

OPINION 1694

Rhinapion Beguin-Billecocq, 1905 (Insecta, Coleoptera): conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Rhinapion* Motschulsky, 1868, and all uses of the name *Rhinapion* prior to the publication of *Rhinapion* Beguin-Billecocq (1905), are hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Rhinapion* Beguin-Billecocq, 1905 (gender: neuter), type species by subsequent designation by Kissinger (1968) *Apion* (*Rhinapion*) *pauxillum* Beguin-Billecocq, 1905, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *pauxillum* Beguin-Billecocq, 1905, as published in the binomen *Apion* (*Rhinapion*) *pauxillum* (specific name of the type species of *Rhinapion* Beguin-Billecocq, 1905), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *Rhinapion* Motschulsky, 1868, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2757

An application for the conservation of *Rhinapion* Beguin-Billecocq, 1905 was received from Drs M.A. Alonso-Zarazaga (*Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Madrid, Spain*) and M. Wanat (*Muzeum Przyrodnicze, Uniwersytet Wroclawski, Wroclaw, Poland*) on 5 February 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 48: 135–136 (June 1991). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment by one of the authors, Dr M.A. Alonso-Zarazaga, published in BZN 48: 324 (December 1991), amplified the application. He noted that there is no known synonym or replacement name for *Rhinapion* Beguin-Billecocq, and to invent one would upset the established nomenclature of the taxon. He also noted that new species of economic importance are awaiting description.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1992 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 48: 136. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1992 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 3: Bouchet, Holthuis and Thompson.

Bouchet commented that since the name *Rhinapion* Beguin-Billecocq, 1905 had apparently not been much used since its description a replacement name could have been proposed without upsetting the 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:

pauxillum, *Apion* (*Rhinapion*), Beguin-Billecocq, 1905, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, 74: 147.

Rhinapion Beguin-Billecocq, 1905, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, **74**: 147.
Rhinapion Motschulsky, 1868, *Horae Societatis Entomologicae Rossicae*, **6**(supplement): 86.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Apion* (*Rhinapion*) *pauxillum* Beguin-Billecocq, 1905 as the type species of the nominal genus *Rhinapion* Beguin-Billecocq, 1905:

Kissinger, D.G. 1968. *Curculionidae subfamily Apioninae of North and Central America with reviews of the world genera of Apioninae and world subgenera of Apion* Herbst (Coleoptera), p. 28.



International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. 1992. "Opinion 1694."
The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature 49, 246–247.

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