COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED USE OF THE PLENARY POWERS TO VALIDATE
THE GENERIC NAME *IDOTEA* FABRICIUS, 1798, AND MATTERS CONNECTED
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It is always much easier for the few specialists in a certain group to remember changes of
ames and to realize what recently dug-out names stand for. The difficulties in changes of generic
ames for reasons of priority are much more strongly felt by the general zoologists who use
uch names only now and then but, on the other hand, meet a much larger number of them.
The name *Mesidotea*, now proposed to be suppressed for reasons of priority, is such a name
which is well known by quite a large number of zoologists working in ecology and zoogeography,
whereas *Saduria* is almost completely unknown.

Hence, I propose to accept the proposals of Dr. Heegaard and Dr. Holthuis as set out in
Bull. zool. Nomencl. 17 : 182–184 with the following changes:

(1)(e) add “to suppress the generic name *Saduria* Adams, 1852, for the purposes of the Law
of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy”;

(2)(e) replace by “*Mesidotea* Richardson, 1905 (gender: feminine) type-species, by designa-
tion by Heegaard and Holthuis, 1960, *Oniscus entomon* Linnaeus, 1758”;

(3)(f) replace by “*entomon* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Oniscus entomon*
type-species of *Mesidotea* Richardson, 1905”;

(4)(i) replace by “*Saduria* Adams, 1852, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1)(e)
above.”
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