

**OPINION 2085 (Case 3214)*****Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834 (Insecta, Coleoptera): given precedence over *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the generic name *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834, for a genus of South American weevils (family CURCULIONIDAE), is conserved by giving it precedence over the earlier name *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828 whenever the two are considered to be synonyms. The name *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828 was used as the valid name by Alonso-Zarazaga & Lyal in 1999.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; CURCULIONIDAE; *Aegorhinus*; *Psuchocephalus*; *Aegorhinus phaleratus*; *Curculio leprosus*; weevils; Argentina; Chile; Subantarctic subregion.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834 is given precedence over the name *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Aegorhinus phaleratus* Erichson, 1834, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828 whenever the two are considered to be synonyms;
  - (b) *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Curculio leprosus* Olivier, 1807, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834 whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *phaleratus* Erichson, 1834, as published in the binomen *Aegorhinus phaleratus* (specific name of the type species of *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834);
  - (b) *vitulus* Fabricius, 1775, as published in the binomen *Curculio vitulus* (senior synonym of *Curculio leprosus* Olivier, 1807, the specific name of the type species of *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828).
- (4) The name *Psuchocephalus* Imhoff, 1856 (an incorrect subsequent spelling of *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3214**

An application to conserve the generic name *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834, for a genus of South American weevils (family CURCULIONIDAE), by giving it precedence over the earlier name *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828, which was used as the valid name by Alonso-Zarazaga & Lyal in 1999, was received from Mario Elgueta (*Museo*

*Nacional de Historia Natural, Santiago, Chile*) and Guillermo Kuschel (*Mt Roskill, Auckland, New Zealand*) on 30 July 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **59**: 253–255. The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. A comment from Alonso-Zarazaga & Lyal in support of the application was published in BZN **60**: 144 (June 2003).

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **59**: 254. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2004 the votes were as follows: 21 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, Bouchet, Calder and Ng were on leave of absence, no vote was received from Macpherson.

### 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:

- Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834, *Nova Acta Physico-Medica Academiae Caesareae Leopoldino-Carolinae Naturae Curiosorum*, **16**(suppl.): 261.
- phaleratus*, *Aegorhinus*, Erichson, 1834, *Nova Acta Physico-Medica Academiae Caesareae Leopoldino-Carolinae Naturae Curiosorum*, **16**(suppl.): 262.
- Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828, *Dictionnaire Classique d'Histoire Naturelle*, vol. 14, p. 597.
- Psuchocephalus* Imhoff, 1856, *Versuch einer Einführung in das Studium der Koleopteren*, p. 221.
- vitulus*, *Curculio*, Fabricius, 1775, *Systema Entomologiae*, p. 152.