PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO OPINION 908: CORRECTION OF
THE TYPE-SPECIES OF LILIOCERIS REITTER, 1912. Z.N.(S.) 1786


As an adjunct to Opinion 908 (1970, Bull. zool. Nomencl. 27 : 12) there was a reference to Attelabus lili Scopoli as the type-species of Lilioceris by virtue of the designation by Chûjô (1951, Tech. Bull. Kagawa Agric. Coll. 2 (2) : 80). This is in error, for the designation by Heinze (1937, Bull. Mus. r. Hist. Nat. Belg. 13 (25) : 3) of Chrysomela merdigera L. (an originally included species) takes precedence over that of Chûjô. The error was made in the original appeal to the Commission by Selman and Smith (1967, Bull. zool. Nomencl. 24 (2) : 116). The type-species designation by Heinze does not alter the accepted zoological application of Lilioceris, for, as recognized by Selman and Smith, lili Scopoli and merdigera L. are congeneric.

I therefore propose that the entry 2(c) of Opinion 908 set out on page 12 of Bull. zool. Nomencl. 27, be altered to read:

(2)(c) Lilioceris Reitter, 1912 (gender:masculine), type-species by subsequent designation by Heinze, 1937, Chrysomela merdigera Linnaeus, 1758 (Name No. 1893).

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