OPINION 1532


Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:
   (a) violaceus De Quatrefages, 1865, as published in the binomen Sipunculus (Phascolosomum) violaceus;
   (b) spinicauda De Quatrefages, 1865, as published in the binomen Sipunculus (Phymosomum) spinicauda;
   (c) guttatus De Quatrefages, 1865, as published in the binomen Sipunculus (Phymosomum) guttatus;
   (d) javanensis De Quatrefages, 1865, as published in the binomen Sipunculus (Phymosomum) javanensis.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
   (a) vastus Selenka, De Man & Bülow, 1884, as published in the binomen Sipunculus vastus;
   (b) stephensoni Stephen, 1942, as published in the binomen Physcosoma stephensoni;
   (c) scolops Selenka, De Man & Bülow, 1884, as published in the binomen Phymosoma scolops;
   (d) pacificum Keferstein, 1866, as published in the binomen Phascolosoma pacificum.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
   (a) violaceus De Quatrefages, 1865, as published in the binomen Sipunculus (Phascolosomum) violaceus and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
   (b) spinicauda De Quatrefages, 1865, as published in the binomen Sipunculus (Phymosomum) spinicauda and as suppressed in (1)(b) above;
   (c) guttatus De Quatrefages, 1865, as published in the binomen Sipunculus (Phymosomum) guttatus and as suppressed in (1)(c) above;
   (d) javanensis De Quatrefages, 1865, as published in the binomen Sipunculus (Phymosomum) javanensis and as suppressed in (1)(d) above.

History of Case 2450

An application for the conservation of four sipunculan names was received from Dr J. I. Saiz Salinas (Universidad del Pais Vasco, Bilbao, Spain) on 8 September 1983. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 44: 89–91 (June 1987). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. A comment in support by Professor E. B. Cutler (Utica College of Syracuse University, Utica, New York, U.S.A.) was published in BZN 44: 261 (December 1987).
Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 44: 90. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 13: Bayer, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kraus, Melville, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Uéno

Negative votes — 4: Kabata, Lehtinen, Mroczkowski and Willink.

No votes were returned by Dupuis, Gruchy and Trjapitzin.

Kabata commented that he did not consider unacceptable the inconvenience which might be caused if the senior names were adopted. Willink commented that as the types of Quatrefages have now been studied and recognised the senior names could be used. Bayer said that he supported the application as two of the species concerned in the application (Phascolosoma scolops and P. pacificum) are widespread and have served as a basis for a substantial number of publications in the fields of ecology, physiology and biochemistry, in addition to having numerous references in the taxonomic literature.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:


* pacificum, Phascolosoma, Keferstein, 1866, Nachrichten von der Königlichen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften (und der Georg-Augusts-Universität), 1866(14): 221. 


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