

OPINION 2031 (Case 2710)**CLAVIDAE McCrady, 1859 (Cnidaria, Hydrozoa) and CLAVINAE Casey, 1904 (Mollusca, Gastropoda): proposal to remove the homonymy not approved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the homonymy between CLAVIDAE McCrady, 1859 (Cnidaria, Hydrozoa) and CLAVINAE Casey, 1904 (Mollusca, Gastropoda) should not be removed. It had been proposed that the gastropod name should be emended to CLAVUSINAE by changing the stem of the type genus *Clavus* de Montfort, 1810 from CLAV- to CLAVUS-. However, the Commission rejected this proposal because DRILLIINAE Olsson, 1964, the next available synonym for the gastropod name, provided a satisfactory alternative that was already being widely used instead of CLAVINAE for this group of gastropods. No names are placed on Official Lists or Indexes.

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Ruling

- (1) Proposals put forward to remove the homonymy between CLAVIDAE McCrady, 1859 (Cnidaria, Hydrozoa) and CLAVINAE Casey, 1904 (Mollusca, Gastropoda) by the emendation of the stem of the molluscan type genus *Clavus* de Montfort, 1810 from CLAV- to CLAVUS- were not approved.

History of Case 2710

An application to remove the homonymy between CLAVIDAE McCrady, 1859 (Cnidaria, Hydrozoa) and CLAVINAE Casey, 1904 (Mollusca, Gastropoda) was received from Walter O. Cernohorsky (*Farm Cove, Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand*), Paul F.S. Cornelius (*Department of Zoology, The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) and Alexander V. Sysoev (*Laboratory of Helminthology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia*) on 7 February 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 48: 192–195 (September 1991). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Comments opposing the application were published in BZN 49: 144–145 and 49: 222–223. Comments in support of the application were published in BZN 49: 223 and 50: 52. Confirmation of the date of the relevant pages of John McCrady's hydrozoan paper *Gymnophthalmata of Charleston Harbor* was published in BZN 49: 287–289.

Those who opposed the alteration of the molluscan name to CLAVUSINAE Casey, 1904 did so in the confidence that DRILLIINAE Olsson, 1964 is a synonym of CLAVINAE Casey. If further research proves these taxa to be 'biologically and taxonomically distinct' (a possibility mentioned in para. 6 of the original application), there would be a reason for establishing a replacement name for CLAVINAE Casey, because it is a junior homonym of CLAVIDAE McCrady.

Conservation of *CLAVUSINAE* Casey, 1904 would make it a senior synonym of *DRILLIINAE* and this would cause confusion because *DRILLIINAE* is already in common usage for this group of gastropods (e.g. Taylor, Kantor & Sysoev, 1993, *Bulletin of the Natural History Museum*, London (Zoology), **59**(2): 163).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2002 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in *BZN* **48**: 193–194. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2003 the votes were as follows: 3 Commissioners (Alonso-Zarazaga, Fortey and Macpherson) voted FOR the proposals, 19 Commissioners voted AGAINST, Böhme and Kerzhner abstained, no vote was received from Mahnert, Ng was on leave of absence.

No names are placed on Official Lists or Indexes and the issue is left open for subsequent workers to follow the precepts of the Code or to make new proposals to the Commission.