

OPINION 2115 (Case 3272)***Microsaurus* Dejean, 1833 (Insecta, Coleoptera): usage conserved by designation of *Staphylinus ochripennis* Ménétrés, 1832 as the type species**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the current usage of the generic name *Microsaurus* Dejean, 1833 for a group of rove beetles (family STAPHYLINIDAE) is conserved by designating *Staphylinus ochripennis* Ménétrés, 1832 as the type species of *Microsaurus* in place of *Staphylinus lateralis* Gravenhorst, 1802.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that all fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Microsaurus* Dejean, 1833 are set aside and *Staphylinus ochripennis* Ménétrés, 1832 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The name *Microsaurus* Dejean, 1833 (gender: masculine), type species *Staphylinus ochripennis* Ménétrés, 1832 as ruled in (1) above is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *ochripennis* Ménétrés, 1832, as published in the binomen *Staphylinus ochripennis* (specific name of the type species of *Microsaurus* Dejean, 1833) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3272

An application to conserve the current usage of the generic name *Microsaurus* Dejean, 1833 for a group of rove beetles (family STAPHYLINIDAE) by designating *Staphylinus ochripennis* Ménétrés, 1832 as the type species of *Microsaurus* in place of *Staphylinus lateralis* Gravenhorst, 1802 was received from Ales Smetana (*Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa, ON K1A 0C6, Canada*) on 24 February 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 281–283 (December 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: 282. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2005 the votes were as follows: 17 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 4 Commissioners 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:

Microsaurus Dejean, 1833, *Catalogue des Coléoptères de la collection de M. le Comte Dejean*, p. 61.
ochripennis, *Staphylinus*, Ménétriés, 1832, *Catalogue raisonné des objets de zoologie recueillis dans un voyage au Caucase . . .*, p. 145.