

OPINION 888

SALPA FORSSKÅL, 1775 (TUNICATA): VALIDATED UNDER THE
PLENARY POWERS WITH DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES FOR
THALIA BLUMENBACH, 1798

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers:

- (a) the generic name *Salpa* G. Edwards, 1771, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Law of Priority and the Law of Homonymy;
- (b) all designations of type-species for the nominal genus *Thalia* Blumenbach, 1798, made prior to the present ruling, are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Salpa democratica* Forsskål, 1775, is hereby designated to be the type-species of that genus.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Salpa* Forsskål, 1775 (gender : feminine), type-species by designation by J. P. Waal, 1966, *Salpa maxima* Forsskål, 1775 (Name No. 1850);
- (b) *Thalia* Blumenbach, 1798 (gender : feminine), type-species by designation under the plenary powers in (1)(b) above, *Salpa democratica* Forsskål, 1775 (Name No. 1851);
- (c) *Cyclosalpa* Blainville, 1827 (gender : feminine), type-species by designation by Metcalfe, 1918, *Salpa pinnata* Forsskål, 1775 (Name No. 1852).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *maxima* Forsskål, 1775, as published in the binomen *Salpa maxima* (type-species of *Salpa* Forsskål, 1775) (Name No. 2314);
- (b) *democratica* Forsskål, 1775, as published in the binomen *Salpa democratica* (type-species of *Thalia* Blumenbach, 1798) (Name No. 2315);
- (c) *pinnata* Forsskål, 1775, as published in the binomen *Salpa pinnata* (type-species of *Cyclosalpa* Blainville, 1827) (Name No. 2316).

(4) The generic name *Salpa* G. Edwards, 1771, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1)(a) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1956.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1651)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Miss J. P. Waal in May 1964. The application was revised in July 1966 and was sent to the printers on 16 August 1966. It was published on 20 December 1966 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 232–234. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184). No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 19 August 1968 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (68)29 either for or against the

proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 234. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 19 November 1966 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-three (23), received in the following order: China, Simpson, Vokes, Jaczewski, Munroe, Mayr, Holthuis, Uchida, Eisenmann, Obruchev, Mertens, Kraus, Lemche, Tortonese, Starobogatov, Bonnet, Sabrosky, Ride, Binder, Brinck, Melville, Alvarado, Forest.

Negative votes—none (0).

Commissioner do Amaral returned a late affirmative vote.

The following comments were sent by Commissioners when returning their voting papers:

Prof. E. Tortonese (24.x.68): "This is evidently a case in which it is absolutely necessary to have an agreement, in order to avoid a very regrettable upsetting of the current nomenclature of well known animals."

Dr. W. D. L. Ride (12.xi.68): "The case as submitted may require further action. Citation by the applicant of Opinion 5 and the Commissioner's recommendation concerning Article 25 of the Règles is of historical interest only (Arts. 78(b) (f), 84(a)). The case before us is one in which a new edition or reprint of a pre-1758 work has been issued in 1798 in which the author has employed, and published within the meaning of the Code (Arts. 8, 9), the name *Thalia* for a kind of animal for the first time since the starting point of Zoological Nomenclature. The availability of *Thalia* from 1798 depends upon its author and the work in question having fulfilled the requirements of Art. 11(c). Since Browne 1798 is not available to me, I ask the Secretary to examine it and to decide whether it meets these requirements. If it does the Commission must be asked to use the plenary powers to suppress *Thalia* Browne, 1789 for the purposes of both the Laws of Priority and Homonymy."

Mr. R. V. Melville (18.xi.68): "Although it is immaterial in the context of this application, the author is wrong to suppose that Opinion 5 and the proceedings of the Paris 1948 Congress have any standing as authorities; see Article 84."

In answer to Dr. Ride's comment, although it was not realised at the time of publication of Miss Waal's application, Browne's work of 1789 was suppressed under the plenary powers in Opinion 89 and placed on the Official Index (Title No. 41) in Direction 32.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Cyclosalpa Blainville, 1827, *Dict. Sci. nat.* **47** : 108

democratica, *Salpa*, Forsskål, 1775, *Descr. Anim.* : 112

maxima, *Salpa*, Forsskål, 1775, *Descr. Anim.* : 112

pinnata, *Salpa*, Forsskål, 1775, *Descr. Anim.* : 112

Salpa Edwards, 1771, in Catesby, *Nat. Hist. Carolina* [ed. 3] **2** : 17

Salpa Forsskål, 1775, *Descr. Anim.* : 112

Thalia Blumenbach, 1798, *Abbild. nat. Gegenstände*, Gottingen : 30

The following is the original reference for type-species designations for nominal genera concerned in the present Ruling:

For *Cyclosalpa* Blainville, 1827 : Metcalf, 1918, *Bull. U.S. nat. Mus.* 100, 2
(2) : 9

For *Salpa* Forsskål, 1775 : J. P. Waal, 1966, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 23 : 232

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (68)29 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 888.

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London

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The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature 26, 136–138.

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