**OPINION 1639**

*Shoemakerella* Pirlot, 1936 (Crustacea, Amphipoda): *Lysianax cubensis* Stebbing, 1897 designated as the type species

**Ruling**

1. Under the plenary powers all designations of type species for the nominal genus *Shoemakerella* Pirlot, 1936 are hereby set aside and *Lysianax cubensis* Stebbing, 1897 is designated as the type species.

2. The name *Shoemakerella* Pirlot, 1936 (gender: feminine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Lysianax cubensis* Stebbing, 1897, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

3. The name *cubensis* Stebbing, 1897, as published in the binomen *Lysianax cubensis* (specific name of the type species of *Shoemakerella* Pirlot, 1936), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 2711**

An application for the designation of *Lysianax cubensis* Stebbing, 1897 as the type species of *Shoemakerella* Pirlot, 1936 was received from Drs J.K. Lowry & H.E. Stoddart (Australian Museum, Sydney South, Australia) on 21 February 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 46: 236–238 (December 1989). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Comments in support from Drs Richard C. Brusca (Natural History Museum, San Diego, California, U.S.A.) and Michael H. Thurston (Institute of Oceanographic Sciences, Godalming, Surrey, U.K.) were published in BZN 47: 213 (September 1990), together with a note of a further comment in support from Prof Krzysztof Jaźdżewski (Uniwersytet Łódzki, Łódź, Poland).

A further supportive comment was received from Prof Michael F. Gable (Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut, U.S.A.), writing also on behalf of Dr Eric Lazo-Wasem (Peabody Museum, Yale University, U.S.A.). Prof Gable noted that a recent discovery of several of Dana’s amphipod type specimens from the U.S. Exploring Expedition (1838–1842) in the Peabody Museum did not include *Lysianassa nasuta* Dana, 1853, corroborating para. 4 of the application. Prof Gable also wrote: ‘Our work on the lysianassids in Bermuda strongly agrees with the evidence stated by Lowry & Stoddart that *L. nasuta* does not fit Pirlot’s concept of *Shoemakerella*. It is evident to us that only by considering Pirlot’s description of *Shoemakerella* to be based on *Lysianax cubensis* Stebbing, 1897 can the historical evidence and current findings on these amphipods be in harmony and be correct. We believe that *Shoemakerella* is indeed a valid genus and we support wholeheartedly Lowry & Stoddart’s proposed designation of *Lysianax cubensis* as the type species’.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 46: 237. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1991 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 28: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert,
Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno and Willink

Negative votes — none.

Original references

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


Shoemakerella Pirlot, 1936, Siboga-Expeditie, Monographs, 33e: 264.

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