

OPINION 2144 (Case 3282)***Thecla azia* Hewitson, 1873 (Insecta, Lepidoptera): specific name conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the specific name *Thecla azia* Hewitson, 1873 (currently *Ministrymon azia*) is conserved for a common and widespread New World species of lycaenid butterfly by suppression of the senior synonym *Thecla guacanagari* Wallengren, 1860.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Lepidoptera; LYCAENIDAE; THECLINAE; *Ministrymon azia*; legume feeder; hairstreak butterfly.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the name *guacanagari* Wallengren, 1860, as published in the binomen *Thecla guacanagari*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *azia* Hewitson, 1873, as published in the binomen *Thecla azia*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *guacanagari* Wallengren, 1860, as published in the binomen *Thecla guacanagari* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3282

An application to conserve the specific name *Thecla azia* Hewitson, 1873 (currently *Ministrymon azia*) for a common and widespread New World species of lycaenid butterfly was received from Robert K. Robbins (*Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC, U.S.A.*) and Gerardo Lamas (*Museo de Historia Natural, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru*) on 22 April 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 61: 98–99 (June 2004). 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 September 2005 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 61: 98–99. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2005 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 18: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Fortey, Halliday, Kerzhner, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Song, Štys and van Tol.

Negative vote – 1: Alonso-Zarazaga.

Lamas abstained.

No vote was received from Ng.

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:

azia, *Thecla*, Hewitson, 1873, *Illustrations of diurnal Lepidoptera. Part I. Lycaenidae*, vol. 5, p. 144.

guacanagari, *Thecla*, Wallengren, 1860, *Wiener Entomologische Monatschrift*, 4(2): 37.