OPINION 2084 (Case 3209)

Lesteva Latreille, 1797 and Anthophagus Gravenhorst, 1802 (Insecta, Coleoptera): usage conserved by the designation of L. punctulata Latreille, 1804 as the type species of Lesteva

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the widespread usage of the generic names Lesteva Latreille, 1797 and Anthophagus Gravenhorst, 1802 for two groups of Palaearctic rove beetles (family Staphylinidae) is conserved by designating Lesteva punctulata Latreille, 1804 as the type species of Lesteva.

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Ruling

(1) Under the plenary power all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus Lesteva Latreille, 1797 are hereby set aside and Lesteva punctulata Latreille, 1804 is designated as the type species.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
   (a) Lesteva Latreille, 1797 (gender: feminine), type species by designation in (1) above Lesteva punctulata Latreille, 1804;
   (b) Anthophagus Gravenhorst, 1802 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Thomson (1859) Staphylinus alpinus Fabricius, 1793.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
   (a) punctulata Latreille, 1804, as published in the binomen Lesteva punctulata (specific name of the type species of Lesteva Latreille, 1797);
   (b) alpinus Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen Staphylinus alpinus (specific name of the type species of Anthophagus Gravenhorst, 1802).

History of Case 3209

An application to conserve the usage of the generic names Lesteva Latreille, 1797 and Anthophagus Gravenhorst, 1802 for two groups of Palaearctic rove beetles (family Staphylinidae), by designating Lesteva punctulata Latreille, 1804 as the type species of Lesteva, was received from Lee H. Herman (American Museum of Natural History, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.) on 6 June 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 191-193 (September 2002). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2003 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 59: 192. At the close of the voting period on 1 March
2004 the votes were as follows: 23 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, Calder and Ng were on leave of absence.

**Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802, *Coleoptera Microptera Brunsvicensia . . ., p. 120.*

The following is the reference for the designation of *Staphylinus alpinus* Fabricius, 1793 as the type species of the nominal genus *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802:


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