

**OPINION 2190 (Case 3354)*****Tydeus* Koch, 1836 (Arachnida, Acari): *Tydeus spathulatus* Oudemans, 1928 designated as the type species**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that all previous type species fixations for the nominal genus *Tydeus* Koch, 1836 are set aside and *Tydeus spathulatus* Oudemans, 1928 is designated as the type species.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Acari; *Tydeus*; *Tydeus spathulatus*; tydeid mites.

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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 *Tydeus* Koch, 1836 are set aside and *Tydeus spathulatus* Oudemans, 1928 is designated as the type species of *Tydeus* Koch, 1836.
- (2) The name *Tydeus* Koch, 1836 (gender: masculine), type species by designation in (1) above *Tydeus spathulatus* Oudemans, 1928 is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *spathulatus* Oudemans, 1928, as published in the binomen *Tydeus spathulatus* (specific name of the type species of *Tydeus* Koch, 1836) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3354**

An application to set aside all previous type species fixations for the nominal genus *Tydeus* Koch, 1836 was received from Henri M. André (*Musée royal de l'Afrique centrale, Tervuren, Belgium*) and Andrzej Kaźmierski (*A. Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland*) on 3 June 2005. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 63: 236–238 (December 2006). 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 2007 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 63: 237. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 16: Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Fautin, Halliday, Kerzhner, Kottelat, Krell, Lamas, Lim, Mahnert, Mawatari, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, van Tol and Zhang.

Negative votes – 6: Alonso-Zarazaga, Brothers, Grygier, Kullander, Pape and Štys. Minelli, Ng and Pyle were on leave of absence.

**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:

*spathulatus*, *Tydeus*, Oudemans, 1928, *Entomologische Berichten*, 7: 380.

*Tydeus* Koch, 1836, *Deutschlands Crustaceen, Myriapoden und Arachniden. Ein Beitrag zur deutschen Fauna*, Heft 4=137, unnumbered page.