

**OPINION 2075 (Case 3200)*****Gryllus brachypterus* Ocskay, 1826 (currently *Euthystira brachyptera*) and *Gryllus brachypterus* Haan, 1842 (currently *Duolandrevus brachypterus*) (Insecta, Orthoptera): specific names conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the specific names of *Gryllus brachypterus* Ocskay, 1826 (currently *Euthystira brachyptera* Caelifera, ACRIDOIDEA) and *G. brachypterus* Haan, 1842 (currently *Duolandrevus brachypterus* Ensifera, GRYLLOIDEA), for two distinct species of grasshopper and cricket respectively (Orthoptera), are not invalid by reason of being junior primary homonyms of *G. brachypterus* Linnaeus, 1761 (currently *Metrioptera brachyptera* Ensifera, TETTIGONIOIDEA) a bush cricket and *G. brachypterus* Linnaeus, 1763 (for which the replacement name *G. (Mantis) necydaloides* Linnaeus, 1763 is a nomen oblitum (currently *Pseudophasma phthisicum* (Linnaeus, 1758)). *Gryllus brachypterus* Haan, 1842 has also been ruled not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Gryllus brachypterus* Ocskay, 1826.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the following names are not invalid:
  - (a) *brachypterus* Ocskay, 1826, as published in the binomen *Gryllus brachypterus*, by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Gryllus brachypterus* Linnaeus, 1761 and of *Gryllus brachypterus* Linnaeus, 1763;
  - (b) *brachypterus* Haan, 1842, as published in the binomen *Gryllus brachypterus*, by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Gryllus brachypterus* Linnaeus, 1761, of *Gryllus brachypterus* Linnaeus, 1763 and of *Gryllus brachypterus* Ocskay, 1826.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *Metrioptera* Wesmaël, 1838 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Gryllus brachypterus* Linnaeus, 1761;
  - (b) *Euthystira* Fieber in Kelch, 1852 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Bey-Bienko (1932) *Gryllus brachypterus* Ocskay, 1826;
  - (c) *Duolandrevus* Kirby, 1906 (gender: masculine), type species by original designation by Kirby (1906) *Gryllus brachypterus* Haan, 1842.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *brachypterus* Linnaeus, 1761, as published in the binomen *Gryllus brachypterus* (specific name of the type species of *Metrioptera* Wesmaël, 1838);
- (b) *brachypterus* Ocskay, 1826, as published in the binomen *Gryllus brachypterus* (specific name of the type species of *Euthystira* Fieber in Kelch, 1852), not invalid by the ruling in (1)(a) above;
- (c) *brachypterus* Haan, 1842, as published in the binomen *Gryllus brachypterus* (type species of *Duolandrevus* Kirby, 1906), not invalid by the ruling in (1)(b) above.

### History of Case 3200

An application to conserve the specific names of *Gryllus brachypterus* Ocskay, 1826 (currently *Euthystira brachyptera* Caelifera, ACRIDOIDEA) and *G. brachypterus* Haan, 1842 (currently *Duolandrevus brachypterus* Ensifera, GRYLLOIDEA) for two distinct species of grasshopper and cricket (Orthoptera) was received from Hannes Baur (*Natural History Museum, Bern, Switzerland*) and Armin Coray (*Natural History Museum, Basel, Switzerland*) on 13 February 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 180–184 (September 2002). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2003 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 59: 182–183. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2004 the votes were as follows: 23 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, Calder and Ng were on leave of absence.

### Original references

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

- brachypterus*, *Gryllus*, Haan, 1842, *Verhandelingen over de natuurlijke Geschiedenis der Nederlandsche overzeesche Bezittingen, door de Leden der natuurkundige Commissie in Indië en andere Schrijvers*, vol. 3, p. 230.
- brachypterus*, *Gryllus*, Linnaeus, 1761, *Fauna Suecica*, p. 237.
- brachypterus*, *Gryllus*, Ocskay, 1826, *Nova Acta Physico-Medica Academiae Caesareae Leopoldino-Carolinae Naturae Curiosorum*, 13: 409.
- Duolandrevus* Kirby, 1906, *A synonymic catalogue of Orthoptera II. Orthoptera Saltatoria, part 1 (Achetidae et Phasgonuridae)*, p. 50.
- Euthystira* Fieber in Kelch, 1852, *Grundlage zur Kenntniss der Orthopteren (Gradflügler) oberschlesiens, und Grundlage zur Kenntniss der Käfer oberschlesiens . . . Erster Nachtrag*, p. 2.
- Metrioptera* Wesmaël, 1838, *Bulletin de l'Académie Royale des Sciences et des belles-lettres de Bruxelles*, 5: 592.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Gryllus brachypterus* Ocskay, 1826 as the type species of the nominal genus *Euthystira* Fieber in Kelch, 1852:

Bey-Bienko, G.Y. 1932. *Eos*, 8: 43