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DIRECTION 8

CO-ORDINATION OF TWO ENTRIES ON THE " OFFICIAL LIST OF SPECIFIC NAMES IN ZOOLOGY " MADE IN " DIRECTIONS " 4 AND 5 RESPECTIVELY WITH CORRESPONDING ENTRIES PREVIOUSLY MADE BY A RULING GIVEN IN " OPINION " 299

RULING :—(1) The entries on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* made by Rulings given respectively in *Direction 4* and *Direction 5* in respect of the under-mentioned names are hereby deleted from the foregoing *List*, the names in question having previously been placed on that *List* as Names Nos. 146 and 147 respectively by the Ruling given in *Opinion 299* :—

(a) *migratorius* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the combination *Gryllus migratorius*; (b) *religiosus* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the combination *Gryllus religiosus*.

(2) The Name Nos. on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* allotted to the names placed thereon by Ruling (2)(x) to (2)(z) in *Direction 4* are hereby altered from Names Nos. 264 to 266 respectively to Name Nos. 263 to 265 respectively.

(3) The under-mentioned Name Nos. allotted to names placed on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* by Ruling (1) in *Direction 5* are hereby varied as follows :—

(a) The Name Nos. allotted to the names specified in sub-sections (a) to (m) in the foregoing Ruling to be changed from Names Nos. 267 to 279 respectively to Name Nos. 266 to 278 respectively; (b) The Name Nos. allotted to the names specified in sub-sections (o) to (u) in the foregoing Ruling to be changed from Name Nos. 281 to 287 respectively to Name Nos. 279 to 285 respectively.

I.—THE ORIGIN OF THE PRESENT “ DIRECTION ”

On 29th September 1954 Mr. Francis Hemming, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, placed the following Minute on the Commission's Files Z.N.(G.)67/3 and Z.N.(G.)67/4 respectively :—

Overlap between Rulings given in “ Direction ” 4 and “ Direction ” 5 respectively and an earlier Ruling given in “ Opinion ” 299

MINUTE by Francis Hemming, C.M.G., C.B.E.

(Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature)

It has always been recognised that, until the various *Official Lists* and *Official Indexes* are published in book form, complete with alphabetical indexes, there is a serious and growing risk that, as time goes on and additions are made to these *Lists* and *Indexes*, entries may be made in respect of names already so entered. Two such cases have just come to light. The circumstances are described below.

2. In view of the widespread and growing demand by zoologists for the publication of the *Official Lists* in book form and of the importance attached to this method for stabilising nomenclature by each of the last two International Congresses of Zoology (Thirteenth Congress, Paris, 1948 ; Fourteenth Congress, Copenhagen, 1953), the International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature recently decided, notwithstanding the difficulties of its financial position, to establish a post of Research Assistant for a period of one year, the duty of the zoologist to be appointed to this post being to clear up, under the directions of the Secretary to the Commission, all outstanding matters arising on the *Official Lists* (in particular the entries made in *Opinions* published in the period prior to 1937, when the bibliographical and other particulars now required in respect of entries made on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* were not normally furnished in the *Opinions* by which names were placed on that *List*) and to prepare the *Official Lists* and *Official Indexes* for publication. After consultation with the Professors of Zoology at the constituent Colleges of London University, the Trust, on the nomination of Professor H. Munro Fox, F.R.S., Professor of Zoology at Bedford College, offered this post to Miss D. N. Noakes, B.Sc., by whom it was accepted. Miss Noakes has taken up her appointment and her first task has been to compile alphabetical card indexes of the names already placed

upon the *Official Lists* and *Official Indexes*. It was in so doing that she detected the overlap between *Directions* 4 and 5 on the one hand and *Opinion* 299 on the other hand, with which the present Minute is concerned.

3. The overlap so detected arose in the following way. In the Spring of this year I submitted to the Commission proposals designed to give effect, so far as *Opinions* 134—160 were concerned, to the General Directive issued to the Commission by the Thirteenth International Congress of Zoology, Paris, 1948, that it should complete the codification of decisions taken in *Opinions* rendered prior to 1948 by placing on the appropriate *Official Lists* and *Official Indexes* the names dealt with in those *Opinions*. The decision taken by the Commission on the foregoing proposals was embodied partly in *Direction* 4 (1954, *Ops. Decls. int. Comm. zool. Nomencl.* 2 : 629—652) and partly in *Direction* 5 (1954, *ibid.* 2 : 653—664). Included among these proposals were proposals for placing on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* the specific names of the type species of the genera *Mantis* Linnaeus, 1767, and *Locusta* Linnaeus, 1758, the names of which had been placed on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* by the Rulings given in *Opinions* 149 and 158 respectively. Both these species had originally been described by Linnaeus in 1758 in the genus *Gryllus* (as *Gryllus religiosus* and *Gryllus migratorius* respectively). In submitting the foregoing proposals in relation to these two names, I overlooked the fact that in a Report (1951, *Bull. zool Nomencl.* 2 : 112—118) which I had previously made for the purpose of clearing up all matters outstanding in regard to the subdivisions of the genus *Gryllus* Linnaeus, 1758, consequent upon the proposed application in full to that generic name of the provisions of *Opinion* 124, I had already recommended that the two foregoing names should be placed on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* and that these proposals had been approved by the Commission. The decision so taken has since been embodied in *Opinion* 299 (1954, *Ops. Decls. int. Comm. zool. Nomencl.* 8 : 209—236). The consequence of this oversight on my part was that the specific name *migratorius* Linnaeus, 1758, was placed on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* as Name No. 146 in *Opinion* 299 and as Name No. 263 in *Direction* 4 and that the name *religiosus* Linnaeus, 1758, was placed on the foregoing *List* as Name No. 147 in the above *Opinion* and as Name No. 280 in *Direction* 5. In the case of each of these names the later entry will need now to be deleted. At the same time it will be necessary to make consequential adjustments in the Name Nos. allotted to names placed on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* subsequent to the making thereon of the first of the duplicate entries referred to above.

II.—THE DECISION TAKEN IN THE PRESENT CASE

2. On 2nd October 1954 Mr. Francis Hemming, Secretary to the Commission executed in duplicate the following Minute of Direction which he placed in the Commission's Files Z.N.(G.)67/3 and Z.N.(G.)67/4 dealing respectively with *Direction 4* and *Direction 5* :—

Measures to be taken to co-ordinate two entries on the " Official List of Specific Names in Zoology " made by Rulings included in " Direction " 4 and " Direction " 5 respectively with corresponding entries previously made by a Ruling given in " Opinion " 299

MINUTE OF DIRECTION by FRANCIS HEMMING,
C.M.G., C.B.E.

(Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature)

Having reviewed the circumstances in which, as set forth in my Minute of 29th September 1954, Rulings placing two names on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* given in *Opinion 299* were inadvertently repeated at a later date, the first, relating to the name *migratorius* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the combination *Gryllus migratorius*, in a Ruling given in *Direction 4*, the second, relating to the name *religiosus* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the combination *Gryllus religiosus*, in *Direction 5*, I am of the opinion that the necessary corrections should be made as soon as possible but that, as these corrections relate only to the mechanics of the *Official Lists* and do not involve the consideration of any nomenclatorial issues, it is not necessary to submit this matter to the Commission for a fresh vote and that the required action can properly be taken by myself in virtue of the discretion vested in me by reason of holding the Office of Secretary to the International Commission.

2. Now, therefore, as Secretary to the International Commission, I hereby direct that the required adjustments be made by the following Rulings and that these Rulings be incorporated in a *Direction* to be rendered and published in Volume 2 of the work *Opinions and Declarations rendered by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*, the volume in which have been published *Direction 4* and *Direction 5*, the *Directions* now to be amended in the manner specified below :

[Here followed the three Rulings reproduced as Rulings (1) to (3) in the present *Direction*].

3. The present *Direction* shall be known as *Direction Eight* (8) of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

DONE in London, this Second day of October, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Four.

*Secretary to the International Commission
on Zoological Nomenclature*

FRANCIS HEMMING

