

## OPINION 1789

### *Pseudoxyrhopus* Günther, 1881 (Reptilia, Serpentes): conserved

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Homalocephalus* Jan, 1863 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Pseudoxyrhopus* Günther, 1881 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy of the replaced nominal genus *Homalocephalus* Jan, 1863, *Homalocephalus heterurus* Jan, 1863, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *heterurus* Jan, 1863, as published in the binomen *Homalocephalus heterurus* (specific name of the type species of *Pseudoxyrhopus* Günther, 1881) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *Homalocephalus* Jan, 1863, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

#### History of Case 2814

An application for the conservation of *Pseudoxyrhopus* Günther, 1881 was received from Profs Hobart M. Smith and David Chiszar (*University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.*), Kenneth L. Williams (*Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana, U.S.A.*) and Van Wallach (*Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.*) on 8 April 1991. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 284–286 (December 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 285. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1994 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Bouchet and Holthuis.

No votes were received from Halvorsen and Lehtinen.

Dupuis and Ride were on leave of absence.

Holthuis commented that the genus was small (eight species) with a restricted distribution and it was his view that substitution of the name *Pseudoxyrhopus* by *Homalocephalus* was unlikely to cause confusion.

#### Original references

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

*heterurus*, *Homalocephalus*, Jan, 1863, *Archivio per la Zoologia, l'Anatomia e la Fisiologia*, 2(2): 286.

*Homalocephalus* Jan, 1863, *Archivio per la Zoologia, l'Anatomia e la Fisiologia*, 2(2): 286.

*Pseudoxyrhopus* Günther, 1881, *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, (5)7(41): 359.



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*The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature* 51, 289–289.

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