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OPINION 143.

ON THE METHOD OF FORMING THE FAMILY NAME FOR *TINGIS* FABRICIUS, 1803 (INSECTA, HEMIPTERA).

SUMMARY.—The family name for *Tingis* Fabricius, 1803 (*Syst. Rhynq.* : 124) in the Hemiptera is TINGIDAE.

I.—THE STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

The question of the form of the family name for *Tingis* Fabricius, 1803, was first submitted to the Commission by Dr. A. C. Baker of East Falls Church, Va., in January 1923. The following is the text of Dr. Baker's note :—

TINGITIDAE, TINGIDAE OR TINGIIDAE.

Dr. W. J. Holland (1922, *Science* 56 : 334-335) contends that Fabricius intended to use the word *Tinge*, the Latin equivalent of the Greek word *Tlyyys*, of which the stem is *Tingit*. He, therefore, makes the family name TINGITIDAE.

Dr. H. M. Parshley (1922, *Science* 56 : 449) contends that Fabricius coined the word *Tingis* and did not base it on the Greek word *Tlyyys* and following the genitive used by Fabricius he makes the word an i-stem and writes the family name TINGIDAE.

Dr. Baker (1922, *Science* 56 : 603) contends that Fabricius introduced into the Latin language the Greek word *Tlyyys* and since an i-stem in Greek made it an i-stem in Latin. Following Article 4 strictly he writes the family name TINGIIDAE.

Dr. Holland (1922, *Science* 56 : 535-536) replies to Dr. Parshley objecting to his stand.

Dr. Parshley (1922, *Science* 56 : 754) accepts Dr. Baker's conclusion about the origin of the word but objects to the application of Article 4. He claims that Dr. Baker introduced this use in such cases.

Dr. Baker informs you of the fact that the word mentioned by Dr. Parshley, APHIIDAE, has been in the literature for ten years so that others have followed Article 4 in such cases.

Shall Article 4 be followed?

II.—THE SUBSEQUENT HISTORY OF THE CASE.

2. After preliminary consideration, the Commission decided to invite the International Committee on Entomological Nomenclature to advise them on the merits of the alternatives submitted in connection with this name.

3. This case was considered by the International Committee on Entomological Nomenclature at its meeting held in Paris in 1932 during the Meeting of the Fifth International Congress of Entomology. The International Committee adopted the following Resolution in this matter :—

TINGIDAE *versus* TINGITIDAE *et* TINGIIDAE.

Tingis étant un nom latin dont le génitif est *Tingis* et l'accusatif *Tingim*, TINGIDAE est la forme correcte du nom de la famille.

4. This Resolution was unanimously confirmed by Section VIII of the Fifth International Congress of Entomology and by the said Congress in Concilium Plenum on the presentation of the Report of the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

III.—THE CONCLUSION REACHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

5. The resolution adopted by the International Committee on Entomological Nomenclature was considered by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature at the second meeting of the Session held at Lisbon in September 1935 during the meeting of the Twelfth International Congress of Zoology. At this meeting, which was held on the morning of Monday, 16th September 1935, the International Commission agreed (Lisbon Session, 2nd Meeting, Conclusion 12) :—

- (a) that the form of the family name to be established for the genus *Tingis* Fabricius, 1803 (*Syst. Rhyng.* : 124) in the Hemiptera was a question which affected entomologists alone and in consequence was a matter on which the Commission could properly be guided by the International Congress of Entomology ;
- (b) in view of (a) above, to render an Opinion declaring that the family name for the genus *Tingis* Fabricius, 1803, was TINGIDAE.

6. At their meeting held at Lisbon on the morning of Tuesday, 17th September 1935 (Lisbon Session, 4th Meeting, Conclusion 17), Commissioner Francis Hemming, who, in the absence through ill-health of Dr. C. W. Stiles, Secretary to the Commission, had been charged with the duty of preparing the Report to be submitted by the Commission to the Twelfth International Congress of

Zoology, reported that, in accordance with the request made by the Commission on the previous day (Lisbon Session, 3rd Meeting, Conclusion 3 (b)) he had made a start with the drafting of the Commission's Report; that he made considerable progress in spite of being hampered by the lack of standard works of reference; and that he did not doubt that he would be in a position to lay a draft Report before the Commission at their next meeting, though in the time available it would be quite impracticable to prepare the drafts of paragraphs relating to all the matters on which decisions had been reached during the Lisbon meetings of the Commission. As agreed upon at the meeting referred to above (Lisbon Session, 3rd Meeting, Conclusion 3 (a) (iii)), he was therefore concentrating upon those matters that appeared to be the more important. Commissioner Hemming proposed that those matters which it was found impossible to include in the Report, owing to the shortness of the time available, should be dealt with after the Congress on the basis of the records in the *Official Record of the Proceedings of the Commission* during their Lisbon Session. For this purpose, Commissioner Hemming proposed that all matters unanimously agreed upon during the Lisbon Session should be treated in the same manner, whether or not it was found possible to include references to them in the Report to be submitted to the Congress, and therefore that every such decision should be treated as having been participated in by all the Commissioners and Alternates present at Lisbon. The Commission took note of, and approved, the statement by Commissioner Hemming, and adopted the proposals submitted by him, as recorded above, in regard both to the selection of items to be included in their Report to the Twelfth International Congress of Zoology and to the procedure to be adopted after the Congress in regard to those matters with which, for the reasons explained, it was found impossible to deal in that Report.

7. The question dealt with in the present Opinion was one of the matters to which it was found impossible, in the time available, to include a reference in the Report submitted by the Commission to the Twelfth International Congress of Zoology at Lisbon. It is therefore one of the matters which falls to be dealt with under the special procedure agreed upon by the Commission as set out in paragraph 6 above.

8. The present Opinion was concurred in by the twelve (12) Commissioners and Alternates present at the Lisbon Session of the International Commission, namely :—

Commissioners :—Calman ; Hemming ; Jordan ; Pellegrin ; Peters ; and Stejneger.

Alternates :—do Amaral *vice* Cabrera ; Ohshima *vice* Esaki ; Bradley *vice* Stone ; Beier *vice* Handlirsch ; Arndt *vice* Richter ; and Mortensen *vice* Apstein.

9. The present Opinion was dissented from by no Commissioner or Alternate at the Lisbon Meeting.

IV.—AUTHORITY FOR THE ISSUE OF THE PRESENT OPINION.

WHEREAS the By-Laws of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature provide that, except in cases involving the Suspension of the Rules, an Opinion is to be deemed to have been adopted by the said International Commission as soon as a majority of the Members of the Commission, that is to say ten (10) Members of the said Commission, have recorded their votes in favour thereof, provided that, where any proposed Opinion involves a reversal of any former Opinion rendered by the Commission, such proposed Opinion shall obtain the concurrence of at least fourteen (14) Members of the Commission voting on the same before such Opinion is to be deemed to have been adopted by the Commission ; and

WHEREAS the present Opinion neither requires, in order to be valid, the Suspension of the Rules, nor involves a reversal of any former Opinion rendered by the Commission ; and

WHEREAS twelve (12) Members of the Commission have signified their concurrence in the present Opinion either in person or through Alternates at the Meeting of the Commission held in Lisbon in September 1935 :

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, FRANCIS HEMMING, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, acting in virtue of all and every the powers conferred upon me by reason of holding the said Office of Secretary to the International Commission, hereby announce the said Opinion on behalf of the International Commission, acting for the International Congress of Zoology, and direct that it be rendered and printed as Opinion Number One Hundred and Forty Three (Opinion 143) of the said Commission.

In faith whereof, I, the undersigned FRANCIS HEMMING, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, have signed the present Opinion.

DONE in London, this twenty-seventh day of January, Nineteen Hundred and Forty Three, in a single copy, which shall remain deposited in the archives of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

*Secretary to the International Commission
on Zoological Nomenclature.*

FRANCIS HEMMING

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- OPINION 134. On the method to be adopted in interpreting the generic names assigned by Freyer to species described in his *Neuere Beiträge zur Schmetterlingskunde*, 1833-1858 price 8d.
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- OPINION 143. On the method of forming the family name for *Tingis* Fabricius, 1803 (Insecta, Hemiptera) price 2s. 6d.

OPINIONS 1-133. The bulk of these are out of print and it is accordingly proposed to reprint them, as soon as funds permit, as Volume 1 of *Opinions rendered by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*.