

OPINION 2088 (Case 3221)***Opomyza* Fallén, 1820 (Insecta, Diptera): usage conserved by designation of a neotype for its type species *Musca germinationis* Linnaeus, 1758**

Abstract. The Commission has designated a neotype for *Musca germinationis* Linnaeus, 1758, the type species of *Opomyza* Fallén, 1820, in order to conserve the usage of the generic name for a group of Holarctic flies (family OPOMYZIDAE).

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power all previous type fixations for *Musca germinationis* Linnaeus, 1758 are hereby set aside and the specimen labelled '*Opomyza germinationis* ♂ 2.7' in the Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm, is designated as the neotype.
- (2) The name *Opomyza* Fallén, 1820 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Westwood (1840) *Musca germinationis* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *germinationis* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Musca germinationis* and as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above (specific name of the type species of *Opomyza* Fallén, 1820), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3221

An application to conserve the accepted understanding and usage of the generic name *Opomyza* Fallén, 1820 for a group of Holarctic flies (family OPOMYZIDAE) by designating a neotype for its type species *Musca germinationis* Linnaeus, 1758 was received from Jan Willem A. van Zuijlen (*Waalwijk, The Netherlands*), Paul L. Th. Beuk (*Zoological Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*) and Emilia P. Nartshuk (*Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, St Petersburg, Russia*) on 22 October 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 269–272 (December 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 March 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 59: 271. 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 by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

germinationis, *Musca*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Systema Naturae*, Ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 600.

Opomyza Fallén, 1820, *Opomyzides Sveciae*, p. 10.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Musca germinationis* Linnaeus, 1758 as the type species of *Opomyza* Fallén, 1820:

Westwood, J.O. 1840. *An introduction to the modern classification of insects*, p. 152.