**OPINION 1682**

*Plusia falcifera* Kirby, 1837 (currently *Anagrapha falcifera*; Insecta, Lepidoptera): specific name conserved

**Ruling**

1. Under the plenary powers the specific name *norma* Hübner, [1821], as published in the binomen *Autographa norma*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
2. The name *falcifera* Kirby, 1837, as published in the binomen *Plusia falcifera*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
3. The name *norma* Hübner, [1821], as published in the binomen *Autographa norma* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 2748**

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Plusia falcifera* Kirby, 1837 was received from Drs J. Donald Lafontaine (Biosystematics Research Centre, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, Canada) and Robert W. Poole (Systematic Entomology Laboratory, c/o National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.) on 13 November 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 48: 41-42 (March 1991). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 1991 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 48: 42. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1992 the votes were as follows:

- Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink
- Negative votes — 2: Bouchet and Lehtinen.
- No vote was received from Savage.

**Original references**

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

- *norma, Autographa*, Hübner, [1821], *Verzeichniss bekannter Schmettlinge*, p. 251.

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