

**OPINION 2265 (Case 3483)*****Villanyia* Kretzoi, 1956 (Mammalia, Rodentia, ARVICOLIDAE): usage conserved by designation of a neotype for the type species *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956**

**Abstract.** All type fixations for a species of extinct vole *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956 prior to that by Terzea (1991) have been set aside in order to conserve prevailing usage.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Mammalia; Rodentia; ARVICOLIDAE; *Villanyia*; *Villanyia exilis*; Europe; Pleistocene; Pliocene; voles; biostratigraphy.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that all previous type fixations for *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956 are set aside and the specimen GIH V-12702 VT95#2, Museum of the Hungarian Geological Survey (MAFI), Budapest is hereby designated as the neotype.
- (2) The name *Villanyia* Kretzoi, 1956 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *exilis* Kretzoi, 1956, as published in the binomen *Villanyia exilis* (specific name of the type species of *Villanyia* Kretzoi, 1956), as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name *ultima* Rabeder, 1981, as published in the binomen *Cseria ultima* (a junior objective synonym of *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956, as defined by the neotype designated in (1) above), is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3483**

An application to set aside all type fixations for a species of extinct vole *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956 prior to that by Terzea (1991) in order to conserve prevailing usage was received from D.F. Mayhew (*Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum Naturalis, Leiden, The Netherlands*) on 26 November 2008. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 66: 159–163 (June 2009). 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 2010 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 66: 162 (June 2009). At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2010 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 23: Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Minelli, Ng, Pape, Papp, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 0.

Kojima ABSTAINED. Alonso-Zarazaga, Kottelat, Patterson and Pyle were on leave of absence.

Kojima, who ABSTAINED, commented that he felt the proposals to conserve usage of *Villanyia* should be approved. However, he felt that this would have been better done by setting aside the previous lectotype (and paralectotype) designations and by designating the specimen GIH V-12702 VT95#2 as the lectotype, rather than by setting aside all previous type fixations for *Villanyia exilis* Kretzoi, 1956 (including original ‘designation’ of syntypes).

### Original references

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

*exilis*, *Villanyia*, Kretzoi, 1956, *Geologica Hungarica, series Paleontologica*, **27**: 188.

*ultima*, *Cseria*, Rabeder, 1981, *Beiträge zur Paläontologie von Österreich*, **8**: 63–64.

*Villanyia* Kretzoi, 1956, *Geologica Hungarica, series Paleontologica*, **27**: 188.