genus confirmed, and Ammonites nucleus Roemer, 1841 confirmed as the type species

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that:

(a) the specific name nucleus Phillips, 1829, as published in the binomen Ammonites nucleus, and all other uses of that name prior to Ammonites nucleus Roemer, 1841, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy;

(b) all designations of type species for the nominal genus Valanginites Sayn in Kilian, 1910 before that of Ammonites nucleus Roemer, 1841 by Roman (1938) are hereby set aside.

(2) The name Valanginites Sayn in Kilian, 1910 (gender: masculine), type species Ammonites nucleus Roemer, 1841 by the ruling in (1)(b) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name nucleus Roemer, 1841, as published in the binomen Ammonites nucleus (specific name of the type species of Valanginites Sayn in Kilian, 1910), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name nucleus Phillips, 1829, as published in the binomen Ammonites nucleus and as suppressed in (1)(a) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2403

An application for the confirmation of Sayn in Kilian (1910) as the author of the nominal genus Valanginites, and of Ammonites nucleus Roemer, 1841 as its type species, was received from Drs P.F. 'KdiSNSon (University College London, London, U.K.) and E. Kemper (Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe, Hannover, Fed. Rep. Germany) on 18 January 1982. After correspondence, and a delay arising from a move by the senior author, the case was published in BZN 46: 91-93 (June 1989). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. Comments in support were received from Mr C.W. Wright (Beaminster, Dorset, U.K.) and Dr M.K. Howarth (The Natural History Museum, London, U.K).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 46: 92. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1990 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Ueno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Macpherson.

Schuster was on leave of absence.

(2) Daniel Strickman

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The authors of the application were kind enough to allow me to review their manuscript before it was published. I completely agree with their action. Their arguments are well-reasoned and pertinent. If the application is accepted, it will result in a useful stabilization of nomenclature for two important mosquito species of the northern hemisphere.

Comments on the proposed confirmation of Griffithides longiceps Portlock, 1843 as the type species of Griffithides Portlock, 1843 (Trilobita)

(Case 2762; see BZN 47: 114–116)

(1) Sir James Stubblefield

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I strongly support the proposal to accept Griffithides longiceps Portlock, 1843 as the type species of Griffithides Portlock, 1843, and Asaphus globiceps Phillips, 1836 as the type species of Bollandia Reed, 1943.

(2) H.B. Whittington

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I write in strong support of Case 2762, the application to conserve the meaning of the Carboniferous trilobite name Griffithides Portlock, 1843 by setting aside an overlooked type species designation. I believe it will be in the best interests of stability in nomenclature to take this action.
OPINION 1608

*Marssonopora* Lang, 1914 (*Bryozoa, Cheilostomata*: *Membranipora densispina* Levinsen, 1925 designated as the type species)

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous designations of type species for the nominal genus *Marssonopora* Lang, 1914 are hereby set aside and *Membranipora densispina* Levinsen, 1925 is designated as type species.

(2) The name *Marssonopora* Lang, 1914 (gender: feminine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Membranipora densispina* Levinsen, 1925, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *densispina* Levinsen, 1925, as published in the binomen *Membranipora densispina* (specific name of the type species of *Marssonopora* Lang, 1914), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2657

An application for the designation of *Membranipora densispina* Levinsen, 1925 as the type species of *Marssonopora* Lang, 1914 was received from Dr P.D. Taylor (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) & Prof E. Voigt (*Universität Hamburg, Hamburg, Fed. Rep. Germany*) on 8 April 1988. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 46: 88–90 (June 1989). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 46: 89–90. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1990 the votes were as follows:

- Affirmative votes — 27: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holtzuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink
- Negative votes — none.
- Schuster was on leave of absence.

Original references

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

- *densispina, Membranipora, Levinsen, 1925, Kongelige Danske Videnskabernes Selskabs Skrifter, Naturvidenskabelig og mathematisks Afdeling, 8, 7: 316.*