OPINION 634

MYALINA TRIGONALIS ETHERIDGE, 1876 (PELECYPODA); SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name trigonalis R. Etheridge, jr., 1876, as published in the binomen Myalina ? trigonalis, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name trigonalis R. Etheridge, jr., 1876, as published in the binomen Myalina ? trigonalis, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name No. 700.

(3) The specific name obesa R. Etheridge, jr., 1878, as published in the binomen Anthracoptera ? obesa, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1818.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1446)

The present case originated in a statement submitted to the Assistant Secretary to the Commission by Mr. R. B. Wilson in October 1959. An application was prepared and was sent to the printer on 4 March 1960. It was published on 16 September 1960 in Bull. zool. Nomencl. 17 : 351–352. Public Notice of the possible use by the Commission of its plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the Bulletin as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Bull. zool. Nomencl. 4 : 51–56). Mr. Wilson’s proposals were supported by Dr. J. Wier (Bull. zool. Nomencl. 18 : 142) and opposed by Dr. E. Raymond Hall.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 3 July 1961 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (61)23 either for or against the proposals set out in Bull. zool. Nomencl. 17 : 352. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 3 October 1961 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes—twenty-one (21), received in the following order: Boschma, Holthuis, Lemche, Munroe, Mayr, Vokes, Obruchev, Key, Hering, Prantl, Hemming, Riley, Jaczewski, Uchida, Mertens, Tortonese, Brinck, Kühnelt, Bonnet, Alvarado, Poll.

Negative Votes—two (2): do Amaral, Bradley.

On Leave of Absence—three (3): Evans, Miller, Stoll.

Commissioner Bradley made the following comment in returning his negative vote: “Since trigonalis has not been used since 1876 it has become a nomen oblitum and under action taken at London cannot be resurrected as a valid senior synonym of obesa. Action under the plenary powers is not required. I therefore vote against (1); in favour of (2) as properly reworded; in favour of (3).”
The revised version of the Code has not been accepted as being in force before its publication. Neither at the time of publication of this application, nor at the time of voting on it was the provision referred to by Prof. Bradley published.

**Original References**

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

*obesa, Anthracoptera, R. Etheridge, jr., 1878, Quart. J. geol. Soc. Lond. 34 : 12, pl. 1, figs. 12–14*

*trigonalis, Myalina, R. Etheridge, jr., 1876, Ann. Mag. nat. Hist. (4) 18 : 103, pl. 4, fig. 8*

**Certificate**

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (61)23 were cast as set out above, that the proposal set out 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. 634.

N. D. RILEY
Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
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