

OPINION 2125 (Case 3287)**LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 (Insecta, Dermaptera): given precedence over ISOLABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the usage of the family-group name LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 is conserved for a widely encountered group of cosmopolitan earwigs. The name LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 (type genus *Labia* Leach, 1815) is given precedence over the unused senior subfamily name ISOLABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902 (type genus *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902) whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the family-group name LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 and other family-group names based on *Labia* Leach, 1815 are hereby given precedence over ISOLABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902 and other family-group names based on *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902 whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon.
- (2) The name *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Isolabella graeca* Verhoeff, 1902, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *graeca* Verhoeff, 1902, as published in the binomen *Isolabella graeca* (specific name of the type species of *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology:
 - (a) LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 (type genus *Labia* Leach, 1815), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on *Labia* are to be given precedence over ISOLABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902 and other family-group names based on *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902 whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon;
 - (b) ISOLABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902 (type genus *Isolabella* Verhoeff, 1902), with the endorsement that it and other family-group names based on *Isolabella* are not to be given priority over LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 and other family-group names based on *Labia* Leach, 1815 whenever their type genera are placed in the same family-group taxon.

History of Case 3287

An application to conserve the usage of the family-group name LABIIDAE Burr, 1909 for a widely encountered group of cosmopolitan earwigs was received from Michael S. Engel (*Natural History Museum and Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Snow Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-7523, U.S.A.*) on

16 May 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **61**: 23–24 (March 2004). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Labia Leach, 1815 and its type species *Forficula minor* Linnaeus, 1758 were placed on Official Lists in Opinion 149 (December 1943).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 2005 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **61**: 24. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2005 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 19: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Fortey, Halliday, Kerzhner, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys and van Tol.

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Böhme, Ng and Song.

Original references

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

graeca, *Isabella*, Verhoeff, 1902, *Sitzungsberichte der Gesellschaft naturforschender Freunde zu Berlin*, **1902**: 16.

Isabella Verhoeff, 1902, *Sitzungsberichte der Gesellschaft naturforschender Freunde zu Berlin*, **1902**: 15.

ISABELLINAE Verhoeff, 1902, *Sitzungsberichte der Gesellschaft naturforschender Freunde zu Berlin*, **1902**: 15.

LABIIDAE Butt. 1909, *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift*, **1909**: 323.