

**OPINION 2108 (Case 3260)*****Titanodamon johnstonii* Pocock, 1894 (currently *Damon johnstonii*; Arachnida, Amblypygi): specific name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the widely used specific name *Titanodamon johnstonii* Pocock, 1894 (currently *Damon johnstonii*; family PHRYNICHIDAE) for a species of whip spider (Amblypygi) is conserved by the suppression of its senior synonym *D. australis* Simon, 1886, that has been used doubtfully only once.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Amblypygi; PHRYNICHIDAE; *Damon*; *Damon johnstonii*; whip spiders.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power the name *australis* Simon, 1886, as published in the binomen *Damon australis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *johnstonii* Pocock, 1894, as published in the binomen *Titanodamon johnstonii* (specific name of the type species of *Titanodamon* Pocock, 1894) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *australis* Simon, 1886, as published in the binomen *Damon australis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3260**

An application to conserve the specific name *Titanodamon johnstonii* Pocock, 1894 (currently *Damon johnstonii*; family PHRYNICHIDAE) for a species of whip spider (Amblypygi) by the suppression of its senior synonym *D. australis* Simon, 1886 was received from Peter Weygoldt (*Institut für Biologie I, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, D-79104 Freiburg, Germany*) on 10 December 2002. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **60**: 188–190 (September 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 December 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **60**: 189. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2005 the votes were as follows: 16 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 4 Commissioners voted AGAINST, Evenhuis, Kerzhner and Ng were on leave of absence; no votes were received from Böhme and Martins de Souza.

Voting against, Alonso-Zarazaga and Bouchet noted that the names involved had been little used and considered that priority should be maintained.

**Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*australis*, *Damon*, Simon, 1886, *Bulletin de la Société zoologique de France*, **11**: 575–576.  
*johnstonii*, *Titanodamon*, Pocock, 1894, *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, (6)**14**: 291–292.

**OPINION 2109 (Case 3281)*****Nahecaris* Jaekel, 1921 (Crustacea, Malacostraca, Phyllocarida, Archaeostraca): given precedence over *Dilophaspis* Traquair in Walther, 1903**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the generic name *Nahecaris* Jaekel, 1921 for a group of Lower Devonian phyllocarid crustaceans (order Archaeostraca) is conserved by giving it precedence over the older name *Dilophaspis* Traquair in Walther, 1903 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Phyllocarida; Archaeostraca; *Nahecaris*; *Dilophaspis*; *Nahecaris stuertzi*; *Dilophaspis lata*; Hunsrück Slate; Lower Devonian; Germany.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name *Nahecaris* Jaekel, 1921 is given precedence over the name *Dilophaspis* Traquair in Walther, 1903 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) *Nahecaris* Jaekel, 1921 (gender: feminine), type species by original designation *N. stuertzi* Jaekel, 1921, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name *Dilophaspis* Traquair in Walther, 1903 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms;
  - (b) *Dilophaspis* Traquair in Walther, 1903 (gender: feminine), type species by original designation *D. lata* Traquair in Walther, 1903, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name *Nahecaris* Jaekel, 1921 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *stuertzi* Jaekel, 1921, as published in the binomen *Nahecaris stuertzi* (specific name of the type species of *Nahecaris* Jaekel, 1921);
  - (b) *lata* Traquair in Walther, 1903, as published in the binomen *Dilophaspis lata* (specific name of the type species of *Dilophaspis* Traquair in Walther, 1903).

**History of Case 3281**

An application to conserve the generic name *Nahecaris* Jaekel, 1921 for a group of Lower Devonian phyllocarid crustaceans (order Archaeostraca) by giving it precedence over the older name *Dilophaspis* Traquair in Walther, 1903 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms was received from Derek E.G. Briggs (*Department of Geology and Geophysics, Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520-8109, U.S.A.*) and Christoph Bartels (*Deutsches Bergbau-Museum, Am Bergbaumuseum 28, D-44791 Bochum, Germany*) on 2 April 2003. After

correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 269–271 (December 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. Eight comments in support of this case were published in BZN 61: 109–110.

### **Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 60: 270. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2005 the votes were as follows: 20 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 1 Commissioner voted AGAINST, Evenhuis, Kerzhner and Ng were on leave of absence; no vote was received from Böhme.

### **Original references**

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

*Dilophaspis* Traquair in Walther, 1903, *Neues Jahrbuch für Mineralogie, Geologie und Paläontologie*, **17**: 30.

*lata*, *Dilophaspis*, Traquair in Walther, 1903, *Neues Jahrbuch für Mineralogie, Geologie und Paläontologie*, **17**: 30–31.

*Nahecaris* Jaekel, 1921, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Geologischen Gesellschaft*, **72**: 290.

*stuertzi*, *Nahecaris*, Jaekel, 1921, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Geologischen Gesellschaft*, **72**: 290.