

OPINION 2113 (Case 3256)***Leptusa* Kraatz, 1856 and *Cyllopisalia* Pace, 1982 (Insecta, Coleoptera): conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the generic name *Leptusa* Kraatz, 1856 and the subgeneric name *Cyllopisalia* Pace, 1982 for a widespread group of rove beetles (family STAPHYLINIDAE) are conserved. Both names were threatened by limited usage of a senior synonym, *Sipalia* Mulsant & Rey, 1853, which has been suppressed.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the generic name *Sipalia* Mulsant & Rey, 1853 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Leptusa* Kraatz, 1856 (gender: feminine), type species, by subsequent designation by Gusarov & Herman (2002), *Bolitochara pulchella* Mannerheim, 1830;
 - (b) *Cyllopisalia* Pace, 1982 (gender: feminine), type species, by original designation of the replaced nominal genus *Parapisalia* Scheerpeltz, 1966, *Homalota difformis* Mulsant & Rey, 1853.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *pulchella* Mannerheim, 1830, as published in the binomen *Bolitochara pulchella* (specific name of the type species of *Leptusa* Kraatz, 1856);
 - (b) *difformis* Mulsant & Rey, 1853, as published in the binomen *Homalota difformis* (specific name of the type species of *Cyllopisalia* Pace, 1982).
- (4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Sipalia* Mulsant & Rey, 1853, as suppressed in (1) above;
 - (b) *Parapisalia* Scheerpeltz, 1966 (a junior homonym of *Parapisalia* Scheerpeltz, 1948).

History of Case 3256

An application to conserve the generic name *Leptusa* Kraatz, 1856 and the subgeneric name *Cyllopisalia* Pace, 1982 for a widespread group of rove beetles (family STAPHYLINIDAE) by suppression of a senior synonym, *Sipalia* Mulsant & Rey, 1853, was by received from Vladimir I. Gusarov (*Natural History Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-7523, U.S.A.*) and Lee H. Herman (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY 10024-5192, U.S.A.*) on

26 September 2002. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **60**: 191–195 (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**: 193. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2005 the votes were as follows: 19 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 1 Commissioner voted AGAINST, 1 Commissioner ABSTAINED, 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 and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- Cyllopisalia* Pace, 1982, *Bollettino della Società entomologica Italiana*, **114**: 40.
difformis, *Homalota*, Mulsant & Rey, 1853, *Annales de la Société Linnéenne de Lyon*, (2)**1**: 33.
Leptusa Kraatz, 1856, *Naturgeschichte der Insecten Deutschlands. Erste Abteilung. Coleoptera*, Bd. 2, p. 60.
Parapisalia Scheerpeltz, 1966, *Verhandlungen der Zoologisch-Botanischen Gesellschaft in Wien*, **105–106**: 18.
pulchella, *Bolitochara*, Mannerheim, 1830, *Précis d'un nouvel arrangement de la famille des Brachélytres, de l'ordre des Insectes Coléoptères*, p. 83.
Sipalia Mulsant & Rey, 1853, *Annales de la Société Linnéenne de Lyon*, (2)**1**: 32.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Bolitochara pulchella* Mannerheim, 1830 as the type species of the nominal genus *Leptusa* Kraatz, 1856:

- Gusarov, V.I. & Herman, L.H. 2002. *Entomologische Blätter für Biologie und Systematik der Käfer*, **98**: 115.