

**OPINION 2221 (Case 3388)*****Buprestis angustula* Illiger, 1803 (currently *Agrilus angustulus*, Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name given precedence over the specific name *Buprestis pavidata* Fabricius, 1793**

**Abstract.** The specific name *Buprestis angustula* Illiger, 1803 (currently *Agrilus angustulus*) for a widely distributed species of jewel beetle (family BUPRESTIDAE) has been given precedence over its unused senior synonym *Agrilus pavidus* (Fabricius, 1793).

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; BUPRESTIDAE; *Agrilus angustulus*; *Agrilus pavidus*; buprestids; jewel beetles; Europe; Asia.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the specific name *angustula* Illiger, 1803, as published in the binomen *Buprestis angustula*, is given precedence over the name *pavidata* Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen *Buprestis pavidata*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *angustula* Illiger, 1803, as published in the binomen *Buprestis angustula*, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name *pavidata* Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen *Buprestis pavidata*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms;
  - (b) *pavidata* Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen *Buprestis pavidata*, with the endorsement that it is not to be given precedence over the name *angustula* Illiger, 1803, as published in the binomen *Buprestis angustula*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.

**History of Case 3388**

An application to conserve the specific name *Agrilus angustulus* (Illiger, 1803) for a widely distributed species of jewel beetle (family BUPRESTIDAE) by giving it precedence over its unused senior synonym *Agrilus pavidus* (Fabricius, 1793) was received from E. Jendek (*Institute of Zoology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia*) on 30 May 2006. After correspondence the case was published in **BZN 64**: 178–181. The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. Four supportive comments were published in **BZN 64**: 191–192 and in **BZN 64**: 261.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 June 2008 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in **BZN 64**: 179. At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2008 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 13: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Grygier, Halliday, Kottelat, Krell, Lamas, Papp, Rosenberg, van Tol and Zhang.

Negative votes – 3: Lim, Kullander and Pape.

Fautin abstained.

No vote was received from Ng. Minelli, Patterson, Pyle and Štys were on leave of absence.

### Original references

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

*angustula*, *Buprestis*, Illiger, 1803, *Magazin für Insektenkunde*, **2**: 240.

*pavida*, *Buprestis*, Fabricius, 1793, *Entomologia systematica emendata et aucta. Secundum classes, ordines, genera, species adjectis synonymis, locis, observationibus, descriptionibus*, vol. 1, part 2, p. 214.