

OPINIONS RENDERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL
NOMENCLATURE

OPINIONS 105 TO 114

OPINION 105

DYBOWSKI'S (1926) NAMES OF CRUSTACEA SUPPRESSED

SUMMARY.—Resolved: That all of the new names published in Dybowski's paper, "Synoptisches Verzeichnis mit kurzer Besprechung der Gattungen und Arten dieser Abteilung der Baikalflohkrebse" (Bul. internat. Acad. polonaise d. Sci. et d. Lettres, 1926, No. 1-2b, Jan.-Feb., pp. 1-77), are hereby suppressed, under Suspension of the Rules, on the ground that the application of the Rules in accepting them "will clearly result in greater confusion than uniformity."

STATEMENT OF CASE.—Miss Mary J. Rathbun, U. S. National Museum, has raised the question whether the new designations of genera and species published by Dybowski in "Synoptisches Verzeichnis mit kurzer Besprechung der Gattungen und Arten dieser Abteilung der Baikalflohkrebse" (Bul. internat. Acad. polonaise d. Sci. et d. Lettres, 1926, No. 1-2b, Jan.-Feb., pp. 1-77) are available under the International Rules, and, if so, whether it is not wise to suppress the names under Suspension of the Rules on the ground that the acceptance of the names under the Rules will produce greater confusion than uniformity. As examples of the designations in question she cites the following:

Siemienkiewiczichnogammarus siemienkiewitschi,
Cancelloidokytodermogammarus (Loveninuskytodermogammarus) loveni,
Axelboeckkiakytodermogammarus carpenteri,
Garjajewiakytodermogammarus derzhawini,
Parapallaseakytodermogammarus borowskii var. *dichrous*.

DISCUSSION.—Notice to the zoological profession that this paper was under consideration for suppression by Suspension of the Rules has been published as follows:

Monitore Zoologico Italiano, Anno 38, 1927, no. 9.
Nature, vol. 119, June 4, 1927.
Zoologischer Anzeiger, Band 71 (11-12), 28 Mai, 1927.

The question was laid before the Commission in the Secretary's Circular Letter No. 120, dated March, 1927, with request for sugges-

tions from the Commissioners as to the best procedure. In reply to this Circular Letter the following suggestions reached the Secretary:

A.—The following thirteen Commissioners suggested that the names should be suppressed: Apstein, Bather, Chapman, Haudlirsch, Horvath, D. S. Jordan, K. Jordan, Kolbe, Loenbberg, Neveu-Lemaire, Stiles, Stone, and Warren;

B.—The following four Commissioners suggested that the names should be suppressed under Suspension of the Rules: Horvath, D. S. Jordan, Stiles, and Warren;

C.—The following two Commissioners suggested that the names are not available under the Rules: Kolbe and Loenbberg;

D.—The following two Commissioners suggested that the question be further discussed in the August 1927 (Budapest) meeting of the Commission: Bather and Monticelli;

E.—The following four Commissioners suggested that the author be requested to introduce for the designations in question names more in harmony with the International Rules: Chapman, D. S. Jordan, Stiles, and Stone;

F.—Not voting, four Commissioners: Dabbene, Hartert, Ishikawa, and Stejneger.

The Secretary has communicated with Professor Dybowski who has replied that he intended the designations in question only as provisional names and that the time is not ripe for the definite naming of these animals.

In Circular Letter No. 138 the attention of the Commission was invited to the fact that 13 of the 14 Commissioners who replied to Circular Letter No. 120 agree that the designations in question should be suppressed and that the only difference of opinion which had arisen involved the question whether they should be suppressed under Suspension of the Rules or whether they should be declared not available under the Rules. No Commissioner voted for the retention of the names.

Professor Dybowski's statement that the names were only provisional implies that an author may suggest a provisional name and afterwards change it. This suggestion, however, is not in harmony with Article 32.

The names are available under Article 8j & k, and the question that they have not been published has not been raised by any person. On the contrary, they have distinctly been published under Article 25 of the International Rules.

It appears to the Secretary that of the two methods suggested (namely, suspension or unavailability) the suppression of the names under Suspension of the Rules is the more practical, although either method would bring about the same ultimate result, and that by suppressing the names under Suspension of the Rules, this result will

be obtained without the necessity for discussion of the question of availability, upon which there would appear to be a possible difference of opinion. Accordingly, the Secretary recommends that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

Resolved: That all of the new names published in Dybowski's paper, "Synoptisches Verzeichnis mit kurzer Besprechung der Gattungen und Arten dieser Abteilung der Baikalflohkrebse" (Bul. internat. Acad. polonaise d. Sci. et d. Lettres, 1926, No. 1-2h, Jan.-Feb., pp. 1-77), are hereby suppressed under Suspension of the Rules on the ground that the application of the Rules in accepting them "will clearly result in greater confusion than uniformity."

Opinion prepared by Stiles.

Opinion concurred in by thirteen (13) Commissioners: Apstein, Bather, Chapman, Handlirsch, Hartert, Horvath, Jordan (D. S.), Jordan (K.), Kolbe, Stone, Stiles, Ishikawa, Warren.

Opinion dissented from by no Commissioner.

Not voting, four (4), Commissioners: Dabbene, Loennberg, Neveu-Lemaire, Stejneger.