

OPINION 1973

***Bulinus wrighti* Mandahl-Barth, 1965 (Mollusca, Gastropoda): specific name conserved**

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the specific name *wrighti* Mandahl-Barth, 1965, as published in the trinomen *Bulinus reticulatus wrighti*, is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Bulinus wrightii* Sowerby, 1853.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *wrightii* Sowerby, 1853, as published in the binomen *Bulinus wrightii* Sowerby, 1853;
 - (b) *wrighti* Mandahl-Barth, 1965, as published in the trinomen *Bulinus reticulatus wrighti* (not invalid by the ruling in (1) above).

History of Case 3126

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Bulinus reticulatus wrighti* Mandahl-Barth, 1965, a junior homonym of *Bulinus wrightii* Sowerby, 1853, was received from Dr D.S. Brown, Mr F. Naggs and Dr V.R. Southgate (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) on 20 November 1998. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 56: 113–116 (June 1999). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment from Prof L.B. Holthuis (*Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden, The Netherlands*) was published in BZN 57: 42–43 (March 2000). A reply by the three original authors was published at the same time.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2000 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 56: 115. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2001 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 20: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Cogger, Eschmeyer, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Ng, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Ride, Song, Štýp

Negative votes — 2: Martins de Souza and Minelli.

No votes were received from Dupuis and Mawatari.

Minelli commented: 'I would have preferred that the Commission take Prof Holthuis's advice and rule that Sowerby (1853) made a clerical error, writing *Bulinus* in place of *Bulimus*, and that there is no primary homonymy between *B. wrightii* Sowerby, 1853 and *B. wrighti* Mandahl-Barth, 1954'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

wrightii, *Bulinus reticulatus*, Mandahl-Barth, 1965, *Bulletin of the World Health Organisation*, **33**(1): 41.

wrightii, *Bulinus*, Sowerby, 1853, *Description of a new Bulinus. 1853. Bulinus wrightii*; G.B. Sowerby, *Sen.* [Pamphlet].