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OPINION 150.

ON THE DATES OF PUBLICATION OF THE SEVERAL PORTIONS OF HÜBNER (J.), *VERZEICHNISS BEKANNTER SCHMETTLINGE* [sic], 1816-[1826].¹

SUMMARY.—The dates of publication of Jacob Hübner's *Verzeichniss bekannter Schmettlinge* [sic] should be determined in the light of the evidence made available as the result of the discovery of Hübner's manuscripts. The conclusions to be drawn from that evidence are summarised in paragraph 8 of the present *Opinion*.

I.—THE STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

This question was raised by the International Committee on Entomological Nomenclature at its meeting held in Paris in 1932. At this meeting the International Committee adopted the following resolution :—

Les dates de Hübner, *Verzeichniss*

Les Citations dans le *Verzeichniss* de quelques planches des *Zuträge* ne prouvent pas que ces pages du *Verzeichniss* aient été publiées postérieurement aux planches citées.

2. This resolution was submitted by the International Committee on Entomological Nomenclature to Section VIII (Section on Nomenclature) of the Fifth International Congress of Entomology, by whom it was unanimously approved. Finally, this resolution was adopted by the Fifth International Congress of Entomology in Concilium Plenum on the presentation of the Report of the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Congress.

II.—THE CONCLUSION REACHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

3. This subject was considered by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature at the second meeting of their Session held at Lisbon in September 1935 during the meeting of the Twelfth International Congress of Zoology. At this

¹ Dates such as this which are ascertainable only from external sources are cited in square brackets.

meeting, which was held on the morning of Monday, 16th September 1935, the International Commission (Lisbon Session, 2nd Meeting, Conclusion 11) :—

- (a) took note that since the adoption by the International Committee on Entomological Nomenclature of the Resolution referred to above,² the surviving manuscripts of Jacob Hübner had been discovered and that it was likely that these manuscripts, which were now being examined by Commissioner Hemming, would throw important fresh light on the problem of the dates of publication of this,³ and other, works published by Jacob Hübner;
- (b) agreed that, in view of (a) above, the question of the dates of publication of Hübner's *Verzeichniss bekannter Schmettlinge* [sic] was one which should be determined in the light of the evidence made available as the result of the discovery of Hübner's manuscripts and that in consequence no action should be taken on the resolution on this subject adopted by the International Committee on Entomological Nomenclature;
- (c) agreed to render an *Opinion* in the sense of (b) above.

4. 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 had 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 Session 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.

² The resolution in question is that quoted in paragraph 1 of the present *Opinion*.

³ The work here referred to is the *Verzeichniss bekannter Schmettlinge*.

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 the report.

5. 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 procedure agreed upon by the Commission as set out in paragraph 4 above.

6. 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.

7. The present *Opinion* was dissented from by no Commissioner or Alternate at the Lisbon Session. The following five (5) Commissioners who were not present at Lisbon nor represented thereat by Alternates did not vote on the present *Opinion*:—

Bolivar y Pieltain; Chapman; Fantham; Silvestri; and Stiles.

8. The surviving manuscripts of Jacob Hübner referred to in the Conclusion adopted by the Commission at Lisbon (quoted in full in paragraph 3 of the present *Opinion*) came into the possession of the Royal Entomological Society of London in February 1935. A start was at once made by Commissioner Hemming in

examining the documents involved, in order to ascertain what fresh evidence they contained in regard to the dates of publication of Hübner's entomological works; but in view of the large number of documents involved it was not until the autumn of 1936 that this task was completed. The results of this investigation, together with particulars of evidence on this subject drawn from all other available sources, were set out by Commissioner Hemming in a work entitled *Hübner* published by the Royal Entomological Society in February 1937. The evidence relating to the dates of publication of the several portions of Hübner's *Verzeichniss bekannter Schmettlinge* [sic], together with an analysis of the conclusions to be drawn therefrom, is given in Part 2, Chapter II, of that work (*Hübner* 1: 488-517). The final conclusions there reached are as follows:—

The dates of publication of Hübner (J.), *Verzeichniss bekannter Schmettlinge* [sic], 1816-[1826]

Signature	Pages	Species nos.	Date of publication
<i>Verzeichniss</i>			
1	[1]-[3]-4-16	1-96	1816
2-8	17-128	97-1379	[1819]
9-11	129-176	1380-1822	[1819]
12-13	177-208	1823-2084	[1820]
14-15	209-240	2085-2388	[1821]
16	241-256	2389-2531	[1821]
17-19	257-304	2532-2936	[1823]
20-27	305-431	2937-4198	[1825]
<i>Anzeiger</i>			
1-9	1-72	—	[1826]

III.—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*, as set out in the summary thereof, 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 Session 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 Fifty (*Opinion* 150) 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 sixteenth day of March, 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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