

OPINION 2163 (Case 3329)***Mycetoporus forticornis* Fauvel, 1875 (Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name given precedence over *Mycetoporus aequalis* Thomson, 1868**

Abstract. The specific name *Mycetoporus forticornis* Fauvel, 1875 is conserved for a widespread Palaearctic species of rove beetle (STAPHYLINIDAE). The name was threatened by the recently discovered senior synonym *Mycetoporus aequalis* Thomson, 1868, which was in current use for another species of the same genus. A change in the application of the name from one widespread species to another would have caused considerable confusion, and the name *Mycetoporus forticornis* is given precedence over *Mycetoporus aequalis*.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name *forticornis* Fauvel, 1875, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus forticornis*, is given precedence over the name *aequalis* Thomson, 1868, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus aequalis*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *forticornis* Fauvel, 1875, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus forticornis*, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name *aequalis* Thomson, 1868, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus aequalis*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms;
 - (b) *aequalis* Thomson, 1868, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus aequalis*, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name *forticornis* Fauvel, 1875, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus forticornis*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.

History of Case 3329

An application to conserve the specific name *Mycetoporus forticornis* Fauvel, 1875 for a widespread Palaearctic species of rove beetle (STAPHYLINIDAE) by giving it precedence over *Mycetoporus aequalis* Thomson, 1868 was received from Michael Schülke (*Rue Ambroise Paré 11, D-13405 Berlin, Germany*) on 18 August 2004. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 62: 140–141 (September 2005). 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 June 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 62: 141. At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2006 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 14: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Brothers, Halliday, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Ng, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Song and van Tol.

Negative votes – 3: Kerzhner, Lamas and Štys.

No vote was received from Bouchet.

Original references

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

aequalis, *Mycetoporus*, Thomson, 1868, *Skandinaviens Coleoptera, synoptisk bearbetade*, Tom. X, p. 323.

forticornis, *Mycetoporus*, Fauvel, 1875, *Faune Gallo-Rhénane ou species des insectes qui habitent la France, la Belgique . . .*, p. 572.