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Secretary's Note

The following articles constitute some of the recommendations for the amendment of the Code received from zoologists for discussion at the XVI International Congress of Zoology, Washington, 1963. As in volume 15 of the *Bulletin*, concerned with proposals for the XV Congress, 1958, articles have been arranged by Case and Document Numbers so that all comments relative to the same problem may be easily identifiable. They are printed here with a view to bringing them to the notice of all zoologists who are invited to put forward their views.

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Zoological Nomenclature*

CASE No. 1

REQUEST FOR A CLARIFICATION OF ARTICLE 40 (Z.N.(S.) 1508)

(By J. Chester Bradley (*President, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*))

Article 40 deals with the conservation of a family-group name based on a type-genus which, after 1960, is discovered to be a junior synonym. It gives however no directive in the case of a family-group name based on a type-genus which was discovered to be a junior synonym before 1960. In this case it has been general practice to change the family-group name to one based on the valid name of the type-genus, so that there are sometimes two or more family-group names competing in present use for the same taxon.

It is suggested that the present Article 40 should become Article 40a and that a new paragraph (b) be added as follows :

If two family-group names based on type-genera that are objective synonyms or are regarded as subjective synonyms are competing in use for the same taxon, the family-group name based on the senior synonym shall prevail, regardless of whether it itself has priority.



Bradley, J. Chester. 1962. "Request for a clarification of Article 40 (Z.N.(S.) 1508)." *The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature* 19, 337.

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