

OPINION 2001 (Case 3157)***Halictoides dentiventris* Nylander, 1848 (currently *Dufourea dentiventris*; Insecta, Hymenoptera): specific name conserved**

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power the specific name *dejeanii* Lepeletier, 1841, as published in the binomen *Dufourea dejeanii*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *Halictoides* Nylander, 1848 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Cockerell & Porter (1899) *Halictoides dentiventris* Nylander, 1848, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *dentiventris* Nylander, 1848, as published in the binomen *Halictoides dentiventris* and as defined by the lectotype (female specimen no. 5153 in the Zoological Museum, Helsinki) designated by Ebmer (1976) (specific name of the type species of *Halictoides* Nylander, 1848), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name *dejeanii* Lepeletier, 1841, as published in the binomen *Dufourea dejeanii* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3157

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Halictoides dentiventris* Nylander, 1848 by the suppression of the senior synonym *Dufourea dejeanii* Lepeletier, 1841 was received from Dr P.A.W. Ebmer (*Puchenau, Austria*) on 14 April 2000. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 58: 32–33 (March 2001). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2001 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 58: 33. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2002 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 20: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Böhme, Brothers, Calder, Eschmeyer, Evenhuis, Fortey, Halliday, Kerzhner, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Song

Negative votes – 4: Bouchet, Cogger, Štys and van Tol.

No votes were received from Dupuis, Kraus, Ng and Rosenberg.

Bouchet commented: 'The application (paras. 1 and 2) indicates 20 usages of the name *Halictoides dentiventris* since 1935. In my view this does not justify the use of the plenary power to set aside priority'. Cogger commented: 'While I accept the need

to preserve usage of the name *Halictoides dentiventris*, it is unlikely that the systematics of this group is so firmly established that further taxonomic changes in the group to which *dentiventris* belongs will not occur. Suppression of the name of a species with extant type(s) is unwarranted in such cases, and maintenance of existing usage of the junior name is best achieved by giving priority to that name whenever the two are considered to be synonyms'. Štys commented: 'The case does not seem to merit the use of the plenary power and, in my view, priority should be followed'.

Original references

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

dejeanii, *Dufourea*, Lepeletier, 1841, *Histoire naturelle des insectes*, vol. 2, p. 228.

dentiventris, *Halictoides*, Nylander, 1848, *Notiser ur Sällskapetets pro fauna et flora Fennica*, vol. 1, p. 195.

Halictoides Nylander, 1848, *Notiser ur Sällskapetets pro fauna et flora Fennica*, vol. 1, p. 195.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Halictoides dentiventris* Nylander, 1848 as the type species of the nominal genus *Halictoides* Nylander, 1848:

Cockerell, T.D.A. & Porter, W. 1899. *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, (7)4: 420.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Halictoides dentiventris* Nylander, 1848:

Ebmer, A.W. 1976. *Nachrichtenblatt der Bayerischen Entomologen*, 25: 1.