

OPINION 2166 (Case 3304)***Oceania* Péron & Lesueur, 1810 (Cnidaria, Hydrozoa): usage conserved by the designation of *Oceania armata* Kölliker, 1853 as the type species**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the usage of the generic name *Oceania* Péron & Lesueur, 1810 is conserved by the designation of *Oceania armata* Kölliker, 1853 as the type species.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Oceania* Péron & Lesueur, 1810 before the designation by Mayer (1910) of *Oceania armata* Kölliker, 1853 are set aside.
- (2) The name *Oceania* Péron & Lesueur, 1810 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Mayer (1910) *Oceania armata* Kölliker, 1853 as ruled in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *armata* Kölliker, 1853, as published in the binomen *Oceania armata*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology (specific name of the type species of *Oceania* Péron & Lesueur, 1810).
- (4) The name OCEANIIDAE Escholtz, 1829 (type genus *Oceania* Péron & Lesueur, 1810) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology (a valid emendation of the incorrect original spelling OCEANIDAE).
- (5) The name OCEANIDAE Escholtz, 1829 is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology (an incorrect original spelling of OCEANIIDAE).

History of Case 3304

An application to conserve the usage of the hydrozoan name *Oceania* Péron & Lesueur, 1810 by validating a previous but invalid designation by Mayer (1910) of *Oceania armata* Kölliker, 1853 as the type species was received from Peter Schuchert (*Muséum d'histoire naturelle, Geneva 6, Switzerland*) on 8 October 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 62: 221–225 (December 2005). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. A correction to the spelling of the family-group name based on *Oceania* was published in BZN 63: 130, together with a proposal to place the relevant family-group names on the Official List and the Official Index.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 62: 223 and 63: 130. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2006 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 27: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Halliday, Kerzhner, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Ng, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Pyle, Rosenberg, Song, Štys, van Tol and Zhang.

Negative vote – 1: Grygier.

Original references

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

armata, *Oceania*, Kölliker, 1853, *Zeitschrift für wissenschaftliche Zoologie*, **4**: 323.

Oceania Péron & Lesueur, 1810, *Annales du Muséum national d'histoire naturelle de Paris*, **14**: 343.

OCEANIDAE Escholtz, 1829, *System der Acalephen. Eine ausführliche Beschreibung aller medusenartigen Strahltiere*, p. 96.

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The following is the reference for the designation of *Oceania armata* Kölliker, 1853 as the type species of the nominal genus *Oceania* Péron & Lesueur, 1810.

Mayer, A.G. 1910. *Medusae of the world. Hydromedusae*, p. 147.