

OPINION 2097 (Case 3246)***Scorpio chilensis* Molina, 1782 (currently *Bothriurus chilensis*; Arachnida, Scorpiones): specific name suppressed**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the specific name of a South American scorpion, *Scorpio chilensis* Molina, 1782, is suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the the Principle of Homonymy.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Arachnida; BOTHRIURIDAE; *Bothriurus*; *Bothriurus chilensis*; *Bothriurus coriaceus*; *Bothriurus keyserlingii*; *Bothriurus vittatus*; Chile; South America; Scorpiones.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that name *chilensis*, Molina, 1782, as published in the binomen *Scorpio chilensis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *chilensis*, Molina, 1782, as published in the binomen *Scorpio chilensis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3246

An application to ensure nomenclatural stability by suppression of the name *Scorpio chilensis* Molina, 1782 (currently *Bothriurus chilensis*) was received from Luis E. Acosta and Camilo I. Mattoni (CONICET - Cátedra de Diversidad Animal I, Facultad de Ciencias Exactas, Físicas y Naturales, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Córdoba, Argentina) on 28 May 2002. The name *B. chilensis* threatened the use of the names *B. coriaceus* Pocock, 1893, *B. keyserlingii* Pocock, 1893 and *Bothriurus vittatus* (Guérin Méneville, 1838). After correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 113–116 (June 2003). 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 September 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 60: 115. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2004 the votes were as follows: 18 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 4 Commissioners voted AGAINST, Böhme and Minelli abstained, Ng was on leave of absence.

Original reference

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

chilensis, *Scorpio*, Molina, 1782, *Saggio sulla storia naturale del Chili*, p. 347.