OPINION 889

HYPAEUS SIMON, 1900 (ARANAEA): DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the nominal genus Hypaeus Simon, 1900, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside and the nominal species Acragas taczanowskii Mello-Leitão, 1948, is hereby designated to be the type-species of that genus.

(2) The generic name Hypaeus Simon, 1900 (gender: masculine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, Acragas taczanowskii Mello-Leitão, 1948, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology, with the Name Number 1853.

(3) The specific name taczanowskii Mello-Leitão, 1948, as published in the binomen Acragas taczanowskii (type-species of Hypaeus Simon, 1900) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2317.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1771)

The present case was submitted to the Office of the Commission by Dr. M. E. Galiano in July 1966. The application was sent to the printer on 16 August 1966 and was published on 20 December 1966 in Bull. zool. Nomencl. 23: 256. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers 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 comments were received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 January 1969 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (69)1 either for or against the proposals set out in Bull. zool. Nomencl. 23: 256. At the close of the voting period on 9 April 1969 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty (20), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Lemche, Mayr, Obruchev, Vokes, Forest, Evans, Jaczewski, Simpson, do Amaral, Uchida, Bonnet, Binder, Mertens, Kraus, Alvarado, Sabrosky, Starobogatov, Tortonese.

Negative Votes—two (2): Eisenmann, Melville.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Munroe, Ride.

Prof. Brinck returned a late affirmative vote. The following comments were made by Commissioners when returning their voting papers:

Mr. E. Eisenmann (20.i.69): "The application does not indicate how stability will be served by changing the type-species designated by the author of the genus. That the author 'had before him' a specimen that (according to the applicant) is congeneric but was an undescribed species at the time of erection of the genus is not reason for a shift of type—as long as the generic characters given do fit the designated type-species. If so the type-species was not misidentified."

Mr. R. V. Melville (30.i.69): "The applicant admits that the nominal species cited by Simon as type-species of Hypaeus is congeneric with the species that he had before him. No reason has been given why Attus porcatus Taczanowski,
1872 is unsuitable as type-species of *Hypaeus*, nor for using the plenary powers to prevent it remaining so."

**Original References**

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


**CERTIFICATE**

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (69)I 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. 889.

R. V. MELVILLE  
*Secretary*

W. E. CHINA  
*Assistant Secretary*

*International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*

*London*  
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