OPINION 1514

_Liasis_ Gray, 1842 (Reptilia, Serpentes): _Liasis mackloti_ Duméril & Bibron, 1844 designated as the type species

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous designations of type species for the nominal genus _Liasis_ Gray, 1842 are hereby set aside and _Liasis mackloti_ Duméril & Bibron, 1844 is designated as type species.

(2) The name _Liasis_ Gray, 1842 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, _Liasis mackloti_ Duméril & Bibron, 1844, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The entry on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology for the name _mackloti_ Duméril & Bibron, 1844, as published in the binomen _Liasis mackloti_, is to record that it is the type species of _Liasis_ Gray, 1842 by designation in (1) above.

History of Case 2439

An application for the designation of _Liasis mackloti_ Duméril & Bibron, 1844 as the type species of _Liasis_ Gray, 1842 was received from Mr A. F. Stimpson (British Museum (Natural History), London) and Dr S. B. McDowell (Rutgers University, New Jersey, U.S.A.) on 22 April 1983. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 330–334 (December 1986). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received. Further information concerning _Liasis mackloti_ Duméril & Bibron may be found in the application by Dr L. D. Brongersma (1968; BZN 25: 55–59), including (p. 57) the designation of a lectotype.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 332. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 20: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Hahn and Holthuis.

No votes were returned by Bernardi, Gruchy, and Trjapitzin.

Original reference

The following is the original reference to a name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

_Liasis_ Gray, 1842, Zoological Miscellany, p. 44.

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