

OPINION 2246 (Case 3461)**ANCYLINI Michener, 1944 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): spelling emended to ANCYLAINI to remove homonymy with ANCYLINI Rafinesque, 1815 (Mollusca, Gastropoda)**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the stem of the generic name *Ancyla* Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1841, on which the hymenopteran family-group name ANCYLINI Michener, 1944 is based, is *Ancyla-*, to give ANCYLAINI, thereby removing the homonymy with ANCYLINI Rafinesque, 1815 (Mollusca, Gastropoda, based on *Ancylus* Müller, 1774).

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Ruling:

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the stem of the generic name *Ancyla* Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1841 is *Ancyla-*;
- (2) The name *Ancyla* Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1841 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Ancyla oraniensis* Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1841 is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *oraniensis* Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1841, as published in the binomen *Ancyla oraniensis* (specific name of the type species of *Ancyla* Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1841) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name ANCYLAINI Michener, 1944, type genus *Ancyla* Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1841 (spelling emended by the ruling in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.
- (5) The name ANCYLINI Michener, 1944 (an incorrect original spelling of ANCYLAINI Michener, 1944, as ruled in (1) above) (Hymenoptera) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3377

An application to remove homonymy of ANCYLINI Michener, 1944 (Insecta, Hymenoptera) with ANCYLINI Rafinesque, 1815 (Mollusca, Gastropoda), by ruling that the stem of the generic name *Ancyla* Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1841 on which the hymenopteran family-group name is based is *Ancyla-*, was received from Michael S. Engel (*Natural History Museum, and Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, U.S.A.*), John S. Ascher (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, U.S.A.*) and Douglas A. Yanega (*Entomology Research Museum, University of California, Riverside, CA, U.S.A.*) on 4 April 2008. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 65: 198–201 (September 2008). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments were received on this case.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2009 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **65**: 199–200. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2009 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 26: Alonso-Zarazaga, Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Minelli, Ng, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 0.

Yanega abstained. Pyle was on leave of absence.

Alonso-Zarazaga, voting FOR, observed that the correct name for the lepidopteran family-group (a third homonym mentioned in the application) is ANCYLIDINI, since the stem of *Ancylis* is *Ancylid-*, thus ANCYLIDINI does not compete for homonymy with any of the names mentioned in the application. Similarly, Kullander, voting FOR, said that *Ancylis* gives *Ancylid-*, not *Ancyl-*, so a family name based on *Ancylis* would be ANCYLIDIDAE and not a homonym of ANCYLIDAE. Also voting FOR, Grygier said that this Case should have been brought under Article 55.3.1, which directs the present sort of problem to be referred to the Commission, and not under Article 29 (actually 29.6), whose only relevance is a cross-reference to Article 55.3.1 and which itself concerns a similar but distinct matter with no mention of the Commission. Bouchet, voting FOR, included the bibliographic correction that the gastropod name *Ancylus* is available from an unnumbered page in the introduction of O.F. Müller, 1773.

Original references

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

Ancyla, Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1841, *Histoire Naturelle des Insectes–Hyménoptères* [vol. 2], p. 294.

ANCYLAINI Michener, 1944, *Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History*, **82**(6): (emended from ANCYLINI Michener, 1944).

ANCYLINI Michener, 1944, *Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History*, **82**(6): 273.

oraniensis, *Ancyla*, Lepeletier de Saint Fargeau, 1841, *Histoire Naturelle des Insectes–Hyménoptères* [vol. 2], p. 294.