OPINION 593

WESTENOCERAS FOERSTE, 1924 (CEPHALOPODA): EMENDED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS TO WESTONOCERAS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby directed that of the two original spellings used by Foerste in 1924 for a generic name based upon the surname of T. C. Weston, the spelling Westonoceras be accepted as the valid original spelling.

(2) The generic name Westonoceras (emend. under the plenary powers of Westenoceras) Foerste, 1924 (gender: neuter), type-species, by original designation, Cyrtoceras manitobense Whiteaves, 1890, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1408.

(3) The specific name manitobense Whiteaves, 1890, as published in the binomen Cyrtoceras manitobense (type-species of Westonoceras Foerste, 1924) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1720.

(4) The generic name Westenoceras Foerste, 1924 (ruled under the plenary powers to be an invalid original spelling for Westonoceras) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1476.

(5) The family name westonoceratidae Teichert, 1933 (type-genus Westonoceras Foerste, 1924) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name No. 295.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1226)

The present case was submitted to the Commission on 15 May 1957 by Professor R. C. Moore on behalf of Dr. Rousseau H. Flower and Dr. Curt Teichert. After some amendment it was sent to the printer on 27 February 1959 and was published on 1 October 1959 in Bull. zool. Nomencl. 17: 54–55.

Public Notice of the possible use by the Commission of its plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the Bulletin as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Bull. zool. Nomencl. 4: 51–56) and to three palaeontological serials. No comment was received from any source.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 31 May 1960 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (60)11 either for or against the proposals set out in Bull. zool. Nomencl. 17: 55. At the end of the prescribed Voting Period on 31 August 1960 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—eighteen (18), received in the following order: Holthuis, Prantl, Mayr, Uchida, Brinck, Dymond, Hering, Riley, Obruchev, Lemche, Kühnelt, Bonnet, Vokes, Jaczewski, Stoll, Tortonese, do Amaral, Key.

Negative vote—three (3): Miller, Mertens, Poll.

Votes not returned—two (2) : Boschma, Cabrera.
Leave of Absence—one (1) : Bradley.

A late affirmative vote was returned by Commissioner Hemming.

Dr. M. Poll, in a note on his voting paper, gave the reasons for his negative vote as follows: “1. parce que la description originale a été établie sous le nom de Westenoceras ; 2. parce que Foerste en 1926 a sélectionné le même nom ; 3. Foerste n’a pas explicitement dédié le nom à T. C. Weston.”

**ORIGINAL REFERENCES**

*manitobense, Cyrtoceras, Whiteaves, 1890, Proc. Trans. roy. Soc. Canada 7(4) : 80*

*Westenoceras Foerste, 1924 (an invalid original spelling for Westonoceras)*


*WESTONOCERATIDAE Teichert, 1933, Palaeontographica 78, Abt. A : 216*

**CERTIFICATE**

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (60)11 were cast as set out above, that the proposal set out 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. 593.

N. D. RILEY
Secretary

W. E. CHINA
Assistant Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London
21 September 1960

**COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES FOR THE GENUS NORELLA BITTNER, 1890. Z.N.(S.) 1445**

(See Volume 17, pages 349–350)

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With regard to the proposal to use the plenary powers to designate *Rhynchonella refractifrons* as the type-species of *Norella*, I am in complete agreement with the action proposed by Dr. D. V. Ager. In this case strict adherence to the Rules of Nomenclature would create a very great degree of confusion.

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