Simulium austeni Edwards, 1915 (Insecta, Diptera): not to be given precedence over Simulium posticatum Meigen, 1838

Ruling
(1) It is hereby confirmed that the Principle of Priority is to apply whenever the following specific names are considered synonyms:
   (a) austeni Edwards, 1915, as published in the binomen Simulium austeni;
   (b) posticatum Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen Simulia [sic] posticata.
(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
   (a) austeni Edwards, 1915, as published in the binomen Simulium austeni;
   (b) posticatum Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen Simulia [sic] posticata.

History of Case 2560
An application for precedence to be given to Simulium austeni Edwards, 1915 over Simulium posticatum Meigen, 1838 was received from Dr I. A. Rubtsov (Zoological Institute, Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., Leningrad) on 6 March 1986. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 350-351 (December 1986). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. Opposing comments were received from Drs R. W. Crosskey (British Museum (Natural History), London) and H. Zwick (Max-Planck Institut für Limnologie, Schlitiz, Fed. Rep. Germany), published in BZN 44: 129-131 (June 1987), and from Dr M. Ladle and Mr J. A. B. Bass (Freshwater Biological Association, Wareham, Dorset, U.K.), published in BZN 44: 257 (December 1987). An opposing comment was also received from Mr D. C. Currie (Department of Entomology, University of Alberta, Canada) who pointed out that the senior name posticatum had been in general use for the pest species known as the ‘Blandford fly’ since the synonymy with austeni was published in 1981.

Decision of the Commission
On 1 March 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 350. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 1: Dupuis
No votes were returned by Bernardi, Gruchy and Trjapitzin.

The proposal to give precedence to the name austeni Edwards, 1915 over the name posticatum Meigen, 1838 was thus not carried.

Original references
The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:
posticatum, Simulium, Meigen, 1838, Systematische Beschreibung der bekannten europäischen zweiflügeligen Insecten, vol. 7 (Suppl. vol.), p. 52.

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