

OPINION 2137 (Case 3285)***Pemphigus* Hartig, 1839 (Insecta, Hemiptera, APHIDIDAE): conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the generic name *Pemphigus* Hartig, 1839 is conserved for a group of aphids of economic importance by suppression of the senior subjective synonym *Rhizobius* Burmeister, 1835.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the name *Rhizobius* Burmeister, 1835 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The entry on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology for *Pemphigus* Hartig, 1839 is hereby emended to record that it is conserved by suppression of *Rhizobius* Burmeister, 1835.
- (3) The name *Rhizobius* Burmeister, 1835, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3285

An application to conserve the generic name *Pemphigus* Hartig, 1839 for a group of aphids of economic importance, by suppression of the senior subjective synonym *Rhizobius* Burmeister, 1835, was received from Juan M. Nieto Nafría and Nicolás Pérez Hidalgo (*Universidad de León, Spain*) and Miguel A. Alonso-Zarazaga (*Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (CSIC), José Gutiérrez Abascal 2, Madrid, Spain*) on 8 May 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 61: 100–102 (June 2004). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. A comment in support of the proposals was printed on the voting paper.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2005 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 61: 101. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2005 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 20: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Fortey, Halliday, Kerzhner, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Ng, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Song, Štys and van Tol.

Negative votes – none.

Alonso-Zarazaga abstained.

Original references

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

Rhizobius Burmeister, 1835, *Handbuch der Entomologie*, vol. 2, p. 87.