OPINION 1363

ANCISTROCEROIDES SAUSSURE, 1855 (INSECTA, HYMENOPTERA): TYPE SPECIES DESIGNATED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers all type species designations hitherto made for the nominal genus Ancistroceroides Saussure, 1855 are hereby set aside and Odynerus alastoroides Saussure, 1853 is hereby designated as type species of that genus.

(2) Entry No. 1857 in the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology is hereby corrected to read: Ancistroceroides Saussure, 1855 (gender: masculine), type species, by designation under the plenary powers, Odynerus alastoroides Saussure, 1853.

(3) The specific name alastoroides Saussure, 1853, as published in the binomen Odynerus alastoroides (specific name of the type species of Ancistroceroides Saussure, 1855) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 3037.

(4) The word ‘formerly’ is hereby inserted before the words ‘(type species of Ancistroceroides Saussure, 1855)’ in the entry under Name Number 2330 in the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2280

An application for the use of the plenary powers to designate a type species for Ancistroceroides Saussure, 1855, was first received from Professor J. van der Vecht (Burg Vermeerlaan 4, 3881 GZ Putten, The Netherlands) on 11 September 1978. After some correspondence a revised draft was sent to the printers on 19 April 1983 and published on 15 July 1983 in Bull. zool. Nom., vol. 40, pp. 111–113. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the Bulletin as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general and nine entomological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 15 April 1985 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1985)31 for or against the proposals set out in Bull. zool. Nom. vol. 40, pp. 112–113. At the close of the voting period on 15 July 1985 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — nineteen (19) received in the following order: Melville, Cocks, Holthuis, Halvorsen, Trjapitzin, Mroczkowski, Corliss, Lehtinen, Ride, Binder, Alvarado, Willink, Uéno, Brinck, Dupuis, Kraus, Bayer, Heppell, Bernardi

Negative Votes — three (3) received in the following order: Savage, Hahn, Schuster.
Late affirmative votes were returned from Cogger and Starobogatov.

No vote was returned by Gruchy.

The following comments were returned by members of the Commission with their voting papers:

Hahn: 'I think it would be better to give precedence to Paralastor over Ancistroceroides, if they are thought to be synonyms, and to leave the type species untouched.'

Kraus: 'Unfortunately, no comment has been received by any hymenopterologist. The reasons presented in the application are in part based on subjective taxonomic judgement. With regard to this aspect, and with regard to the fact that the Commission had been asked in 1967 to accept the designation of a type species for the genus Ancistroceroides Saussure, 1855, which was practically a nomen dubium at the time, I have difficulty voting in favour of the present proposal. It seems that the name Paralastor Saussure, 1855 has been widely used and thus should be retained.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCE

The following is the original reference for the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:
alastoroides, Odynerus, Saussure, 1853, Monographie des guêpes solitaires ou de la tribu des Euméniens, pp. 129–286, p. 147.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (85)31 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decisions so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1363.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
12 August 1985

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